



MONMOUTH MUSIC THEATRE



(Formerly Monmouth Operatic Society 1988 - 2005)



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Spring 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Members and Friends

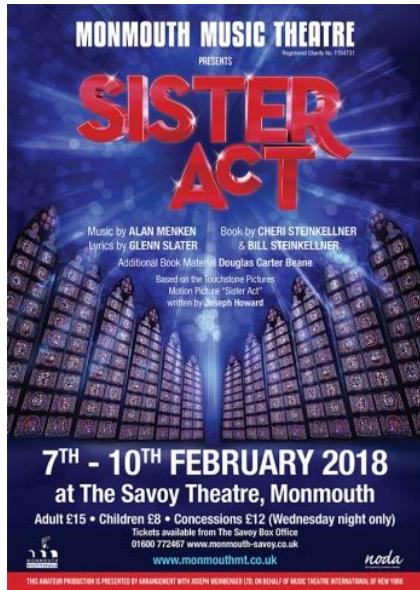
Due to the unfortunate weather conditions the scheduled concert with Off Centre Theatre to celebrate the Savoy Theatre's 90th birthday has had to be cancelled. Unfortunately we have been unable to reschedule to a date convenient for all parties concerned.

It is with much regret that we will be unable to go ahead with the performance.

We wish the Savoy Theatre continued prosperity and look forward to our performance of "H M S Pinafore" in the Savoy Theatre in the autumn.

Happy Birthday Savoy Theatre - Here's to the next 90 years!





Congratulations Team!

**Wonderful feedback has been received for our last production “Sister Act”.
Well done everyone!**

“What a brilliant, brilliant, show! It was amazing we really enjoyed it – theatre was packed you must have been so pleased”.

“Well done you were totally fab! Loved the show and the costumes too. We all thought it was very good.”

“Absolutely brill! Really good and we all enjoyed it”

"Brilliant, amazing, fantastic show. Singing, acting and all looked like you were having a great time! Awesome keep it going for the rest of the week!"

"Absolutely brilliant, well done, we thoroughly enjoyed it!"

What to say except WOW! We all came away saying we think it was your best ever, ever, ever show! Fantastic on a million levels. Just loved it! Adorable costumes, brill scene changes, amazing voices, great casting.....I could go on and on!!"

How about a celebratory get together gang?

Please email me

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If you would be interested in attending
a meal at

La Piccola Italia, Monmouth

on

Thursday 5th April

RSVP by 29th March so places can be booked to accommodate!

Ladies: U can wear your wimples if u insist!!

NODA WALES & IRELAND
DISTRICT 3
MONMOUTH MUSIC THEATRE
SISTER ACT
MUSICAL
THE SAVOY THEATRE MONMOUTH
10 02 18
REVIEWED BY DEE Mc ILROY
DIRECTOR/ CHOREOGRAPHER JANE RODGERS
IAN RUSSELL MUSICAL DIRECTOR
HELEN STIDOLPH ACCOMPANIST

Nuns are popular, and any production with singing nuns in the cast will sell out, so irresistible, and none more so than in the famous musical Sister Act. We could listen to Spread the Love all Around and Take Me to Heaven again and again! Especially as the nuns go from singing off key to nightingales!

Monmouth pulled out all the stops for this production and triumphed. Opening, the serene Mother Superior from Lyn Hounsome made her mark at once with her stage presence and crystal clear voice, a strong and powerful performance.

We are all used to a certain interpretation of the well loved character of Dolores Van Cartier, although there is never one way to see any role, and Lizzie Nicholson gave us a very good performance with a new approach, less showy and brash, more understated, her stage presence, magnificent voice and great diction carried her through to success.

A star performer was Adrian Whitehead as Eddie Souther, his characterisation raised the roof, outstanding comedy, a natural. His rendition of I Could Be that Guy a storming performance. The bad guys all excelled, led by Gareth Wigg as a cool Curtis with his rich voice he held us spell bound assisted by Johnny Goddard TJ, Reuben Tourettes Joey and Kevin Passey as Pablo. Graham Bryant played Monsignor O'Hara

very well. Technical and backstage swift and silent.

