

# Sutton Coldfield Musical Theatre Company NOTES December 2006

## **The Wiz..... that fizzed!**

'This is a beautifully crafted show by a talented company who succeeded in packing it with humour, slick dancing and quality acting'. Birmingham Evening Mail.

The Wizard of Oz was a special show. Sally's production debut has been widely acclaimed as a triumph and rightfully so. With strong performances from all the principals and an energetic and exuberant company this fabulous show looked and sounded great.

Although audience figures fell just short of South Pacific, our previous show at the Crescent (estimated to be 1437 compared with 1486) given modest early sales this was a good result and a credit to the hard work put in by the promotions team. This show has received so many plaudits but will also be long remembered as a great company effort. From promotions, crewing backstage, helping front of house, loaning and setting up equipment..... and dogminding, so many people contributed to a marvelous week.

## **The Noda Review, by Pat Hyams**

This was a show with a big 'WOW' factor! Good casting, with a delightful Dorothy played by Amy Dowd, who has a strong voice and acting ability. Scarecrow (Daniel Bardell), Tinman (Ed Hill) and Lion (John Johnson) were appealing and the magic was charmingly presented by Meg Griffin as Aunt Em/Glinda the good witch of the North. The bicycle /broomstick riding Miss Almira Gultch/Wicked Witch of the West, played by Deb Middleton, was truly threatening.

Outstanding choreography throughout, especially the Jitterbug scene. Toto (Buster), Dorothy's dog was a heart stealer- so well controlled. Great scenery and lighting

## **Christmas Cracker!**

Congratulations to all those involved in the 2006 Christmas Concert. Our enthusiastic choir of 46 members were in fine voice and worked very hard under Sheila's patient direction to learn the loveliest of harmonies - in less than three weeks. Indeed some of our seasoned singers have commented that this was one of the best concerts ever with delightful contributions from the Sutton Coldfield Orchestra and Four Oaks Schools Cluster Choir. The event also gave us the opportunity to promote 'Kiss Me Kate'.

## **Hit show announced for 2008!**

Our May 2008 production at the Garrick will be 'Buddy - the Buddy Holly Story'. Billed as the worlds most successful Rock and Roll musical the show has been a global hit with audiences and enjoyed a remarkable 12 year run in the West End. Buddy is a musical celebration of the short life of singer/ songwriter Buddy Holly, who's music in the 1950's has inspired generations of accomplished recording artists.

We will be the first society in the region to perform this newly released show and securing such a prestigious show in our 75th year is fantastic news as it keeps us at the forefront of non-professional theatre in the Midlands.

To find out more about the show visit  
[www.buddythemusical.com](http://www.buddythemusical.com)

\* Production note, for our aspiring Buddy - you will be expected to strum along on the guitar to the wonderful hits featured in the show. So get learning and practising now guys!

## **Forthcoming Productions**

### **Kiss me Kate, 15-19 May 2007, Lichfield Garrick Theatre**

Producer:Lynne Hill  
Musical Director:Sheila Pearson

Choreographer: Maggie Jackson

First Rehearsal Friday 5th January 2007, at Britwell Hall. Will include information on parts and auditions pieces.

**The Things we do for Love (Compilation Show) 9-13 October 2007, Sutton Coldfield Town Hall**

Producer: Helen Gilfoyle  
Musical Director: Sheila Pearson  
Choreographer: Jenny Jesson

**Exploits of our members.....**

**James Bartlett**

James was one of the 'Oliver' boys and is currently working as a Bluecoat for Pontins at Hemsby, Great Yarmouth. James performed in two more recent shows, Summer Holiday and South Pacific before moving to other shores.

**Boxing Day Walk!**

Tired of the excesses of Christmas? - Sarah and Richard have the perfect remedy and have organised a walk in Sutton Park on Boxing day morning. The meeting point is the car park at Town Gate, up next to the visitor centre at 10.30 am. The walk will be approx 2 hours and will know doubt conclude at the Park House pub, for a well earned drink! So pack your flask and bring your wellies and confirm your place by email, Richard sarah@blueyonder.co.uk

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**\*\*\*\*\*Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!  
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