## SWINDON AMATEUR LIGHT OPERATIC SOCIETY

 presents RODGERS \& HAMMERSTEINS
## Music by RICHARD RODGERS

Book and lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Based on the play "LILIOM" by Ferene Molnar as adapted by Benjamin F Glazer

Original dances by Agnes de Mille

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Bitter Sweet
Funny Girl
My Fair Lady
Anything Goes
Showboat
Me and My Girl

## a message from the president

## Dear Friends

Yes! It really is "Carousel" that is produced for your enjoyment today - not "Crazy For You" as I promised in last year's programme.
Perhaps a few words of explanation are required. As many of you will know, each year, in early summer. members of the society are invited to submit their suggestions for the next year's production. These, together with those shows suggested by our friends. are considered by the committee and officers, and a short list produced upon which the members vote. This procedure was followed last year and "Crazy For You" emerged as a clear winner. However when full scores, libretto and details were obtained, it became apparent that there were insufficient parts for our membership. We have always prided ourselves on being something of a family society and the prospect of informing some members that they
 were not wanted this year was completely unacceptable, and so we changed! This was a great disappointment to those of us who are keen on our Gershwin - but the society comes first.
To return to "Carousel". previously presented by SALOS in 1962 and 1979, and now for a third time. 1 am sure the captivating melodies of Richard Rodgers together with the lyrics of Oscar Hammerstein II will be enjoyed as much today as they undoubtedly were in those previous years. Looking back at the 1962 programme. I calculate that there are five playing members whose names appear in that and also in this year's programme. No! I am not going to name them - I am not that brave - or they may never speak to me again. Interestingly enough, there are two other names that we all know - one later became a champion National Hunt jockey and the other is the principal of a famous local choir.
One name appears there that I am pleased to mention, that of our Producer, Pat Donovan, who was producing her first show for SALOS. I can do no better than quote the words of the then president. Grahame Hill....... "Perhaps one of the most momentous things which has happened to us as a society. has been the advent of Miss Pat Donovan, our Producer. She is a veritable mighty atom - to have seen here - darting about at rehearsal as though super charged with dynamic energy and getting everyone to do exactly as she wanted them to do, and all with the greatest good humour. has been an entertainment and education in itself." Things have not changed much in 37 years!

To mark our appreciation of those years. Pat has been invited to select the show she would like to produce with SALOS next year. We wait with baited breath! It will of course be her 40th production for us.
Now. just let that carousel turn. hop aboard with us and enjoy your evening with SALOS once more.

## Sincerely

Peter Jones

## the story of the show

Julie Jordan is a quiet, sensible young woman and when she and her rather dizzy friend. Carrie Pipperidge, go to an amusement park on the New England cost of America. the main attraction is the carousel owned by Mrs Mullin. For Julie there is the added attraction of the handsome barker, Billy Bigelow. Billy is used to the girls hanging around but Julie is different and it isn't long before he's taking an interest in her. Too much of an interest for his employer's liking and following an argument over Julie, Billy is fired.
Romance blossoms and Julie and Billy are married as is Carrie to the ambitious, dependable Mr Snow, Things don't work out too well for Julie and Billy though. They're living with Julie's cousin Nettie, Billy can't find work and he's become moody and often violent. To add to their problems Julie announces that she is pregnant. Billy is desperate. He's got to get some money to support his family and when he meets up with Jigger Craigin, a sailor and small time crook, he falls in with Jigger's plan to rob the local mill owner using a clambake as cover for their disappearance.
It goes wrong. Jigger escapes and Billy is cornered. Rather than face Julie and a long jail sentence he stabs himself and dies. Billy arrives at the back gates to Heaven! The star keeper tells him that if there is anything he has left undone on earth he can have one day back there to make amends. Fifteen years have passed and Louise, his daughter. is having a bad time. She's unhappy, other children, in particular the Snow children of which there are many. taunt her about her father. Billy is incensed by what he sees and he grabs his last change to do something good for Julie and Louise. Have a hanky ready!!