The Nuns in fine voice were all convincing characterisations and good individual interpretations. Sister Mary Robert, perfect innocence played by Louise Miller as the novice nun, her Life I Never Led a highlight. Sheryl Westoby gave a lovely natural characterisation of Sister Mary Patrick great comedy throughout lifting every scene with her smile. Kate Russell as Sister Mary Lazarus was just groovy a super performance.

With a lively chorus of enthusiastic Nuns this was a night to remember. Well done Director Jane Rodgers and outstanding MD Ian Russell and his up beat orchestra and Accompanist Helen Stidolph

Congratulations and thanks MMT!

Bless your wonderful show!!

Dee McIlroy

Mother Superior's cousin, Wendy, has a link
<http://www.lilygreenphotography.co.uk/p1063299636>
if you wish to see some more action and maybe order some shots!



Loved this one of Lynn's!
Resembles a Scene from Bohemian Rhapsody!!
So much goes on behind the scenes! ☺
We are grateful to everyone, as you all make the show a success.

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Gilbert and Sullivan's "H M S PINAFORE"

Chorus Rehearsals started Wednesday 14th March 2018

Auditions: Wednesday 11th April 2018

At Monmouth Methodist Hall

Contact Lynda for more details: 01600713303

MMT celebrates its 30th birthday this year - "HMS Pinafore" was the company's debut production so the Committee thought it would be an ideal production to help celebrate this occasion.

Kate Russell will be directing and Ian Russell will be our Musical Director with Helen Stidolph as our piano accompanist.



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Look out for our next production



19 - 21 September 2018
At the Savoy Theatre, Monmouth



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Be inspired by amateur theatre

Stop Press! Exciting News re “Hello Dolly!”

A letter has been received from NODA nominating last year's production of

“Hello Dolly!”

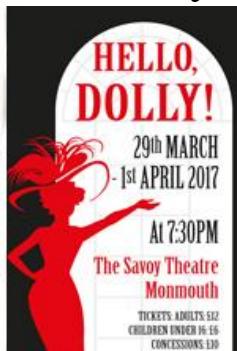
for

Best Production,

Graham Bryant for Best Supporting Actor
and

Andrea Pole for Best Lead Performance.

A representative from MMT will go to the awards ceremony on
17th May.



FINGERS CROSSED EVERYONE!

Well done to

Josh Morgan

who has won a scholarship to British School Academy of Music and Dance.

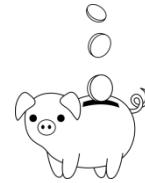
HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY
IAN RUSSELL



*Italian
Quiz Night*
This has been cancelled ☹
Gay & Judith

Urgent Plea!

*We need fundraising ideas.....
.....and fast!*



Please can we all pull together and support those who try their best to generate income for the society. The lack of support towards the Italian Quiz Night has resulted in its cancellation.

It is not easy to balance the books especially when the show expenditure is becoming increasingly steeper and steeper! If you want to take part in the shows you must commit to fund raising for them as well.

Without that extra support the society will struggle and will ultimately disappear!

PLEASE, PLEASE let's tackle the problem now!

Have you any fundraising ideas?

Please inform the committee - we must continue raising funds to enable us to put on these great shows!



We welcome any relevant contributions to our newsletter. Please send any items you wish to be included to:-

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SATURDAY 31ST MARCH

LOUISE MILLER AND JOHN PETRIE

HAVE A LOVELY WEDDING DAY!



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Join us for our
AGM
Wednesday 16th May 2018
Monmouth Methodist Hall
@ 7.30pm

Please read and TAKE ACTION!!!

EASY FUNDRAISING

Register for www.easysearch.org.uk

Every time you search on the internet, MMT will receive a donation

If you shop online try using www.easyfundraising.org.uk

You could earn money for MMT at the same time. Many major shopping outlets are featured
Eg: M&S, Next, Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, EBay, Toys R Us.

They are easy fundraising methods so please put both addresses into your "Favourites" and
use them!

Remember
Fundraising
Finances our Productions!

THANKYOU

A simple way of fundraising!

MMT 2019 Production

"Guys n Dolls"

3 - 6 April 2019

Watch this space!