

OLIVER!



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Directors Note

Orphaned at birth, sold into servitude and befriended by thieves; hardly the makings of a blockbuster. Despite these unfortunate origins "Oliver – The Musical" is celebrating its golden anniversary this year. Oliver has captured the hearts of generations. What child cannot share the fear of being lost and friendless, what parent the fear of a child disappearing forever? Oliver's' journey ventures into the poverty stricken slums of eighteenth century London, where children fall into the clutches of criminals, who pray on their vulnerability and innocence.

"Consider (for) Yourself" a world where to survive you have to "Pick a Pocket or Two"; where you can only dream of a "Fine Life" with "Small Pleasures", and as you fall asleep you ask "Where is Love?" Against this backdrop of despair we have aimed to capture the hope and humour that underpins Oliver's quest in his search for belonging.

One of the delights of working on a whole school production is working with students across all year levels and witnessing the special friendships that develop between students who share a common passion and talent. It has been an absolute joy welcoming the Year 7's on board and watching their growth in performance skills and confidence. I would like to thank the students for their commitment to the rehearsal/ production process which started during the last weeks of 2009 as students auditioned for roles. The excitement of gaining a part was quickly replaced by the reality of hard work as songs were learnt, dance routines practiced and lines memorised. The road to "Opening Night" is a long one and I have been delighted by the cast as they have supported and encouraged each other through the various stages of production. I would also like to acknowledge the role families have played in this process and thank them for their support and encouragement.

We hope you enjoy Corpus Christi College's interpretation of "Oliver".

Sally Floyd

The Story of Lionel Bart-Writer, Composer and Lyricist of "OLIVER!"

The son of a Jewish tailor in London's working class East End, young Lionel had no formal music education and had never learned musical notation, however, he was declared a genius by his school music teacher. He gained a scholarship to St Martin's School of Art at the age of 16 and began work as a set painter in the theatre. In 1952 Bart began his song writing career and wrote his first musical *Wally Pone of Soho* in 1958, which was not entirely successful! However, the songs he went onto write for early British rock 'n' roll artists, Tommy Steele (*Rock with the Caveman* and *Little White Bull*) and Cliff Richard (*Living Doll*) and his creation of the theme for the James Bond film *From Russia with Love*, saw his first taste of success.

In 1959 he became the lyricist for *Lock Up Your Daughters*, followed by, *Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be* – both of which were running successfully in London's West End when he opened *Oliver!* in June 1960. *Oliver!* had been turned down by a dozen promoters and had to be financed by Bart himself, however, it proved to be an immediate success. To finance his next musical *Twang!!* (based on the Robin Hood story) Bart signed away the rights to *Oliver!* This new show failed miserably and Bart lost an estimated £100m and the rights to *Oliver!* Bart filed for bankruptcy in 1972 with debts of £73,000. By the late 1970's Bart's heavy drinking had all but destroyed his liver and he died aged 68. (*Research by Thomas Dimmick and Grace Johnson*)

Musical Numbers

Act One

Food Glorious Food Oliver, Company

Oliver! Mr Bumble, Widow Corney, Company

I Shall Scream! Mr Bumble, Widow Corney

Boy For Sale. Mr Bumble

That's Your Funeral. Mr Sowerberry, Mrs Sowerberry, Mr Bumble

Where Is Love? Oliver

Consider Yourself. Dodger, Oliver, Company

You've Got To Pick A Pocket Or Two. Fagin, Company

It's A Fine Life. Nancy, Bet, Company

I'd Do Anything. Nancy, Dodger, Oliver, Bet, Fagin, Company

Be Back Soon. Fagin, Company

Act Two

Oom-Pah-Pah. Nancy, Company

My Name! Bill Sikes As Long As He Needs Me. Nancy

Where Is Love? (Reprise) Mrs Bedwin

Who Will Buy? Oliver, Rose Seller, Strawberry Seller,

Milkmaid, Knife Grinder & Company

It's A Fine Life(Reprise) Nancy, Fagin, Sikes, Dodger

Reviewing The Situation. Fagin

Oliver! (Reprise) Mr Bumble, Widow Corney

As Long As He Needs Me. (Reprise) Nancy Reviewing The Situation. (Reprise) Fagin

Finale Company



Thanks To

Caroline Payne, Rae Cook, Sue Baker, Joanne Robertson, Yann Kee, Inna Fursa, Cazz Gould & the Parent Council, Rob Read, Graham Marshall, Lennon Rego, Karen Reid, Cameron Allen, Stephen Martin, Parent Helpers, David Goldstraw and Curtin Theatre Staff



