

Sunnybank Theatre Group Inc. presents

By Arrangement with Tams-Witmark



the Nonsense Christmas Musical NUNCRACKERS

Written by
Dan Goggin



Director Stephanie Ellis
Musical Director June Gemmell

Performances	
Fri 19 Nov	8:00 pm
Matinee Sat 20 Nov	2:00 pm
Sat 20 Nov	8:00 pm
Wed 24 Nov	8:00 pm
Fri 26 Nov	8:00 pm
Matinee Sat 27 Nov	2:00 pm
Sat 27 Nov	8:00 pm
Thurs 2 Dec	8:00 pm
Fri 3 Dec	8:00 pm
Matinee Sat 4 Dec	2:00 pm
Sat 4 Dec	8:00 pm

Joy to the World!



The Directing Team



Director
Stephanie Ellis

Assistant Director
Dale Holyoak

Stephanie has had a long involvement in amateur theatre working in many different aspects of her chosen hobby. She has enjoyed participation in shows such as *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Sound of Music* as Assistant director, *Steel Magnolias* and *Calamity Jane* as director, *Oklahoma* as Aunt Eller, *Butterflies are Free* as Florence Baker. Wardrobe, Front of House, Backstage and Props are also areas of experience enjoyed by Stephanie.

As her assistant director Stephanie has had the pleasure of working with first time AD Dale Holyoak. Dale has a wealth of theatre knowledge and is meticulous in her attention to detail, two attributes which have perfectly complemented Stephanie's contribution to the Team

An enthusiastic approach from June Gemmell, our musical director, convinced Stephanie to take on directing *Nun-crackers*, our Christmas show for 2010. June has been assisted by Robyn Ryan and can always be relied on to find the band members needed. Mandy McGregor joins us choreographer, having done wonderful onstage work with STG in the recent past.

Enjoy the presentation by our talented cast who have "done the yards" in rehearsal time to bring you another piece of Dan Goggin's *Nunsense*.

There are many Invisible people in the presentation of a stage show. They scurry about in black clothing trying to be inconspicuous. Many hours of behind the scenes activity are undertaken by these folk to enable us to present any show. They are listed with my heartfelt thanks within the programme

The synopsis (if it can be called that) is the taping of a Christmas TV Special by the Sisters of Mt St Helen's Convent in Hoboken so it is played on a single set in real time.

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth
And Heaven and nature sing, And*



The Music & Choreography Team



June Gemmell

Musical Director, Pianist and Band Leader

June began her musical career as a High School Music Specialist and had an extensive piano teaching studio prior to retirement. June joined STG as a pianist for *Pajama Game*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Brigadoon*, *Calamity Jane*, *Call Me Madam* and this year's production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. She has also been involved with many production with BAMS in Beaudesert including their production of *Nun-crackers* in 2007. Her enthusiasm for the show convinced STG it would make the perfect final production for 2010. June is delighted to take on Musical Director once again and is assisted in this capacity by Robyn Ryan from BAMS.



Mandy McGregor

Choreographer

Mandy started classical ballet at the age of six and from the age of 18 danced in musicals with the Burnie Musical Society. *Showboat*, *Annie*, *Chicago*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* are some of the musicals to which she brought her dancing skills. Mandy joined STG when she moved to Brisbane and was involved mainly in straight plays including *Tomb With a View*, *Steel Magnolias*, *The One Day of the Year* before STG realized her potential as a choreographer in the one act play *Chook Chook*. Mandy is excited to be choreographer for the Christmas musical *Nun-crackers* and has lent STG the wonderful Christmas tree which is a highlight of our stage setting.



*receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room,
Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and*

The Cast



Alison Pattinson - Sister Mary Regina

Alison made her theatre debut eight years ago in a cameo role for the production of *Guys and Dolls* and has enjoyed being part of many other wonderful shows. Her favourite roles have included playing Annie Oakley in *Annie Get Your Gun* and Anna in *The King and I*. While performing on stage is her passion, Alison has also directed high school productions of *Les Miserables*, *Oklahoma!* and *West Side Story* and is delighted to reprise the role of Reverend Mother which she played at STG in the original *Nunsense*.



Kay Halford - Sister Mary Hubert

What do you do when you can't get out of the habit? You get back into it again! In the 2006 production of *Nunsense* Kay was part of the chorus and now returns as Sister Hubert, Mistress of the novices. Kay needs no introduction to STG followers as she has not only appeared in a number of recent productions including *Call Me Madam*, but also participates in many of the other tasks that go into staging shows and keeping the theatre maintained.



Jacqui McKell - Sister Robert Anne

Jacqui made her debut at STG in 2000 as Mary in *Playing the Palace*. Since then she has appeared as a prostitute schoolgirl, Grecian floozie, a diva, a Chinese police officer and an Italian maid. Jacqui recently played the much put upon stage manager in *Noises Off*. She also played Sister Mary Jacqstar in STG's *Nunsense* and is thrilled to be appearing as Sister Robert Anne in *Nuncrackers*.



