

Rotherfield Junior Players presents



Annie Jr.

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Book by
THOMAS MEEHAN

Lyrics by
MARTIN CHARNIN

Music by
CHARLES STROUSE

7pm Friday 20th September 2013
6pm Saturday 21st September 2013

Rotherfield Village Hall

Programme £2



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Director's Message



Gussie Penny

Well, show time's here I'm eager to see my first directed show come to fruition. Back in May it took a fair bit of time and energy to get the show off the ground, but I'm so glad I did! The Junior Players have amazed me with their endless enthusiasm, energy and talent all aged 16 or under. I

have thoroughly enjoyed undertaking this project.

I gave Sue, our costume lady, a minor heart attack when I told her the cast size, but as normal she has gone above and beyond and come up with the most outstanding costumes and I must take the opportunity to thank her for bringing my vision to life and also I need to send my heartfelt thanks to my Mother-in-Law, Alma Penny, who despite a major tribulation in

her life still continued to stitch and create such wonderful costumes.

I'm glad I had faith in the fantastic choreography talents of Clare Carruthers who put up with my rigid ideas of the movement of the production and took the role on well producing some great easy, but effective, dances for the juniors. And also thanks to the wonderful Lynn Lunn who guided me and supported me throughout, a guiding light.

The backstage team have also coped well with my "simple" set plan which turned out to be not as simple as I first thought, but again I wouldn't have been able to do it without my patient, understanding stage manager, David Penny (keep it in the family!) and the phenomenal artistic skills of Ali Close and Sheenagh Thorpe, who have created some wonderful scenery, I can't thank you enough.

Now, sit back and enjoy the show and let this amazing bunch of young people entertain you.

Chairman's Message



James Gallifant

It's a real pleasure to see so many young people enjoying themselves at the rehearsals for Annie. We were stunned at the number of youngsters who turned up to audition for our last pantomime, Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates.

The directors of both of those shows accepted everybody who came along. Well, let's see how many juniors turn up for the pantomime auditions in October. Any callow youth who states a preference

for the part of the dame in Jack and the Beanstalk will be marched straight out of the door and told not to come back for 30 years!!

Our next full production takes place just four weeks after Annie. It's extremely challenging for The Players to run rehearsals for two shows simultaneously. Not that there is any overlap on the acting side of things between "Annie" and "A Streetcar Named Desire" but it stretches our back stage resources to breaking point. We are thus so grateful to the people who work so hard in the background and whom never take a bow.

We will be straight into the auditions for our pantomime immediately after our October production. No resting for anybody but pantomime rehearsals do help fight those winter blues.

Charity Collection



The Rotherfield Players have always supported a chosen charity at each production.

This year we have decided to 'adopt' a charity for the duration of the year. In 2013, we will be supporting Care for the Carers; an independent charity which supports unpaid carers in East Sussex who look after a relative, friend or neighbour who is frail, disabled, and/or has a long term illness.

By working with the charity throughout the coming year, The Rotherfield Players hopes to build a supportive relationship with Care for the Carers,

through understanding their goals and receiving regular updates on the work they are doing.

The charity aims to support and empower carers throughout the county by offering information, practical and emotional advice, groups, activities, events and a range of services that are specifically tailored to the needs of East Sussex carers.

Care for the Carers also work closely with young people who are caring for someone at home, offering trips, activities and residential short breaks as well as support in the home. Pantomime always offers a focus on young people, from those in the cast to the many in the audience, so Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates seems an ideal show to launch our support for Care for the Carers.

Find out more at www.cftc.org.uk

Summary

The depression-era New York and the “Hard-Knock Life” of an orphanage may seem like a dreary setting, but not for a feisty young girl who never stops believing that “The sun *will* come out tomorrow!” Annie Jr. tells the tale of Annie, an orphan determined to find her parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the embittered Miss Hannigan.

Annie's parents have left her with only half of a heart-shaped locket and a promise that they would return some day. Annie decides to escape the cruel Miss Hannigan, and runs away in search of her parents. She discovers a big world, full of loneliness, and a mutt who she takes as her companion and names Sandy. Feeling heartbroken and hopeless, Annie is soon taken back to the orphanage.

