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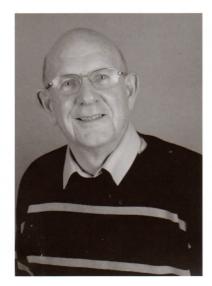
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A message from COS CHAIRMAN



Mike Spurgeon

2012 has been a remarkable year for Colchester Operatic Society.

Our younger members, CO2, staged two very successful shows, Oklahoma! and Guys and Dolls, and we also produced a noteworthy concert in the Summer, 'Happy and Glorious,' which not only provided three evenings of superb musical entertainment but also enabled the Society to raise £3,200 for Colchester Samaritans.

To crown our year we were awarded the Eastern Area NODA Councilor's Cup, Eastern Area 11 shield for the Best Musical and also the shield for Best Production, all for Sweeney Todd, while Colchester Operatic Society 2nd Edition (CO2) were in the final three nominations for Eastern Area 11 Best Production for their 2011 summer concert.

But the Society is not all about winning prizes, delightful though that is. Its members all take part, on stage, back stage, front of house, because they love the theatre and they want to share that love with you, the audience. We are always happy to welcome new people in to the Society, whether as participating or supporting members and further details can be found on our web site, or please fill in the form in the programme in order for us to contact you with information about future events.

I do hope you enjoy this current production of Sweet Charity and I look forward to seeing you again at our Summer Concert on June 2^{nd} or at CO2's West Side Story' in September 2013, both at the Mercury Theatre.

The Society

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John Enfield

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PRODUCTION TEAM



DIRECTOR
Caroline Fitz

Caroline has been performing for forty-something years, with various amateur societies. After completing a Performing Arts degree, and a brief spell on the professional stage, she returned to Colchester with her husband Robin and two children Lily and Barney. She now works at Colchester Institute, but continues her involvement with the theatre through Platform Players and Colchester Operatic Society. Roles undertaken to date include Anna in The King and I, April in Company, Julie in Carousel and Guinevere in Camelot, but her favourite has to be the tragic Beggar Woman in Sweeney Todd. In 2008 Caroline directed South Pacific for the Society and is delighted to be back in the Director's chair once again for Sweet Charity.



MUSICAL DIRECTOR Neil Summerville

Neil is thrilled to be MD for "Sweet Charity", following the success of "Sweeney Todd" and "Jesus Christ Superstar" with COS. When not waving his arms in front of Colchester's finest, Neil works as a freelance Musical Director, pianist and vocal coach. This year has seen him "sail the seas" as MD for Saga Cruises, working with artists including Dana and George Hamilton IV, before accepting the position of Head of Music at Ridley Studios, Westcliff.

Neil wants to thank the cast for working so hard during rehearsals and hopes you, our audience, thoroughly enjoy the show.

LIGHTING DESIGN Jim Bowen STAGE DIRECTOR Mike Spurgeon SOUND DESIGN Martyn J Hunt

WARDROBE MANAGER Beryl Balls PROPERTIES MANAGERS Maggie Walton, Ann Taylor FRONT OF HOUSE Liz Thorne

PUBLICITY MANAGER Pat Prestney

PROGRAMME Pat Prestney, Ann Taylor ART WORK Sean Docherty



Sweet Charity

Sweet Charity first opened at the Palace Theatre in 1966.

As the play begins, Charity Hope Valentine has come to Central Park, New York to meet her fiancé ... or at least the man who *will* be her fiancé as soon as he gets his divorce! Full of hopes and dreams, Charity has taken out her life savings in the expectation that they are going to put a deposit on a place and live together. Sitting on a bridge, she suggests they throw something in to the water for luck. He *does* throw something in, or rather someone, as he pushes Charity into the lake and runs off with her bag and her life savings!

Returning to the Fan-Dango club where she works as a dance hostess and where all the girls are looking out for that 'Big Spender', she vows never to be taken in by a man again. However, on her way home, passing the Pompeii Club, she bumps into the famous movie star Vittorio Vidal and ends up spending the night in his flat — but perhaps not in the way she expected.....

Charity's next escapade finds her trapped in a lift with claustrophobic Oscar, who, once they are rescued, invites her along to his 'church', run by Daddy Johann Sebastian Brubeck. 'The Rhythm of Life' brings the police on to the scene and everyone is thrown onto the street! It seems that finally life has taken a turn for the better for our heroine as Oscar falls for his 'Sweet Charity', who he thinks works as a bank clerk. When Charity tells him her real job, he thinks it will still all be all right to marry her.

Will it? Is Charity's dream going to come true and will they live happily ever after?