Principals

Oliver Twist Amelia Santoro Fagin **Daniel Ring** The Artful Dodger Holly Albracht Bill Sikes Scott McArdle

Grace Johnson Nancy Bet Mia Benino Mr Bumble Bryan Susilo

Kaylee Martin

Katie McNichol

Anthony Gauci

Marney Bon

Ashley Sim

Alex Taylor

Krystal Cook

Annabel Price

Lauren Dragon

Thomas Dimmick

Eleanore Johnston

Mrs Corney Abby Phillips Mr Brownlow Ben Barnard Mr Sowerberry ZackariaHill

Mrs Sowerberry

Charlotte Noah Claypole Mr Grimwig

Mrs Bedwin Rose Seller

Milkmaid Strawberry Seller Knife Grinder

Charley Bates

Old Sally Nipper Andrew Hill

Cast of Oliver!

Specialist Dancers

Abbey O'Donnell Amanda McGlashan **Amy Sermon** Anna Glorie Chloe Weir Delia Price **Devan Murphy** Emma Travaglini **Felicity Forth** Hayley Groen Isobel Ziatas Kate Faulds Katelin Opferkuch Katie McNichol Kaylee Martin Kristelle Paciente Lauren Dragon Michelle Talbot

Mikayla McKinlay

Samantha Urquhart

Sascha Van Weiringen

The Company

Workshouse Boys, Workhouse Assistants, Bow Street Runners, Street Vendors and Crowd

Ashley Sim Abby Phillips Alex Taylor Amanda McGlashan **Amy Sermon** Andrew Hill Anna Glorie **Annabel Price Anthony Gauci** Ben Barnard Ben Ring **Bryce Quick Chloe Kingston**

Chloe Weir Delia Price Denise Chan Eamon Holley Eleanore Johnston **Emily Ashton Emily Lowther** Emma Marsh

Emma Travaglini Erica Ho **Felicity Forth** Hayley Groen Hayley Surgeson

Ileana O'Brien Isobel Bowen

Isobel Ziatas Jessica Pallotta Kate Faulds

Katelin Opferkuch Katerina Kaczmarek

Katie McNichol Kaylee Martin Kristelle Paciente Krystal Cook Lauren Dragon Lauretta John

Leon Segond von Banchet

Marney Bonn Matthew Callus Michael Grav Michelle Foo Michelle Talbot Mikayla McKinlay Paul Crossley Peta Ryan Ryan Albracht Sage Langborne Samantha Urquhart

Sascha Van Weiringen Scott Dragon Simone Micalizzi Tiffany Wasley Thomas Dimmick **Truman Winthrop**

Sanjana Acharya

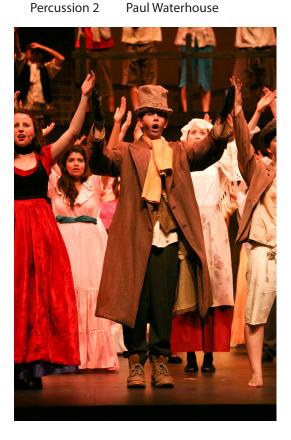
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Musicians

Conductor **Bruce Cash** Flute Joanne Robertson **Emily Mignacca** Claire Kendrick Piccolo Pauline Miller Saxophone Mike Collinson Clarinet Sandra Lamotte Michael Searson French Horn **Betty Young** Trumpet Chris Musitano Maryanne Cheng Trombone Luke Pickersgill Keyboard 1 Inna Fursa Keyboard 2 **Gaby Gunders** Double Bass Chris Boyder Percussion 1 Jennifer Kinsella



The Creative Team

Director Sally Floyd
Musical Director Bruce Cash
Choreographer Chanelle Pottier
Set Design Brad Reid
Set Construction Rick Hill

Set Painting Julie Pannell, Patricia Ross & Gaby Lynch

Lighting Design/Crew

Follow Spot Operator

Sound

Curtin Theatre

Stage Management

Assistant Stage Manager

Wardrobe

Curtin Theatre

Julia Petricevic

Lynn Peirce

Wardrobe Assistants Elaine Johnson, Ashleigh Peck, Jessica Ialeggio & Tyneal Palmer

Make-up Emma Cattapan, Lauren Mancini

& Demi Mason,
Ticketing Cath Runyon
Front of House Cath Runyon

Poster/Program Anika Kalotay & Serena Pangestu Graphic Design/Program Design Peter Faulks & Vincent Acton

The Backstage Team

Julia Petricevic Christopher Miller
Matthew O'Sullivan Daniel Oversby
Calvin Khor

Annabel Price