## james canning

(Billy Bigelow)
James started performing on stage from the age of seven in school productions. He developed his singing skills in St Francis Church choir, Keynsham and performed at Bristol and Wells Cathedrals. At 14 he joined Bath Light Operatic Group and performed in shows at the Theatre Royal including "West Side Story" and "Hello Dolly". In 1989 James joined the M4 Theatre Company playing Gideon in "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers". His first experience of the Wyvern was to see "Gigi" in 1989 - he enjoyed it so much he married the leading lady! In 1990 he played Sid in "Half a Sixpence" for SALOS. Since then James has completed both Honours and Masters Degrees but has managed to be in all the M4 productions including "Follow the Star" and "Man of La Mancha". Last year James understudied Bill in "Me and My Girl". This year sees his first leading role for SALOS - he hopes it will be the first of many!

# justine taylor 

(Julie Jordan)
Justine began dancing at the age of three and her acting and singing began at school where she participated in several chorus productions including "The Wizard of Oz ". At New College, Swindon, she studied 'A' Level Theatre Studies, and appeared in several plays and musicals. including Sandy in "Grease" and Nadia Naïve in "The Dracula Spectacula". In 1993 she joined the Thames Theatre Company in Reading, where she played Velma in "West Side Story". Justine joined SALOS in 1994 with her first appearance in "Anything Goes". followed by "Showboat" in which she understudied the part of Ellie. After her seductive performance as Lady Jacqueline Carstone in "Me and My Girl" last year, Justine is very excited to play Julie in "Carousel" - her "all time favourite
 musical!"


## alison canning

## (Carrie Pipperidge)

Alison started taking part in musicals at sixth form college and her first performance, aged 16, was as Liat in "South Pacific". She appeared in various musicals at teacher training college and particularly enjoyed playing Julie in "Carousel". Alison moved to Swindon 10 years ago and, joining SALOS, was Iucky enough to take the title role in "Gigi". Since then she has been involved in many SALOS productions and concerts both as a performer and occasionally as assistant chorus mistress. Major roles have been Eliza in "My Fair Lady" and Sally in last year's "Me and My Girl". Alison is also a member of the M4 Theatre Company and has appeared in many of their productions including "Follow the Star" and "Man of La Mancha". She had her first fling with opera earlier this year, appearing as Adele in the Swindon Opera production of "Die Fledermaus".


## mark newton (Enoch Snow)

Born in Chesterfield in 1969. Mark first took to the stage at the age of five being elevated from second xylophone player to nativity narrator when a now long forgotten colleague was stricken by mumps - that's show biz! Following appearances in a number of shows, both musical and dramatic, during sixth form years. Mark left home to study chemistry in Coventry. After graduating in 1992 he moved to Swindon and took up a post locally and joined SALOS two months later. Mark has been a member for the last five productions.

## beryl jones <br> (Nettie Fowler)

Beryl has been a full playing and singing member of SALOS since "Carousel" in 1962, when she graduated from the roles of wardrobe mistress. Since that date, she has been cast in many principal roles including those in productions of "Showboat". "Bitter Sweet", "No No Nanette", "White Horse Inn". "Kiss Me Kate". "Gypsy Princess" (when she had the great pleasure of meeting The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh who were opening the Wyvern Theatre in 1971), "Brigadoon", "Bless the Bride", "Summer Song". "The Dancing Years", "Carousel", "The New Moon", "Gigi" and "Bitter Sweet". Beryl has also made appearances for Swindon Gilbert and Sullivan Society and Swindon Opera. and makes regular solo appearances locally in cabaret and for charitable causes.


## mike viret

## (Jigger Craigin)

After retiring from a successful motor cycling racing career, Mike decided to stay in the arena and take up singing and acting. His first opportunity came playing the Whipping Slave in the Stagestruck production of "The King and I", then as Avram in "Fiddler on the Roof". Other roles have been Uncle Jacko in "Gypsy" and Lord William in "Salad Days". Mike joined SALOS in 1991 and has played principal roles in "Brigadoon", "My Fair Lady", The Captain in "Anything Goes". Sheriff Vallon in "Showboat" and Charles the butler in last year's "Me and My Girl". Mike also takes part in the Swindon Musical Festival each year and sings in local cabaret and charity shows. His other interests include his large fish pond and rebuilding classic racing motor cycles.

