

The Windmill Players proudly present:



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SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

Credits

Script:	Steve Mellin
Director:	Steve Mellin
Lighting:	Oliver Barnicoat
Sound:	Paul Burgum
Music mixed by:	Steve Mellin
Stage Manager:	Caz Woodruff
Costumes designed by:	Shiona Rolfe,
Costume assistance:	Caz Woodruff, Peggy DeBuriatte Jo Snowball, Helen Mellin, Steve Mellin
Extra costumes supplied by:	Deirdre Kincaid, Oliver Barnicoat, “Renaissance of Witney”
Scenery:	Steve Mellin, Caz Woodruff, Sammi Woodruff
Props:	Caz Woodruff
Prompt:	Sylvia Kearns
Posters/Tickets/Press:	Steve Mellin
Tab operator:	Neil Merryweather-Clarke
Hair:	Glynis Tipping
Front of house:	Sylvia Kearns, Jo Reichmann

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Oliver Twist

Brutally realistic, scathing in its exposure of contemporary cruelties yet also touching and funny, *Oliver Twist* is a thrilling rags-to-riches story, bustling with vibrant characters and the teeming street life of mid-Victorian London.

Welcome to the Windmill Players' 2005 winter production on the eve of Charles Dickens' birthday.



Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth on 7th February 1812, the second of eight children. His father was imprisoned for debt and Charles was sent to work in a blacking warehouse at the age of twelve. He received little formal education, but taught himself shorthand and became a reporter for the *Morning Chronicle*.

Dickens' first novel, *The Pickwick Papers*, was published in 1836-37 and after a slow start became a publishing phenomenon. The next novel Dickens wrote was the story of *Oliver Twist*.

Born in a workhouse, Oliver, a young orphan, knows only hunger and fear under the tyrannical care of Mr. Bumble the Beadle. Following a terrifying apprenticeship to an undertaker, he escapes to London where he is taken in by the miserly Fagin and his light-fingered gang, among them the wily Artful Dodger, who teach him a new trade – theft. Oliver's fate, however, is not to be corrupted by the sinister criminal underworld; his future lies with the comfort and kindness of those he has yet to meet.

Oliver Twist has been adapted for the stage and screen many times, none more famously than Lionel Bart's 1960 musical *Oliver!*, which started in London's West End, moved onto Broadway and eventually, in 1968, made into a film starring Ron Moody, Harry Secombe and Oliver Reed.

The story of the original novel is considerably simplified for the purposes of the musical, with Fagin being represented more as a comic character than as a villain, and large portions of the latter part of the story being completely left out.

The Windmill Players' version is a similarly simplified adaptation of the original novel, featuring some, but not all, of the songs from the musical.

Cast - In order of appearance

For this years' production, The Windmill Players have a massive cast of 27, playing 40 characters between them!



Sylvia Kearns
'Woman in pub'

Sophie Fleet
'Mrs. Miggins'



Tom Burgum
'Oliver Twist'

George Barnicoat
'Orphan'



Jenie Keen
'Mrs. Scratchett'

Kate White
'Mrs. Gamfield'



Ben Massie
'Orphan'

Rachel Walter
*'Orphan/
Terry Titch'*



Terry Glossop
'Mr. Brownlow'



Bryony Woodruff
*'Orphan/
Charley Bates'*

Bec Shawsun-Mitchell
*'Orphan/
Robbie Robba'*



"We hope you will enjoy the show!"

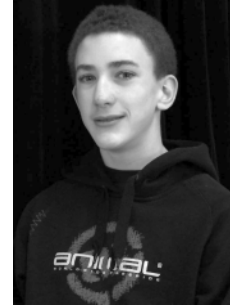


Michael Pymer
*'Noah Claypole/
Mr. Grimwig'*

Nick Crow
'Artful Dodger'



Brad Millar
*'Orphan/
Sticky Fingers'*



Roberta Millar
*'Orphan/
Bonza'*



Steve Massie
'Fagin'

Steve Mellin
'Bill Sikes'



Lotti Day
*'Orphan/
Jimmy Snitch'*



Pat Pymer
*'Widow Codry/
Mrs. Bumble'*



Helen Mellin
'Nancy'

Bert Edmunds
*'Man in pub/
Mr. Fang'*



Jez Reichmann
'Mr. Bumble'



Sam Burgum
*'Mr. Sowerberry/
Court Officer'*



Guy Fenn
*'Man in pub/
Policeman'*

Dom Fenn
*'Man in pub/
Book stall keeper'*



Alison Merryweather-Clarke
*'Mrs. Sowerberry/
Mrs. Bedwin'*



Hannah Brackston
*'Charlotte/
Mrs. Grimwig'*



OLIVER TWIST!

Act 1

Scene 1: Workhouse dining room

"Food Glorious Food"

"Oliver, Oliver"

Scene 2: Outside the Workhouse gates

Mr. Bumble meets with Mr. Sowerberry, the undertaker.

Scene 3: Sowerberry's funeral parlour

Mr. Bumble delivers Oliver to the Sowerberrys, but Mrs. Sowerberry doesn't seem too impressed.

"Where is Love?"

Scene 4: Road to London

Oliver meets Mr. Jack Dawkins AKA - The Artful Dodger

"Consider Yourself"

Scene 5: Fagin's attic room

Dodger introduces Oliver to Fagin and the pickpockets

"Pick a Pocket or Two"

Scene 6: The Three Cripples Tavern

Sikes meets Fagin outside the local tavern to discuss 'business'

"My Name"

"Oom Pah Pah"

Act 2

Scene 1: Fagin's Attic Room

Nancy and Bet are introduced to the new 'lodger' - Oliver.

"Anything For You"

"Be Back Soon"

Scene 2: Streets of London

Oliver on his first 'job' with the Dodger and Charley.

Scene 3: Fagin's Attic Room

Dodger returns to tell Fagin of Oliver's arrest.

Scene 4: Courtroom

Oliver appears before the notorious Mr. Fang in court.

Scene 5: Fagin's attic room

Sikes, Fagin, Nancy, Bet and the pickpockets plan how to get Oliver back from Brownlow.

"As Long as He Needs Me"

Scene 6: Brownlow's house

Oliver is sent to deliver some books, much to the surprise of Brownlow's friend, Mr. Grimwig.

Scene 7: Fagin's Attic Room

Oliver is returned to Fagin by Sikes after snatching him during his errand.

Scene 8: Brownlow's house

Mr. And Mrs. Bumble tell Brownlow of Oliver's history.

Scene 9: Fagin's Attic Room

Fagin tells Sikes something he didn't want to hear.

"Reviewing the Situation"

Scene 10: Fagin's Attic Room (next morning)

Sikes, desperate and on the run returns to Fagin for help.

"Consider Yourself (reprise)"

If you would like to get involved with The Windmill Players, either on the stage or behind the scenes, please call either:

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