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Act I

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Scene 1 : By the Lake in the Park	
Scene 2: Hostess Room of the Fan-Dango	Ballroom
Scene 3 : Fan-Dango Ballroom	Niekie Helene O Heetenee
	Nickie, Helene & Hostesses
	Charity
Scene 4: A New York Street outside the F	ompeli Club
Scene 5 : Inside the Pompeii Club	D
_	Dancers and Chorus
Scene 6 : Vittorio Vidal's Apartment	Charit
	Charity Vittorio Vidal
Scene 7: Hostess Room of the Fan-Dango	
Scene 8: The 92 nd St "Y" Information Boo	
	Charity & Oscar
Till The bravest mulvidual	Charity & Oscar
	Act II
Scene 1 : The 92 nd St "Y" Elevator	
Scene 2 : Rhythm of Life Church	5 11 5 1 1 1 11 1 1 1 1 1
	Daddy Brubeck with Assistants and Chorus
Scene 3 : Moving across Town	
Scene 4 : Charity's Apartment	
Scene 5 : Coney Island	0 0 .61
	Oscar & Chorus
Scene 6 : Fan-Dango Ballroom Scene 7 : Times Square	
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Scene 8 : Barney's Chile Hacienda Scene 9 : I'm a Brass Band	
	Chavity and Chaves
Scene 10 : Fan-Dango Ballroom	Harman Nighia Dagia Cala Tanay 9 Campany
Scene 11 : The Park	Herman, Nickie, Rosie, Solo Tenor & Company
See the NOW	Company
Pure Beauty @ Hair Force One Colchester	



CAST

CHARITY HOPE VALENTINE	Leanne Fincham
HELENE	Emma Ward
NICKIE	Jo Daniels
HERMAN	Jonathon Davis
VITTORIO VIDAL	Olly Medlicott
URSULA MARCH	Joanne Davis
OSCAR LINDQUIST	David Rutter
DADDY BRUBECK	Richard Bland
DADDY BRUBECKS ASSISTANTS	Tom Saye, Laura Wyatt

DANCE HALL HOSTESSES

Rachel Argent, Joanne Davis, Shannon Hannah, Sue Lissimore, Lisa Pordham, Dallyce Thiesson, Claire Morris, Sarah White, Emma Ward, Jo Daniels, Candy Young.

TAP DANCERS

Charlotte Butcher, Val Cavenagh White, Gabriella Fusi, Suki Fusi, Justine Garnes, Sarah Lloyd, Freddie Lodge, Laura Wyatt, Candy Younger

CHORUS

Rachel Argent, Richard Bland, Josephine Carter, Joanna Daniels, Tara Edwards,
Joshua Farrell, Gabriella Fusi, Justine Garnes, Shannon Hannah, Claire Jones, Sally Leung,
Sarah Lloyd, Lucy Martin, Olly Medlicott, Claire Morris, Lisa Pordham,
Barbara Ryan, Barbara Sculley, Sarah Stevenson, Sarah White, Candy Younger,
Victoria Blackburn, Charlotte Butcher, Valentine Cavanagh—White, Joanne Davis,
Clare Edwards, Diane Emberton, Suki Fusi, Emily—May Hyde,
Sue Lissimore, Freddie Lodge, Kelly Marven, Tom Saye, Howard Stapleton,
Dallyce Thiesson, Christine Warrener, Laura Wyatt, Colin Thorne.





THE CAST IN REHEARSAL

















We get very hungry when we rehearse! Simone Smith and Barbara Scully provide wonderful cakes for us and we donate 50p a slice. £100 was sent to The Ormiston Family and Children's Trust, £100 to Colchester Cat Rescue and £100 to Headway. Keep cooking Simone and Barbara!



Charity Valentine



Oscar Lindquist



Vittorio Vidal



Herman



Leanne Fincham

Leanne has been on stage since the age of 3! She has appeared in numerous TV adverts and as an extra in many well known television dramas. Despite having been offered several professional roles, Leanne has chosen to devote her time to her family and indulge her theatrical enthusiasm by being director's assistant and choreographer for many CO2 and COS shows. Leanne has played numerous principal roles, most recently Mary in COS's production of Jesus Christ Superstar. Sweet Charity is one of Leanne's favourite shows and she is delighted to be appearing in it for the third time. She is also Dance Captain for this show.

David Rutter

This is David's second show with COS, having played Simon Zealotes in 'Jesus Christ Superstar.' Having trained at Middlesex University in Performing Arts he has performed in many productions, most recently as Billy Bigalo in Carousel. He is Head of Drama at a local secondary school. David has only been a member of COS since last year but he has been impressed with the professional approach throughout the whole production team. He is delighted to have been given the opportunity to play Oscar and looks forward to a successful show.