Stephanie began her love of the theatre at the age of four when she started dancing at the Tanwood Dancing School and performed successfully in many festivals. pantomimes and shows - including "Wedding in Paris" with SALOS in 1972. The youngest of a troop of dancers appearing on "Opportunity Knocks" she then enjoyed a professional dancing career appearing with celebrities including Lulu, Freddie and the Dreamers. Tommy Cooper and Cilla Black. Upon returning the Swindon. Steph joined SALOS for "Carousel" in 1979. Her special memories are those of playing the cameo roles of Laura in "Half a Sixpence", Liane in "Gigi" and the Pearly Queen in last year's "Me and My Girl". Steph has also been lucky enough to join every SALOS "tour" abroad as well as appear in every M4 Theatre
 Company production from "The Sound of Music" to "Man of La Mancha".
heather reynolds
(Louise)

martin read
(Carnival Boy)
greg everard(L)
(Heavenly Friend)
mike chivers( R )
(Starkeeper)

(from left) clare morris (Hannah) alan hogden (Mr Bascombe) martin lawrence (Policeman) wendy skane (Arminy) russell langdown (Boatswain)

## understudies (from left)

jackie theobald (Nettie Fowler) carol jeffcutt (Carrie Pipperidge) stuart dark (Enoch Snow) adrian dawkins (Starkeeper) sarah greenwood (Mrs Mullin) clare morris (Louise) adrian davis (Jigger Craigin)


(in order of appearance)

| Carrie Pipperidge | Alison Canning |
| :---: | :---: |
| Julie Jordan | Justine Taylor |
| Mrs Mullin | .Steph Trinci |
| Billy Bigelow | James Canning |
| policeman | .Martin Lawrence |
| David Bascombe | Alan Hogden |
| Nettie Fowler | .Beryl Jones |
| Enoch Snow | .Mark Newton |
| Jigger Craigin | Mike Viret |
| Hannah | . Clare Morris |
| Boatswain | Russell Langdown |
| Arminy | Wendy Skane |
| Captain | . .Ray Dance |
| Heavenly Friend | .Greg Everard |
| Starkeeper | .Mike Chivers |
| Louise | Heather Reynolds |
| Carnival Boy | Martin Read |
| Enoch Snow Jr | Kevin Dawkins |
| Principal | .Bob Maskell |
| Doctor Seldon | Mike Chivers |

## chorus

Nicky Ashdown Helen Asprey Tony Asprey Cara Chivers Mike Chivers Mary Cleverly Paul Coad Kyley Cooper Tracy Cuthbert Ray Dance Stuart Dark* Adrian Davis* Adrian Dawkins* Kevin Dawkins Ann Edwards Greg Everard Chris Fleming Sarah Greenwood* Alan Hogden Enid Hogden Jason Hull Carol Jeffcutt* Jane Kingstone Russell Langdown Martin Lawrence Linda Lewis Pamela Loftus Jackie Long Bob Maskell* Clare Morris* Martin Read Mabel Rodney Jackie Salisbury Judith Sharp Wendy Skane Jackie Theobald* Glynis Wall Debbie Weaver Dawn Williams Terry Woodhouse

* Our understudies.
to whom we are very grateful

Thanks also to Judith Sharp and Ray Dance for standing by for the parts of
Julie Jordan and Billy Bigelow.

## the snow children

(22nd, 24th matinee. 26th. 28th. 30th and 31st evening)
Christopher Ashton
Elizabeth Ashton
Alice Douel
Jessica Hathaway
Lee Meadows
Gemma Short
Beth Thompson
Sarah Wrixon
(23rd, 24th evening, 27th.
29th, 31st matinee)
Katie Ballard
Jasmine Cochrane
Colette Coleman
Danielle Coleman
Kirstie Farrow
Clare O'Donoghue
Richard Wilbourne
Daniel Wilson

## the prologue children

(22nd, 24th matinee, 26th, 28th. 30th and 31st evening)
Annabel Barnard
Allan Barnard
Emily Cooper
Emma Savory
Gemma Short
Bethany West
(25rd. 24th evening. 27th. 29th and 31 st matinee)
Alishia Colett
Laura Herring
Hannah Meadows
Hayley Sheppard

## dancers

| Nicky Ashdown | Jason Hull |
| :--- | :--- |
| Helen Asprey | Carol Jeffcutt |
| Tony Asprey | Russell Langdown |
| Cathy Bacchus | Martin Lawrence |
| Amy Bell | Zoe Mackrill |
| Kyley Cooper | Clare Morris |
| Tracey Cuthbert | Martin Read |
| Ray Dance | Heather Reynolds |
| Stuart Dark | Judith Sharp |
| Adrian Davis | Glynis Wall |
| Adrian Dawkins | Debbie Weaver |
| Kevin Dawkins | Terry Woodhouse |
| Sarah Greenwood |  |

## synopsis of scenes and musical numbers

Time: 1873-1888

## ACT I

## Overture

## SCENE 1 Prologue - An Amusement Park on the New England coast. May.

 The Carousel WaltzSCENE 2 A tree-lined path along the shore. A few minutes later.
Mr Snow Julie and Carrie

If I Loved You Billy and Julie
Nettie Fowler's Spa on the ocean front. June.

