

Sutton Coldfield
Musical Theatre
Company Limited

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Chairman's Notes...

So another Show is over, Over My Shoulder! Our last show this Millennium turned out to be a spectacular event, and from conversations I had in the Patrons Lounge throughout the week, it would seem that most people thought it one of our best. And ticket sales will prove to be one of our best ever also—what a treat to play to full houses each night.

I must pass on my congratulations to the Production Team—Cliff, Sheila and Heidi—whose hard work and dedication got us through to performing. I'm sure everybody realises that this sort of show creates much more work than usual for the Production Team, and I hope they felt it was worth it.

The comment I kept hearing was how lucky we are as a Company to have so much talent. Many Companies would not have been able to field so many individuals performing so many numbers.

As I said on stage, "We're Simply The Best".

And as usual, Sheila now has to carry on and get us ready for the Christmas Con-

cert, (and Whittington Golf Club concert) within the next few weeks. We have a change in venue this year as Sutton Town Hall has undergone major refurbishment and will not be available to us. So we will be performing at Bishop Vesey School instead.

Then after Christmas, rehearsals will begin for Barnum, directed by Lynne Hill. A message to everyone who appeared in Over My Shoulder: Whether you're in Barnum or not, please take responsibility for selling a minimum of 10 tickets. We need full houses for every show we put on these days, or else we will have to keep raising prices or reducing the number/quality of Shows to balance the books.

Well that's it for another Millennium. I do hope that everyone realizes their dreams in the next Millennium, and that SCMTC continues to delight audiences as I hope it has in the past sixty six years.

Have a great Christmas & New Year!!

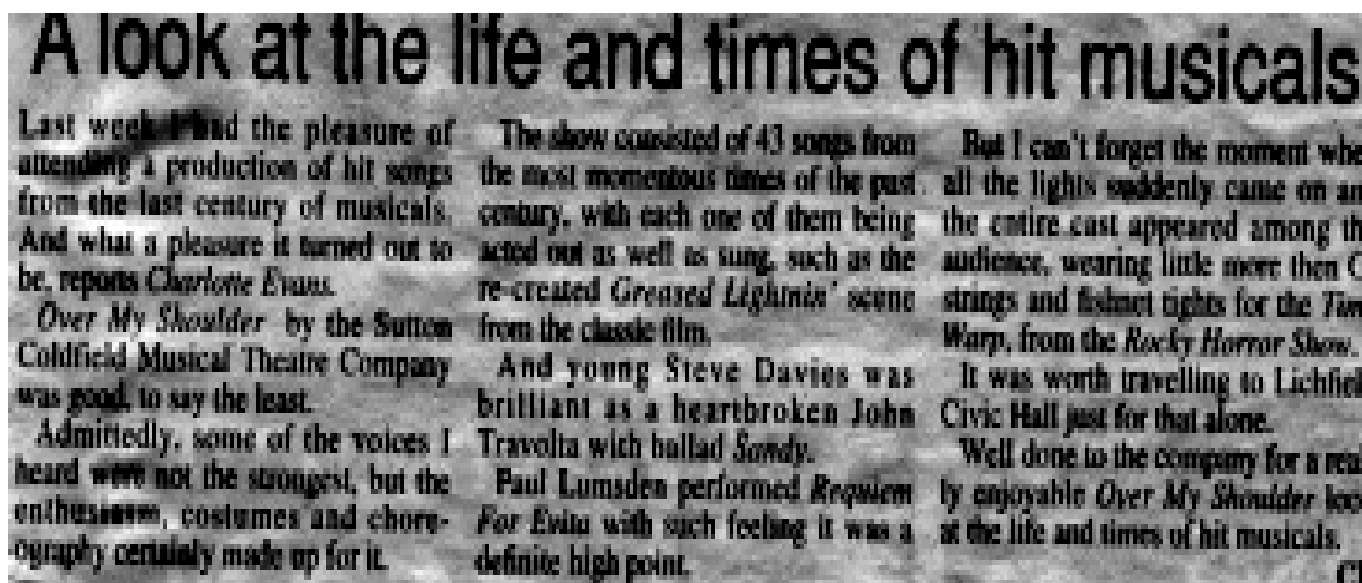
Dave Bardell, Chairman

This Month's Notes...

Welcome to the November edition of NOTES.

Please contact Terri Bardell, Meg Griffin & Julie Callaghan with any news or items of interest.

Over My Shoulder...



Sutton Observer, 29th October 1999

Patrons Notes...

We re-introduced our Visitors Book in the Patrons Lounge this time. Thanks to all our guests who commented.

