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Message from the Madam (Madam Chair that is!)



Greetings friends and visitors and welcome to our Spring production of 2008, Annie! This production is rather momentous on two counts; firstly, this is my first production with ELODS as their newly appointed chairperson; and secondly, this production of Annie is being held in the year of Charles Strouse, composer of Annie's 80th birthday. We would like to dedicate our production to Mr Strouse too, in the words of Abba, "thank [him] for the music, the songs we're singing! Thanks for all the joy they're bringing!" Happy Birthday, Charles.

We have a birthday card at Front of House that we invite everyone to sign for a small donation. The card will then be sent to Charles Strouse in time for his 80th birthday celebrations. Proceeds from the donations will be given to The Nightingale Community Hospice Trust, a charity very close to all our hearts here at ELODS.

I have watched this production develop over the past few months under the expert direction of Julia Rufey and Mark Newport and I am sure Charles Strouse would enjoy it as much as I know you will.

There are always so many people to thank and only so much space on this page so let me start by mentioning the stars behind the scenes. To Frank Bundle, our master craftsman. One of the most talented stage managers I have ever worked with. Not only is he the genius behind the set but he is also a dedicated committee member, holding on to our purse strings in his position as treasurer. You give so much to this society Frank, from all of us, I thank you! To Hilary Thorne in Wardrobe and Eleanor Glazer in Properties for helping turn North Londoners in 21st century Hertfordshire into New Yorkers littering Broadway during the Great Depression. To Andy and Stella Kitanos for their commitment and professionalism organising the Front of House as well as all the other organisational tasks you have selflessly taken on board. To, Michelle Shaw for, yet again, taking on the huge responsibility of ticket distribution. Also, thanks to Wendy and the staff at Wyllyotts for always making us feel so welcome here in Potters Bar. To all those I was unable to mention but who are nonetheless worthy of praise, thank you all.

We hope to see you again for our Autumn production of Singin' in the Rain. If you wish to be part of this production be it on stage or behind the scenes then please feel free to come along to one of our rehearsals. Just speak to a member of the cast or visit our website www.elods.org.uk for more details.

Now, all that is left for me to say is thank you for joining us and I hope you enjoy the show!

Natalie Butler

Annie

Annie is based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip Little Orphan Annie, with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and the book by Thomas Meehan. The musical ran for nearly six years on Broadway. There followed numerous productions in many countries, as well as national tours, and a Tony Award for Best Musical.

I I year old Annie is in an orphanage, run by Miss Hannigan, who keeps her charges in line by bullying and threatening them. The girls are ever hopeful that they will find parents and a new life while Miss Hannigan is unhappy with her situation. Annie runs away, determined to find her parents. She befriends a stray dog, Sandy, and meets a group of down-and-outs, made homeless because of the Great Depression. After she is returned to the orphanage, Grace Farrell, Warbucks's assistant, picks her to live in Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks's glamorous home for the Christmas holidays.

Although initially uncomfortable around each other, Annie and Daddy Warbucks soon warm to one another. Warbucks decides he would like to adopt her, but Annie insists that her parents will come for her. Over the radio, and with the help of President Roosevelt, Warbucks offers a reward for the parents. Miss Hannigan and her brother, Rooster, and his slightly dizzy girlfriend, Lily St. Regis, scheme to pretend to be the parents and collect the reward. They are found out and it is also revealed that Annie's parents have died. Warbucks adopts Annie.

Researched by Bob Jones

Cast of Characters

Annie Fiorella Osborne

(Tues, Thurs, Sat Mat)

Annie Louisa Povey (Wed, Fri, Sat Night)

Molly Katie Weddell

Kate Nicole Kitanos

Tessie Lydia Hammer

Pepper Eve Cook

July Tamara Amobi

Duffy Savella Kitanos

Miss Hannigan Alison Hall

Grace Farrell Sandra Ashworth

Warbucks Roger Rufey

Rooster Nic Corden

Lily St Regis Laura Cody

President Roosevelt Robert Jones

Drake/Bert Healy Richard Bodek

Mrs Greer Caroline Cody

Mrs Pugh/Ronnie Boylan Sally Pearson

Cecille Julia Harris

Annette Helen White

Bundles McCloskey David Dowse

Officer Ward/Jimmy Johnson

Mark H Shaw

Star To Be Naomi Delamore

Connie Boylan Sunny Carter

Bonnie Boylan Marjolien Out

Sandy The Dog Max

Other Orphans

Rachel Bateman (Molly, Sat Mat)
Kate Brown (Kate, Sat Mat)
Katie Shaw (Tessie, Sat Mat)
Chloe Thornton (Pepper, Sat Mat)
Emily Hammer (July Sat Mat)
Hannah Ferry (Duffy Sat Mat)

Other Characters and Company

Sue Bard Bodek, Fiona Cuthbert, Roger Eames, Pamela Farrant, Kamali Freedman' Brown, Leslie Gershman, John Hillier, Olly Lockwood, Leanne Lynch, Diane Stringle, Joseph Weddell

Cast



Fiorella Osborne Annie

Fiorella is eleven years old, and attends Boden's Dance School. She has previously played the role of *Bashful* in the pantomime *Snow White*, and has made TV appearances for Nickelodeon TV, Eastenders and Holby City. Two years ago, Fiorella played an unamed orphan in *Annie*, and is now thrilled to be playing the lead for ELODS.



Louisa Povey Annie

Louisa lives in Enfield and has been dancing since she was two. She is now eleven and is delighted to be playing the leading role of Annie. Louisa has performed with many fringe theatre companies and has appeared in previous productions including Annie Get Your Gun, Blitz and as Kate in Annie. Louisa attends the Suella School of Performing Arts and she is shortly to appear in the dance festival to be held at the Millfield Theatre."



Katie Weddell Molly

Katie is seven years old and this is her first production. Having watched her two brothers in several shows, she has always wanted to be on the stage, and is now delighted to be playing Molly. She sings in a church choir and attends local theatre classes. Katie enjoys art and swimming, and is a big Harry Potter fan.



Nicole Kitanos Kate

Nicole Kitanos is eight years old and is delighted to be playing a principle part as Kate one of the younger orphans in Annie. This is Nicole's first stage debut with ELODS and has been so excited since she got the part. She is particularly looking forward to holding up a mouse in front of Miss Hanigan. Nicole loves to sing, act and dance and has just finished a show with her ballet class Star Dance.



Lydia Hammer Tessie

This is Lydia's second appearance for ELODS having been part of the chorus in the 2006 production of *Carousel*. Annie has always been one of her favourite musicals and so she is delighted to be playing the part of *Tessie*. Lydia enjoys tap dancing, singing and playing piano and trumpet — but not all at the same time of course!



Eve Cook Pepper

Eve is ten years old and she has always loved drama. Her dream has always been to be on stage. Eve started ballet when she was five, progressing to tap and modern. Later she started acting classes at a drama school on a Saturday. She has taken part in a previous production of *Annie* at the Millfield Theatre which she thoroughly enjoyed.



Tamara Amobi July

Tamara is 11 years old and goes to Raglan Junior School. She has been interested in singing since she was 6 years old. Tamara is taking part in a dance festival and she also attends the school choir. Tamara is currently doing another talent show where she is singing to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.



Savella Kitanos Duffy

Savella Kitanos is 13 years old and is delighted to be playing *Duffy* the eldest of all the orphans. This is her first principle role with Elods. She has been a member of Elods for 2 years and has grown with the society with shows including Carousel, Oliver and Hot Mikado. She has always loved singing dancing and acting and has also created her own dance group called Vision.



Alison Hall Miss Hannigan

Having played sweet maids for many years, Alison discovered her dark side last year when she portrayed Mrs Sowerberry in Oliver!. Once again she is relishing the chance to be beastly to small children. Miss Hannigan is a fantastic part and Alison is approaching it with an equal mix of terror and excitement. She dedicates her performance to her own 'little girls', Lexie and Victoria.



Sandra Ashworth Grace Farrell

Sandra is thrilled to be playing the role of Grace Farrell, private secretary to a billionaire, an astonishing promotion from fish seller in Oliver! This is her third show with ELODS, but her first as a principal. Previous favourite roles include Hope Harcourt in Anything Goes and Princess Aurora in the panto Sleeping Beauty.



Roger Rufey Warbucks

Roger was tempted to come out of a well earned and much demanded retirement as the part of Daddy Warbucks has so far eluded him. He would like to dedicate his performance to his wife, his children, his three cats and an attractive young lady he met on a business trip to Berlin, whose name he can't quite remember.



Laura Cody Lily St Regis

Laura is privileged to play the part of the ditsy blonde, 'Lily' - a part that most people say is quite 'apt!' Annie will be Laura's ninth show with ELODS. She is studying 'Media Make-up' and hopes for a career in special effects make-up in film and theatre. She recently came second in a make-up competition and is now in the National Finals of England, held in Blackpool.



Nic Corden Rooster

Nic has be involved in musicals since his early teens at school in Devon. He made his debut with ELODS as Nanki Poo in their last production The Hot Mikado Previous roles have included Riff in West Side Story and Jud Fry in Oklahomal. He is delighted to be playing a bad guy again!



Naomi Delamore Star to Be

Naomi is over the moon to be playing Star to Be and secretly now very thankful to those who pushed her to audition. This is Naomi's third production with ELODS and her first solo singing role. That fact makes her thrilled, nervous and slightly giddy but most of all very excited. She sincerely hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has!



Bob Jones President Roosevelt

Following High Society, his first show, Bob played the part of Mordca in the Finchley production of Fiddler on the Reof. In Oliver! Bob was the kindly Mr Brownlow then along came Hot Mikado and he is still recovering from the back pain. In Annie the part of the President came his way and Bob is well pleased as there is very little dancing.



Richard Bodek Drake/Bert Healy

If you look hard you might not see the join! Another show comes round with ELODS, a society I'm pleased to have been part of for 20 years. This time around combining the roles of a manservant and an entertainer – Just like being at home! We hope you enjoy the show – we will.



Sally Pearson Ronnie Boylan/Mrs Pugh

As a veteran of some 70 ELODS shows, Sally was disappointed that she was not allowed to audition for the role of Annie (or even an orphan!) and her black greyhound, CJ, was not invited to play Sandy! But trooper that she is, she was delighted to be asked to play the lovely Ronnie Boylan and sing with her equally lovely sisters, Bonnie and Connie.



Marjolien Out Bonnie Boylan

Marjolein was born and raised in the Netherlands and played her first role in England in ELODS last show Hot Mikado. Marjolein trained for one year at the AVLM singing acadamy in Lelystad. She was involved in the Dutch amateur productions of Jesus Christ Superstar, Hair, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Starlight Express and Saucy Jack and the Space Vixens. She says to everyone: Veel plezier!!



Sunny Carter Connie Boylan

Sunny is practising standing on stilts so she can look like a sister of Bonnie Boylan Mar. So far she has managed to stand on two upturned flower pots without breaking her neck and is wondering if anyone will notice if she paints them like shoes?

Best Wishes from Charles Strouse



To Friends and Performers of My Shows,

As I celebrate my 80th year, when I hear the first musical notes of the show, I still feel the same rush of excitement as I did opening night.

The enjoyment and satisfaction I receive from your performances of the musicals I've written bring me Life's great rewards.

All the "work" I have done wasn't work at all, knowing I've given some small measure of pleasure to you. Life is truly worthwhile.

With Much Appreciation,

Marles Strouse

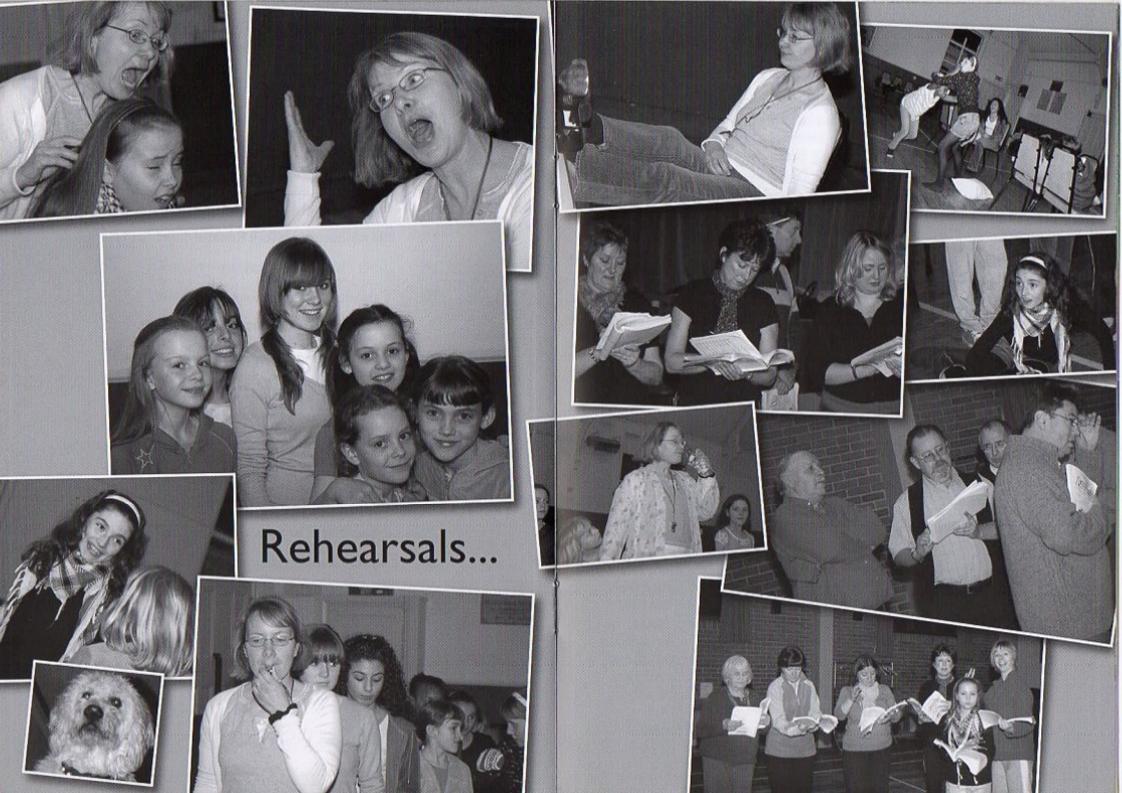
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Musical Synopsis - Act One

- Overture Orchestra
- Maybe Annie
- 3. Annie's Escape Orchestra
- Hard Knock Life Annie & Orphans
- 5. Hard Knock Life Reprise Orphans
- 6. Tomorrow Annie
- 7. Hooverville Company
- 8. Hooverville Raid Orchestra
- 9. Little Girls Miss Hannigan
- 10. Little Girls Reprise Miss Hannigan
- I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here Annie, Grace and Company
- N.Y.C Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Star-To-Be and Company
- 13. Easy Street Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily
- 13a. Into Warbuck's Mansion Orchestra
- You Won't Be An Orphan For Long Grace, Warbucks,
 Annie and Company

Musical Synopsis - Act Two

- 15. N.Y. Entr'acte Orchestra
- 15a. Timpani Cue Orchestra
- 16. Fully Dressed Boylan Sisters, Bert Healy
- 17. Fully Dressed (children) Orphans
- 18. Easy Street Reprise Rooster, Lily, Miss Hannigan
- Train Music Orchestra
- Cabinet Tomorrow Annie, Cabinet,
 Roosevelt, Howe, Warbucks
- 21. Cabinet End Roosevelt, Cabinet, Howe
- 22. Train Scene Orchestra
- 23. Something Was Missing Warbucks
- I Don't Need Anything But You Warbucks, Annie,
 Grace, Drake, Company
- 25. Party Music Orchestra
- 26. Same Effect On Everyone Annie
- A New Deal For Christmas Warbucks, Grace,
 Roosevelt, Annie, Orphans & Company



Production Team - The Directors



Julia Rufey - Director

Julia Rufey trained at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama after which she went on to work in TV, Repertory, on tour and in the West End. Performing credits include Shelia in A Chorus Line, Sally in Follies, The Bakers Wife in Into The Woods, The Wife in Putting it Together, Grace Farrell in Annie, Widow Corney

in Oliver, Reno Sweeny in Anything Goes; Lily Vanessi in Kiss Me Kate; Henrietta in Robert and Elizabeth, Valencienne in The Merry Widow, Adelaide in Guys & Dolls, Maggie Jones in 42nd Street and Cousin Nettie in Carousel. Directing credits for straight plays include The Norman Conquests trilogy, Hayfever, Blithe Spirit, The Importance of Being Ernest, Henry V, and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Directing credits for musicals include Oklahoma!, Crazy for You, South Pacific, Song & Dance, Drake, Broadway Pirates, Anything Goes!, the first production of a brand new musical, Fast Food, and the award-winning production of Yeoman of the Guard at the Buxton International Festival. Julia can currently be seen touring the country in the comedy sketch show Mutton.



Mark Newport - Musical Director

Mark is currently The Associate
Musical Director of Les Miserables,
for which he has conducted
performances in both London's West
End and on the UK tour. Other West
End credits include Woman In White,

Sunset Boulevard, Phantom of the Opera, Starlight Express, Martin Guerre, Bombay Dreams, Chicago, and The Goodbye Girl. As Musical Director he has performed at Sadler's Wells, The Mermaid (Royal Gala), Whitehall and Bloomsbury theatres. He was also Assistant Conductor for Opera East on six national tours. Mark is a member of the musical staff at the Guildford School of Acting and also Mountview. Annie will be Mark's 44th show for ELODS!

Production Team

The Production Team

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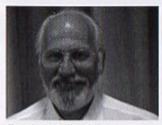
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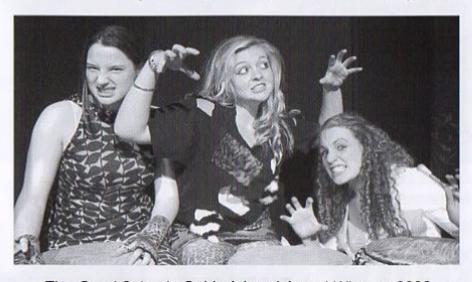
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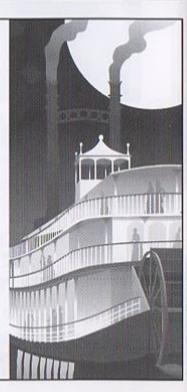
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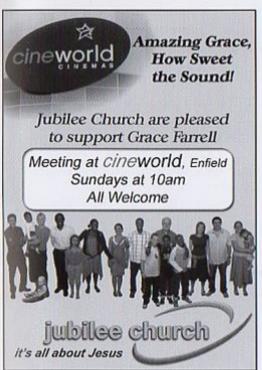
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