June is Busting Out All Over When the Children are Asleep Blow High. Blow Low
Hornpipe
Soliloquy

Nettie and Chorus
Carrie and Mr Snow Jigger. Billy and Chorus
Dancers and Chorus Billy

## I N T E R V A L

## ACT II

Outside Julie's cottage. Reprise

Mainland waterfront. An hour later.

Up there.

On an island across the bay. That night.
A Real Nice Clambake Geraniums in the Winder Stone Cutters Cut it on Stone What's the Use of Wond'rin

The Company Mr Snow
Jigger, Arminy and Chorus Julie

| You'tl Never Walk Alone | Julie and Nettie |
| :--- | :--- |
| The Highest Judge of All | Billy |

Billy
Down here. On a beach. Fifteen years later.
Ballet Dancers

Outside a schoolhouse. Same day.
Graduation Scene
The Company

## production team

| Producer | Pat Donovan |
| :---: | :---: |
| Musical Director | Mike Reynolds |
| Associate Producer | Daphne Worster |
| Chorus Mistress | Sarah Jefferies |
| Dance Choreographer | Judith Hockaday |
| Chorus \& Dance Repetiteur | . Helen Asprey |
| Stage Director | Alan Wrixon |
| Accompanist | John Davies |
| Stage Manager (Scenery) | Clive Wall |
| Scenery Stage Crew | Bob Manning |
|  | . . Jan Robinson |
|  | . Adrian Harvey |
|  | . . Nigel Dark |
|  | . . James Bishop |
| Stage Manager (Properties) | . . Jane Harvey |
| Properties Crew | Christine Wrixon |
|  | Hannah Wrixon |
|  | .Sarah Wrixon |
|  | . Jo Davies |
|  | . . Sarah Newton |
|  | ..... Jane Harris |
| Wardrobe | Marie Sontier-King |
|  | Roberts and Team |
| Make-up | . Julie Bishop |
| Dresser | . . Pat Purdy |
| Prompt | ... Sheila Gault |
| Publicity | Martin Lawrence |
|  | Wendy Skane |
| Front of House | . . Paul Coad |
| Rehearsal \& Cast | .Irene Vaughan |
| Refreshments | .... Pat Purdy |
| Costumes Supplied by .... | Costumes. Reading |
| Scenery Supplied by . | Stage Sets. London |


pat donovan

## (Producer)

Pat has been active in theatre for most of her life; teaching drama in one of the first fulltime stage schools on the south coast: acting in an amateur repertory company performing shows every six weeks: playing soubrette parts in musicals in Brighton and at the Scala Theatre, London; finally, turning to directing in various parts of the country. She has spent thirty-seven happy years directing for SALOS. Having successfully produced "Man of La Mancha" twice this year with her own M4 Theatre Company, she is presenting "The Ivor Novello Story" at the Arts Centre. Swindon on Sth and 9th January 1999.


## daphne worster

## (Associate Producer)

Born in Swindon. Daphne first became interested in music and drama when at school. where she took part in a school production. She joined SALOS in 1960 with the production of "Brigadoon" and over the years has played various parts, the most recent being Mrs Brice in "Funny Girl" and Mrs Higgins in "My Fair Lady". From 1980 to 1984 Daphne was Chorus Mistress for the society and is now the Associate Producer, working closely with Pat Donovan. Since 1957 Daphne has been closely involved with The Phoenix Players, directing many of their productions. Her love of the theatre is shared by her husband. Alex. who has appeared in a number of SALOS productions.


## alan wrixon

## (Stage Director)

Alan has been a member of SALOS since 1971, initially as a chorus member and the Stage Director since 1986. He now limits his stage performances to singing with Wroughton Choral Society. During the past year he has been responsible for lighting "Man of La Mancha" with the M4 Theatre Group and "An Evening of Music. Dance and Drama" for Ray Dance and Judith Sharp, both at the Arts Centre. Swindon. Again the complete family, wife Christine and daughters. Hannah and Sarah. are involved in the show.