Olly Medlicot

Olly teaches music locally, having moved up from London in the summer. He has done a number of musicals with companies in London, including *Crazy For You*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *Fame*, in the last of which he had to play a character literally half his age (a fact he likes to relate to anyone who will listen, often repeatedly...). He has thoroughly enjoyed his first show with COS, and hopes you enjoy tonight's performance.

Jonathon Davis

Jonathon started performing in musicals aged just nine. He studied Performing Arts at Middlesex University. Having joined Colchester Operatic and CO2 in the late 80's he played Riff in West Side Story and the Pirate King in The Pirates of Penzance. He returned to COS recently, playing King Herod in Jesus Christ Superstar. He is delighted to be joined on stage by his wife Joanne who is also performing in the show.



Helene



Nickie



Ursula



Daddy Brubeck



Emma Ward

Emma has been a member of COS for nearly five years, performing in Fiddler on the Roof, Calamity Jane, Sweeney Todd, and Jesus Christ Superstar and a number of COS concerts. She appeared in Footloose for CO2 and recently played Aunt Eller in their production of Oklahoma! Helene is her first principal role with the main society and she has loved every minute of it. Musical theatre has always been a big part of her life and playing Helene alongside the lovely COS company 'has been an absolute pleasure.'

Jo Daniels

Joanna first 'trod the boards' in a COS production of Carousel. She then went on to perform with CO2 in The Boyfriend, Godspell, Bybye Birdie and played Maria in West Side Story. Joanna then went on to study at Guildford School of Acting, eventually ending up teaching Performing Arts at a local secondary school. She is delighted to be back performing with COS, having sung that classic James Bond Number, Goldfinger, in last summer's concert.

Joanne Davis

Joanne has been involved in local theatre in Essex since she was a child, although this is only her second performance with COS. She enjoyed her first show with COS (Jesus Christ Superstar) and met such a great bunch of people, that she could not wait to return for Sweet Charity. Joanne has also been involved in many productions in Chelmsford, including Hello Dolly, Oklahoma!, Calamity Jane, Hot Mikado, Carousel, Guys and Dolls and Thoroughly Modern Millie. Sharing the stage with her husband, she says, is an 'added bonus.'

Richard Bland

Richard has been an enthusiastic member of the society in one way or another since 2006, starting in the youth division, CO2, and aged 16, also joined COS in their productions. He says 'COS offers the professional feel an aspiring actor is proud to say he's been a part of.' He enjoys getting involved in all aspects of performance in Essex and currently Co-heads Mad Hatter Productions, an award winning local theatre company. He will be auditioning for drama schools this year with a view to starting professional training in September 2013.



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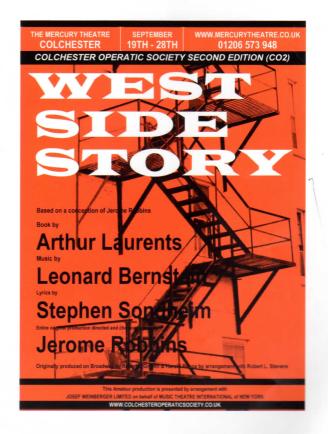
Mission

They are here to support the education and information needs of individuals and organisations with high quality services and products that contribute to the success of amateur theatre, as well as encouraging appreciation of the sector by participants and audiences alike.

They aim to:

- Give a shared voice to the amateur theatre sector
- Help amateur societies and individuals achieve the highest standards of best practice and performance
- Provide leadership and advice to enable the amateur theatre sector to tackle the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.









Shirley and Beryl



Ann and Maggie

Wardrobe

Beryl has been an essential member of this Society since 1979, appearing in several productions, acting as Props Manager, before taking responsibility for Wardrobe from Camelot onwards. She says being part of the Society is like being part of one big happy family. Costuming a show is hard work before hand, but once everyone is on stage it is a tremendous pleasure to know you have contributed to the overall performance. Shirley joined Beryl when she became responsible for Wardrobe and gets the same joy out of being involved.

Props

Maggie joined the company in 1993. She says she likes being backstage as she 'can't act, can't sing!' Ann, on the other hand, has trod the boards, joining the society in 1998 for 'Me and My Girl' as one of the dancers. However nowadays she feels that being chairperson of CO2 and being part of the backstage team is just as fulfilling. Both Maggie and Ann find it challenging and rewarding finding, 'making out of nothing', and researching the necessary props for the authenticity of each production.

Past Productions

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A special thanks to the Mercury Theatre Staff who have been outstanding in their help and advice.

Also thanks to Montgomery School and Head Teacher Sally Leung for rehearsal venue.

Thanks also to Mercury Theatre for loan of props.

Finally a special thank you to you, members of the audience, for without your support a production of this calibre would not be possible – please continue to buy your tickets and spread the word.

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