Luckily, Annie is in the right place-at the right time! When Mr. Warbuck's secretary, Grace, comes to the orphanage to find a child to share Christmas at the Warbuck mansion, Annie manipulates the situation in her favour and she is chosen.

Luxury abounds at the Warbuck's mansion, but Annie still longs to find the loving parents who hold the other side of her heart locket. So, the kind-hearted Daddy Warbucks promises Annie that her true parents will be found. As fate would have it, Miss Hannigan, her brother, Rooster, and his girlfriend Lily try to claim Annie as their own daughter but they are quickly exposed as fakes!

In the end all works out in Annie's favour. Daddy Warbuck adopts Annie. Her wish for a loving family comes true, and Annie's "Tomorrow" turns out to be "today"!



Scenes and Songs

Scene One	The Orphanage	♪ Maybe - <i>Annie and Orphans</i> ♪ Hard-Knock Life - <i>Annie and Orphans</i> ♪ Hard-Knock Life Reprise - <i>Orphans</i>
Scene Two	The Street	♪ Tomorrow - <i>Annie and Sandy</i>
Scene Three	Miss Hannigan's Office	♪ Little Girls - <i>Miss Hannigan</i> ♪ Little Girls Reprise - <i>Miss Hannigan</i>
Scene Four	Warbucks' Mansion	♪ I Think I'm Gonna Like it Here - <i>Annie, Grace and Servants</i>
Scene Five	New York City	♪ NYC - <i>Annie, Grace, Mr Warbucks, Star-to-be and Chorus</i>
Scene Six	Miss Hannigan's Office	♪ Easy Street - <i>Miss Hannigan, Rooster and Lily</i>
Scene Seven	Warbucks' Mansion	♪ You Won't be an Orphan for Long - <i>Annie and Mr Warbucks</i>

INTERVAL

Scene Eight	Orphanage/Radio Station	♪ Maybe Reprise - <i>Annie</i>
Scene Nine	Miss Hannigan's Office	♪ You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile - <i>Orphans</i> ♪ Easy Street Reprise - <i>Miss Hannigan, Rooster and Lily</i>
Scene Ten	Warbucks' Mansion	♪ I Don't Need Anything but you - <i>Annie and Mr Warbucks</i>
Scene Eleven	Christmas Day Warbucks' Mansion	♪ Maybe Second Reprise - <i>Annie</i> ♪ Tomorrow Reprise - <i>Whole Company</i>

Past Productions

2010	The Railway Children
2011	Three Characters in Search of a Verdict & Round the World with Class Six

Thank you

Rotherfield Junior Players would like to say a huge thank you to Liz and colleagues who run the Crowborough Animal Welfare Society in Jarvis Brook for all her hard work in finding props and costumes for this production.

The Rotherfield Players presents
an amateur performance of

A Streetcar Named Desire

by Tennessee Williams

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Cast

Annie	Charlotte Arnold (Friday)
	Cassidy McCarthy (Saturday)
Molly	Freya Hiles
Kate	Georgie Dolding
Tessie	Maddie Jones
Pepper	Kitty Golley
July	Sydney Boyd
Duffy	Sasha Beardsworth
Other Orphans	Millie Thorpe
	Sophie Baldwin
	Isobel Cue
	Leah Hanlon
	Kathryn Metcalfe
	Freya Wakelin
	Ellie Jones
	Merryn Hiles
Miss Hannigan	Bethany Earle (Friday)
	Libby McCarthy (Saturday)
Bundles	Fergus Wilson
Apple Seller	Max Golley
Dog Catcher	Benj Cheesman
Sandy	Archie Wilson
Lt. Ward	Sammy Dawkins
Grace Farrell	Scarlet McCarthy
Oliver Warbucks	Michael Stanton
Drake	Sammy Dawkins
Cecille	Iris Williams
Mrs Greer	Holly-May Penny
Mrs Pugh	Brittany Hildreth
Other Servants	Libby McCarthy (Friday)
	Bethany Earle (Saturday)
	Stella Williams
	Eleanor Metcalfe
Star-to-be	Holly-May Penny
Usherette	Iris Williams

Man in window	Benj Cheesman
Rooster	Joe Thorpe
Lily	Eliza Close
Beth Healy	Brittany Hildreth
Sound effects person	Max Golley
President Roosevelt	Fergus Wilson



Backstage Crew

Director	Gussie Penny
Producer	Lynn Lunn
Choreographer	Clare Carruthers
Stage Designer	David Penny
Stage Manager	David Penny
Stage Hands	Trevor Skinner
	David Close
Sound	Terry Everitt
Lighting	Nigel Cassford
	Hilary Curless
Costumes	Sue Exton
	Alma Penny
Stage Properties	David Penny
Front of House	Hilary Curless
Publicity	James Gallifant
Box Office	Andrea Butler
Programme	Gillian Earle
Prompt	Stacey Brackley
Photographer	Mark Kennedy

About the Cast



CHARLOTTE ARNOLD
Annie (Friday performance)

I have just started Year 8 at Beacon and I love to act! I also dance with Susanna Cox Academy and play the piano. This is my second show with the Rotherfield Players. Previously I was Briggitta in The Sound of Music with Eliza Close. I have loved rehearsals, they have been so much fun. I would love to do more shows with the Players.



CASSIDY McCARTHY
Annie (Saturday performance)

I am really enjoying playing the part of Annie. The rehearsals have been great fun. Before Annie I was a pirate in the recent Rotherfield Players' pantomime and played Oberon in A Midsummer Night's Dream which was my school play. As well as acting, I play cricket for Sussex and Bells Yew Green. I know I will love doing the show but I will be really nervous.



BETHANY EARLE
Miss Hannigan
(Friday performance)

This is my seventh show with the Rotherfield Players now and it's been great! Each show gets better. I am really pleased that I got the part of Miss Hannigan as it's my first big part! I like the fact that the part is shared as it gives us both the chance to share ideas but also be unique. Every rehearsal has been fun and there has always been a good laugh among the cast. Gussie is an awesome director too and I'm really enjoying working with her. I'm so glad I chose to join the Players.



LIBBY McCARTHY
Miss Hannigan
(Saturday performance)

Before Annie I have acted in two shows with the Rotherfield Players; I was a nun in The Sound of Music and Juanita in Robinson Crusoe. This time I have been performing

alongside my two sisters, so it feels more like a family event! I have thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing with a range of different people and rejuvenating this children's classic.



MICHAEL STANTON
Oliver Warbucks

My previous Rotherfield Players productions are The Elephant Man and Robinson Crusoe. I have also been in Bugsy Malone at school where I played multiple roles. I have loved rehearsals for Annie and have made some great friends. I have learnt a lot and am looking forward to future productions.



SCARLET McCARTHY
Grace

This is my second production with The Rotherfield Players, my first being Louisa in The Sound of Music. I have been in four pantomimes in the Stage Theatre in Sevenoaks. I love doing the plays as you get to meet people that you wouldn't normally talk to. The rehearsals have been really good fun.



JOE THORPE
Rooster

I've been in The Sound of Music and The Elephant Man with The Rotherfield Players. With TWODS I was in The Sound of Music again, but with a different part. I'm pleased with my part as it is who I auditioned for and I'm having fun acting as him.



ELIZA CLOSE
Lily

I have just started Year 8 of Beacon. With The Rotherfield Players I have played Briggitta in The Sound of Music and a few chorus roles. Most recently I've played Hocus Pocus in Robinson Crusoe. Rehearsals have been great fun even though there has been a lot of hard work and effort put in by everyone. We have been very chatty; sometimes a bit too chatty! It has been great.



Jack and the Beanstalk

**31st January -
2nd February 2014**

**Auditions
Friday 25th October 2013
Rotherfield Village Hall**

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James Gallifant

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