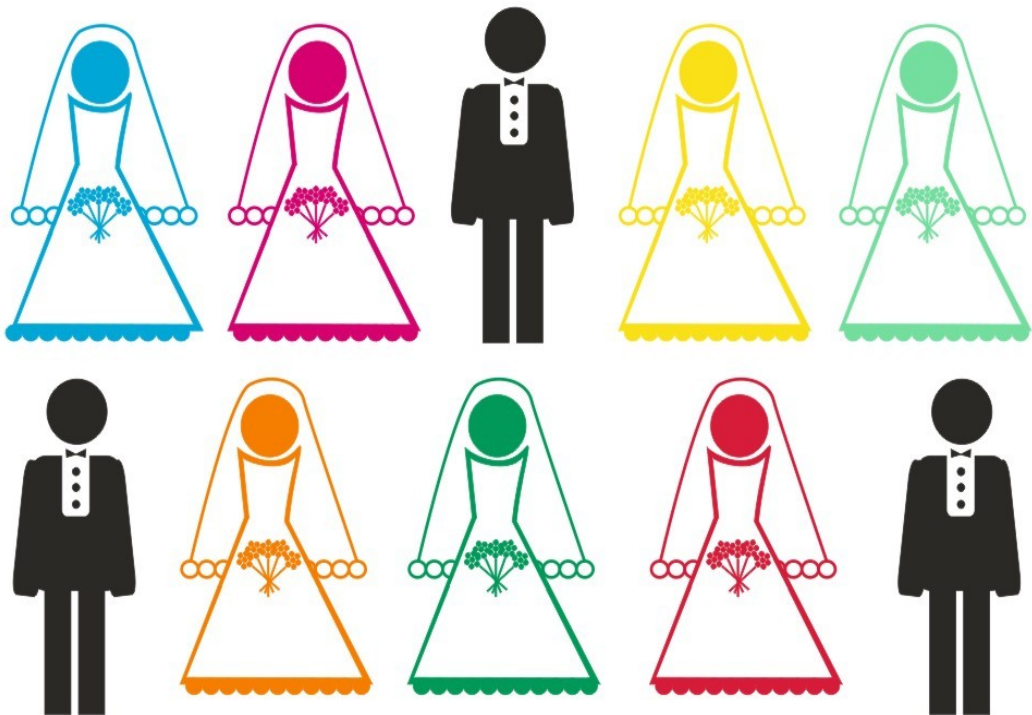


Longford on Stage

Present

seven brides for ~~7~~ 3 brothers



A Modern Musical Mystery with Chart-topping Music

PROGRAMME – 50p

PRODUCTION NOTES

I am sitting writing these notes thinking – will this show ever be ready? We only have 3 weeks left to rehearse and there is still so much to do. There again, I have thought this for all the shows we have presented as Longford On Stage and it all seems to come together at the last minute – let's hope it does again this time!!

For this years main production it was very difficult to find a musical, suitable for the age groups we had, but more importantly for the male/female mix of the cast. Our problem is that we only have 3 male leads, other than those of us a little older in years who enjoy making the numbers up. Very few musicals are written for such a small number of males so there was nothing else for it – I'd have a go in writing one myself. The idea was inspired by 2 work colleagues who set the rusty cogs in my brain moving. It was suggested that we did 7 brides for 7 brothers but I threw that one out because of the distinct lack of brothers available. Jokingly I said 'we've only got enough lads to do 7 brides for 3 brothers' and that's where the show started. My aim was to weave into the plot some of my favourite and popular hit songs. For some of them it worked well but for others the link to the song was, let's say, a little more tenuous. For these I make no apologies but a timely warning will be given to alert audiences accordingly.

The plot will result in our 3 lads getting married. As the scenes progress there will be a number of clues as to which of the girls will be the lucky ones. All you have to do is watch out for them and work it out for yourselves!!

I do hope that everyone enjoys the show. I must say that I am more nervous about this one than any of the others we have performed. For those I could pass on any blame to the professionals but with this one there is no escape!!

Please sit back, follow the plot for the clues and don't forget to sing along to all the feature numbers. Dancing is permitted.

Steve Benn

THE CAST - (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

COWBOY	- STUART PORTER
HENRY LEMON	- PAUL SMITH
HYACINTH LEMON	- KATE FESSI
PEACHES	- EMILY BAYLISS
APPLE	- VANESSA EVANS
BERRY	- CHARLOTTE PORTER
AMY STONE	- SOPHIE BENN
AMBER	- MEGAN MULLAN
RUBY	- CARA MULLAN
SAPHIRE	- RUTH PORTER
YOLANTA	- BIANCA JOYCE
LES	- DALE JEFFORD
JACK	- DAMIEN JOYCE
PEERS	- MICHAEL SHALE
D.J.DAVY 'B'	- DAVID BLOUNT
FOOD SELLER / DANCER	- LUCY FESSI
TRACY	- BETHAN FESSI
JOHNNY DIAMOND	- STEVE BENN
CILLA BLACK	- SARAH STRINGER
MYSTIC MICK / GRANT	- JOHN CORDEN

THE SIGHTS

ACT 1

SCENE 1	Orchard House
SCENE 2	Gem Cottage
SCENE 3	Outside the Houses
SCENE 4	The Park
SCENE 5	Village Green
SCENE 6	Gem Cottage / Orchard House
SCENE 7	Outside the Houses
SCENE 8	Church Hall Disco
SCENE 9	In the Park
SCENE 10	The Stag & Pheasant

ACT 2

SCENE 11	The Blind Date Studio
SCENE 12	Blackpool Promenade
SCENE 13	The Park
SCENE 14	The Stag & Pheasant
SCENE 15	The Park
SCENE 14	The Stag & Pheasant
SCENE 15	The Weddings

THE SOUNDS

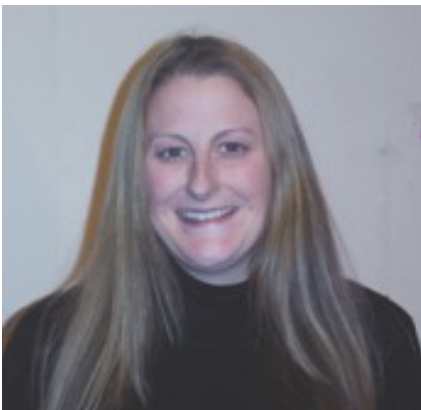
ACT 1

- *Gimme Gimme Gimme* *The girls*
- *Girls just want to have fun* *The Sisters*
- *Summer Loving* *Sisters & Boys*
- *I only want to be with you* *Jack & Apple*
- *It's raining men* *Sisters*
- *Heard it thro' the grapevine* *Apple*
- *Show me the meaning* *Jack*
- *I'm too Sexy* *Les*
- *I got you babe* *Henry & Hyacinth*
- *Reach for the stars* *Company*
- *I can hear the bells* *Amy*

ACT 2

- *Making your mind up* *Sisters*
- *Your Song* *Les*
- *I think we're alone now* *Peaches/Berry/Les/Pears*
- *Dancing Queen* *Company*
- *White flag* *Apple*
- *Rule the World* *Jack*
- *Don't feel like dancin'* *Company*
- *Footloose* *Company*

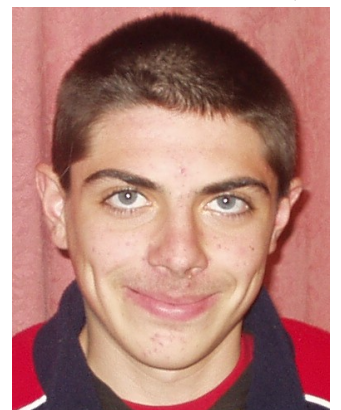
THE TEAM BEHIND THE SCENE



Sarah – Choreographer



Andrew – Sound



James – Lighting

Special thanks to....

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- *Understanding Parents.*
- *Back stage volunteers.*
- *The Company for their enthusiasm and talent.*

Local Churches

Salem Baptist Church, Lady Lane , Longford, Coventry

Union Place Baptist Church, Oban Rd, Longford, Coventry

Aldemans Green Free Methodist Church, Aldemans Green, Coventry.

Exhall Methodist Church, Blackhorse Rd, Exhall, Coventry

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