## mike reynolds

## (Musical Director)

Born in London. Mike was educated at Alleyn's School. Dulwich and was a founder member of both the National Youth Theatre and the National Youth Orchestra. In the early fifties he joined the Royal Artillery Band. playing trumpet and violin. In 1960 he joined a recording company and has recently retired as a partner in an electronics manufacturing company in Ferndown. He revived his musical interest in 1975. when he became Musical Director of the Bournemouth Operatic Society and has since worked with most of the major societies in Bournemouth. Poole and Weymouth, and has twice won the Evening Echo award for best Musical Director.


## sarah jefferies

## (Chorus Mistress)

Sarah graduated from The Royal Academy of Music in 1987. Whilst there she undertook operatic roles in "The Marriage of Figaro". "Arabella". "Peter Grimes" and "Sweeney Todd" among others. After leaving the Academy Sarah sang oratorio and recitals all over the country including an appearance at the Edinburgh Festival. She joined the company of the Opera de Lyon in 1992 and subsequently performed in such works as Schönberg's "Moses and Aaran" and Puccini's "Madamma Butterfly" which she later recorded with the London Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of the Hallés Kent Nagano. Sarah has a thriving teaching practice in the town and is visiting voice teacher to Marlborough College. Sarah's greatest production to date occurred with the arrival of Olivia Grace in November 1996 who, at 23 months, can sing a rousing chorus of "June is Busting Out All Over"!

john davies (Accompanist)




## judith hockaday

## (Dance Choreographer)

Judith came to the society in 1983 and has choreographed the dancing for "The New Moon". "Kismet". "Kiss Me Kate", "South Pacific". "Hello Dolly". "Gigi". "Half a Sixpence", "Brigadoon", "Bitter Sweet". "Funny Girl". "My Fair Lady". "Anything Goes". "Showboat" and "Me and My Girl". She has been the principal of her own school of dancing in Swindon for 38 years and is a triple examiner for the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing. In 1976 Judith won the Isobel Haxwell Trophy for outstanding work in national dance. and later that year the Gordon Edwards Trust Award for overseas study. Former pupils can be found teaching and dancing in shows and ballet television in the UK. Canada. Germany and America.

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The Musician's Union.
Everyone who has helped in any way in the production of this show.

## secretary's notebook

It is my pleasure once again to bring you up to date with the Society's events of the past year. Wedding bells rang out for Evelyn Lichota and Peter Rayson. Tim Francis and Barbara. Justine Blake and Michael Taylor and Ashley Pullen (our percussionist) and Judith Gill. Our very best wishes and warm congratulations to them all for their future happiness.

Congratulations also to Jane and Geoff Marsh on the birth of their daughter Samantha and to Greg and Faith Everard on the birth of their daughter Megan. Our warmest wishes to all happy families.

We are very pleased to welcome Sarah Greenwood back with us. and also congratulate her and Duncan on the birth of their daughter. Elfa. A warm welcome also to Debbie Weaver and Jason Hull.

Our concert at the Arts Centre, which was in aid of the Blue Sky Appeal (MENCAP) Swindon, was very successful and raised $£ 2113.09$. We would like to thank our sponsors, Midland Bank. and all of you for supporting us. In addition. we were able to donate a further $£ 500$ each to Crohns and Colitis, Samaritans, Well Woman Centre and Blue Sky Appeal from our other various fund raising efforts.

Many congratulations to Heather Reynolds, who is playing Louise. who in September this year started her career as a free-lance dance teacher at the Judith Hockaday School of Dancing after collecting a series of top grade teaching qualifications in a Iittle over a year. Our very best wishes and good luck for the future. Heather. Also we would like to congratulate Anna Margilewska on being accepted for a BA(Hons) Degree course on Musical Theatre at the prestigious Guildford School of Acting. Good Luck from us all Anna, we will miss not having you with us this year in "Carousel".

If you wish to join SALOS as a singer. dancer or associate member, please contact me at "Brigadoon", 23 Rowan Drive, Wootton Bassett. Wiltshire SN4 7ES.

## Pat Purdy,

Hon Secretary

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the sad death on Sunday 6th September, of Ann, wife of John Garrett. one of our Vice-presidents. John was, for many years, treasurer of the society and during this time Ann played an important part in helping and supporting him in his duties. I am sure you will all join with me in offering our deepest sympathy to John at this time. Peter Jones


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