Marvellous, Excellent, Wonderful, Brilliant, Fantastic appeared several times—and that was at half-time!!

"Well worth the 134 miles to come to see a great show" - Marion & Norman Oakes

"Still enjoying your shows—after nearly 40 years"
- Brian & Brenda Perks

"Wonderful evening. Love you all"
- Wendy Edmunds (Life Member)

"Wonderful show. Brilliant talent"
- Beryl Bardell (Thanks Mum!)

"Wonderful show and what talent!!"
- Ron & Pat Hyams (NODA Rep)

And many more compliments...

Christmas Concert...

We need to provide more help this year as we are not able to use the Town Hall catering staff.

- Help with Front of House & Catering
- Mince pies by the dozen
- Terri Bardell will co-ordinate gathering material for 3 hampers to be given away by raffle

Please let Dave Bardell know if you are able to help with these items.

Lichfield Civic News...

Lichfield Civic is to receive £4.7M funding which will be used to rebuild the theatre in 2001/2002.

Although detailed plans are not available yet, we understand that the work will be extensive, resulting in a 450-500 seater theatre with modern facilities. Contingency planning is underway in order for us to plan around the major impact this work will have upon ourselves, and other Companies performing at the Civic.

More news when it is available.

Millennium Moments... (Anyone like to add anything?)

No response to my request for your favourite moments, but here are mine (with special apologies to Roy Wheeler):

First Show—Joseph 1981

Debbie Ely in an Arabian Nights costume (Sorry, Deb, but it remains my initial memory!).

Roy Wheeler getting hooked to a lifting 'slash' in his Elvis garb and trying to disentangle himself in character. He's only just found out that I was on the other end of the wire, working backstage!!

First Lead—John/Judas in Godspell 1982

Terri Belisario telling me she would marry me after the final performance. Must have been the tight trousers...

Worst Show—Lock Up Your Daughters 1984

Hated it, but luckily I was only in the audience!!

Best Performance—John Shakespeare 1984

The unforgettable Red Indian in 7 Brides...

Best Choreography—Hello Bob

Maggie Beaman (Jackson) pre-empting the Arsenal bit in The Full Monty to keep the male chorus in step.

Funniest Moment—Golden Garter 1987

Roy Wheeler, once again as Elvis, with wig glue running down his face and sticking his tongue out thinking it was sweat.

Favourite Part—Anatoly in Chess 1994

But where was the TV wall Roger promised?

Offspring in Shows—Fiddler 1996

Daniel's invisible chickens...

Dave Bardell

Grandads...

Congratulations to Mike & Marilyn Castree and Barry & Sue Small on the recent additions to their families.

Both sets of grandparents are coping well in the circumstances.

Mind you, having seen Mike in the basque in OMS then I'm not so sure...

Treasure Hunt...

Thanks to Glyn for organising the Treasure Hunt in September.

Unfortunately, Paul Lumsden was in the winning car, but somebody has to win I suppose...

Barnum Auditions...

Auditions for the leading part of Barnum will be held on Friday, 19th November 1999 at Britwell Hall. Anyone interested should let Lynne Hill or Sheila Pearson know at rehearsals for the Christmas Concert.

Walking a tightrope and singing at the same time will be required—but not in the audition!!

Condolences...

Our sincerest thoughts are with Helen Gilfoyle who sadly lost her father on the morning of Opening Night for Over My Shoulder.

Unbeknown to our audience, she very bravely came back to perform on Thursday—Saturday night, and I know the Last Night was a very special performance for her.

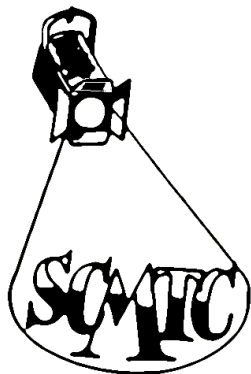
The whole company wishes her well.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT (PUBLIC)
BISHOP VESEY SCHOOL
SUN, 12TH DECEMBER 1999

CHRISTMAS CABARET
WHITTINGTON GOLF CLUB
THU, 16TH DECEMBER 1999

MILLENNIUM PARTY
LITTLE BARROW HOTEL
SAT, 22ND JANUARY 2000

BARNUM (PUBLIC)
LICHFIELD CIVIC
22ND TO 28TH MAY 2000

MACK AND MABEL (PUBLIC)
LICHFIELD CIVIC
17TH TO 21ST OCTOBER 2000

Feedback Form

If you have any feedback on this issue of NOTES, or would like to suggest ideas for future issues then please return this form to Terri Bardell, Julie Callaghan, Meg Griffin or any Board member.

Name & Address:

Comments:

Date:
