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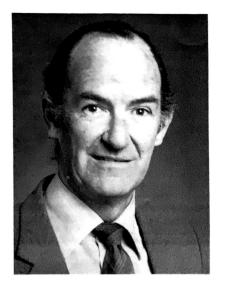
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Once again we are back at the Guildhall with a major production -My Fair Lady. Despite ever increasing costs the Society decided to stage this spectacular and popular show in the hope that we would achieve a 'sell out'. We are very pleased to announce the return of Ricky Price as Director and Choreographer. Many of you will remember his successful production of Oklahoma for our Society. To complete the team we welcome back the ebullient David Howells as our Musical Director. Your support is needed and if you have enjoyed the show would you please recommend it to your friends.

We are still short of younger members, especially men, and you will be sure of a welcome either as acting members or if you are interested in the innumerable essential support activities that make a production possible. Please contact our Secretary for more details.

In November we will be staging a Concert at New Hall, Winchester College, and next year our spring production will be Gilbert and Sullivan's *Ruddigore.*

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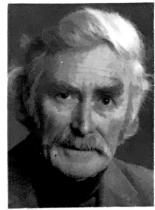
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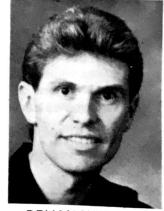
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MY FAIR LADY

A musical play in two acts based on Pygmalion by Bernard Shaw

Adaptation and Lyrics by ALAN JAY LERNER

Music by FREDERICK LOEWE

PROGRAMME NOTE

The plot of Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* is so well-known as not to need repetition. The story of the Covent Garden flower-girl, Eliza Doolittle, daughter of a common dustman, taken in hand by Professor Henry Higgins, a phonetician, and Colonel Pickering, and taught to speak and behave like a lady so well that she is believed at an Embassy Ball to be a duchess, is a classic of the straight theatre.

Alan Jay Lerner's delightful adaptation to the musical stage retains the wit and wisdom of Shaw and adds brilliant, sparkling lyrics which, combined with Frederick Loewe's zestful music produces a succession of "hit" songs which carry the plot forward. The musical was an immediate success when first produced in the USA and ran for years in London. The film was equally successful and WAOS are confident that you, tonight, will again recapture the spirit of the world's favourite musical comedy.

There will be one 20 minute interval. During the interval and after the performance a licensed bar is available off the foyer.

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MEN'S CHORUS

David Cobbold, Fred Corton, Martin Larcombe, Ron Linsley, Colin Paice, Reg Reed, Keith Rigelsford, John S. Robinson, Peter Stanbrook, Richard Trower, Ben Wright.

DANCERS

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Judith Crowe, Melinda Hurd, Melanie Stiling, Sheila Stiling, Ron Linsley, Keith Rigelsford

ORCHESTRA

Violins Harry Meredith (Leader) Janet Witcher Mervyn Grand Elizabeth Gillings

Viola Roy Goodhew

Cello Peter Darbyshire

Double Bass Hugh Gordon Ann Coggan *Oboe and Cor Anglais* Irene Pragnell

Flute and Piccolo

Clarinets

Roy Harwood Paul Layland

Bassoon Christopher Hewitt

MUSICAL SYNOPSIS

Overture

Act 1

Street Entertainers The Three Buskers
Why Can't the English? Higgins
Wouldn't it be Loverly? Eliza + Costermongers
With a Little Bit of Luck Doolittle, Harry + Jamie
I'm an Ordinary Man Higgins
With a Little Bit of Luck (Reprise) Doolittle and Friends
Just You Wait Eliza
The Rain in Spain Higgins, Eliza + Pickering
I Could Have Danced All Night Eliza, Mrs. Pearce + Maids
Ascot Gavotte
On the Street Where You Live Freddy

Act 2

The Embassy Waltz Higgins, Eliza, Karpathy + Guests
You Did It Higgins, Pickering, Mrs. Pearce + Servants
Just You Wait (Reprise) Eliza
On the Street Where You Live (Reprise) Freddy
Show Me Eliza + Freddy
Wouldn't it be Loverly? (Reprise) Eliza + Costermongers
Get Me to the Church on Time Doolittle, Harry, Jamie
+ Costermongers
A Hymn to Him Higgins
Without You Higgins + Eliza
I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face Higgins

Trumpet Tim Bourne

> *French Horn* Paul Banks

Trombone Mike Whittal

Percussion David Hughes

Piano Eileen Evans





MARTIN LARCOMBE as Harry JOHNNY JOHNSTON as Jamie







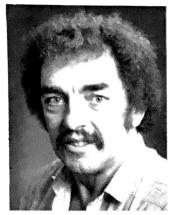
PHYLLIS HAMBLIN as Mrs. Higgins VARA WILLIAMS as Mrs. Pearce MARGARET CHRISTIE as Mrs. Eynsford Hill



SHEILA STILING as Mrs. Hopkins

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ALLAN PARR as Zoltan Karpathy





RICKY PRICE Director and Choreographer

PRODUCTION TEAM

DAVID HOWELLS

Musical Director

Production Secretary
Assistant to Director
Stage Manager Margaret Williams
Assistant Stage Manager
Stage Assistants Brian Hurst, Robert Jowitt, Christopher Reed
Tony Reid, Gary Seymour, Mark Steggal
Peter Steggall, Tom Streat, Michael Vokes, John Westlake
Lighting Design
Lighting Director
Lighting Assistant
Ballet Mistress
Properties Angela Rossi, Jo Burnaby, Barbara Steggall
Make-up Michael Saunders, assisted by Rita Coulter,
Christine Harding, Pauline Tovell
Call Boy Rita Wright
Costumes
Wardrobe Mistress Margaret Fields, assisted by Margaret Jowitt,
Joyce Sadd
Set Design Ricky Price
Set Construction
Set Painting
Orchestra Secretary
Rehearsal Accompanist
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RONALD BAVERSTOCK and RAYMOND HUTCHINS both joined the Society in 1946, both sang tenor, were Honorary Life Members of the Society, were recipients of the National Operatic & Dramatic Association Long Service Medal and, being short in stature, almost invariably led on the men's chorus for over twenty five years. Ron was a very useful set constructor and Ray served on the executive committee for several years with distinction. Apart from their long and happy association with this Society they also sang in their respective choirs and churches in Winchester and helped to spread happiness throughout the city. They died within three weeks of each other and we are the poorer for their going.

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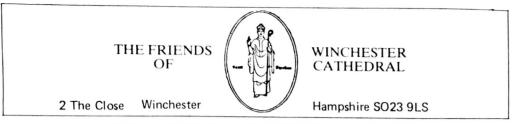
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RICHARD TROWER, Southern Area Councillor.