Lesley Davis - Sister Mary Paul

Lesley has been treading the boards since the age of six and has had a diverse career on stage and as a director. Her involvement in amateur theatre has seen her play quite a few emotionally challenging leads in dramas. On the lighter side, Lesley has performed many comedies and in several musicals including the recent production of *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. In 2007 Lesley co-directed STG's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. In 2006 she played Sr Amnesia in *Nunsense* at STG and she now looks forward to reprising that role in this year's Christmas musical *Nuncrackers*.

*And Heaven and nature sing. Joy to the world!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills*

The Cast



Deon Spann - Father Virgil

Although raised a Lutheran, Deon's mother Gloria would be most excited to hear he has joined the Catholic Priesthood, a career she had always envisaged for him provided he was posted "somewhere nice for your father and I to visit for holidays!" Deon brings his charm, wit and comedic timing to bring Sr Mary Leo's brother Father Virgil to the stage.



Fiona Russo - Sister Mary Leo

Nuncrackers is Fiona's third outing with STG having performed in *Brigadoon* and the original *Nunsense* in 2006. She has been singing and dancing from a tender age and musical theatre is very close to her heart. She has appeared in *Godspell* and *The Wiz* and is looking forward to fitting in more theatre as her three young children grow. Fiona has also been an avid figure skater and will be delighted to know that the school's skating instructress is Sr Mary Jane Torvill.



Rachel Hunt - Sister Mary Christmas

Rachel is delighted to make her STG debut in this funfilled musical. She returned to the stage in February after a brief absence of 30 years to play mistress of the caustic putdown, the redoubtable Mrs Fraser in *Stepping Out* for Beenleigh Theatre Group and then sailed to *Treasure Island* on a fantastical & seamless journey-from wench to goat to pirate! She won a Best Female Comedy Actor award during SQ Drama Festival Season and has recently choreographed *Grease* for BTG-Bring it on!!!



Elise Pettigrew - Sister Mary Ment-and-cheer

A long-time devotee of musical theatre, Elise has now become a performer. This is her third season with STG following runs in *Aladdin* and *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. She is looking forward to continuing her association with the theatre.

*The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ:
and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat*

The Kids



Back row: Melina Pietrobon, Nicola Wormwell, Megan Fletcher
Front row: Olivia Bird, Olivia Wormwell, Ainsley Carter

Melina Pietrobon: (Katerina): Melina goes to high school and is in Gr 10. She is developing her singing talent through professional tuition and is happy to be part of the cast for *Nuncrackers*.

Nicola Wormwell: (Annie) Nicola has been involved in school choir and FAD and also takes part in *Dance Fever*. She is looking forward to developing her singing and onstage skills, and is also interested in following this up next year learning behind the scenes work with our crew.

Megan Fletcher: (Sofia) Megan has undertaken speech and drama training in recent years. She is finishing Grade 12 at All Hallows and is hoping to attain, in 2011, a placement at QUT (Creative Industries) or NIDA (Acting/Drama) We welcome Megan to STG for her first production with us.

Olivia Bird: (Maria) This is Olivia's second production at STG, the pantomime *Aladdin* in 2008 being her first. Olivia has also appeared in other musicals with Harvest Rain, Phoenix Junior Theatre and Ipswich Musical Theatre. Olivia is member of Qld Youth Choir and does classical ballet, contemporary and jazz and is happy to be back at STG

Olivia Wormwell: (Understudy) Olivia is a keen choir member and learns ballet, tap and contemporary dance as well learning piano. She has joined the cast as understudy and will perform in shows on November 17th and 27th.

Ainsley Carter: (Louise) Ainsley is involved in school and Church choirs and has been dancing with FAD for 10 years and participates in *Dance Fever* through school. This is her first chance to use these skills in a full production and we welcome her to STG

*The sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
and makes the nations prove: The glories of his*



Behind the Scenes

Stage Manager	Courteney Kiernen
Stage Crew	Robin Matic, Franck Dance (Santa)
Props, Puppeteer, Roving Camera	Loretta Donnelly
Set & Props Construction	Maurice Thorn, Franck Dance
Roving Camera made by	Kurt Muller
Artwork	Yvonne Mes
Costumes	Linda Hammond, Stephanie Ellis, Lesley Davis
Costumes/Lighting/ Sound Extras	BAMS Theatre Inc, Beaudesert
Children's Dresser	Dale Holyoak
Lighting Design	David Gemmell
Lighting Crew	Joanne Sephton, Anshu Podar Jenny Marshall, John Mordacz
Sound	Chris O'Leary
Production Manager	Vicky Devon
Publicity and Photography Program	Kaymar Kreations (Kayleen Gibson) Paul Marshall, Vicky Devon
Ticket Office	Deon Spann and volunteers
Front of House	Jan Noack and her band of trusty volunteers
Green Room	Jan Noack and more of her trusty volunteers



*He rules the world with truth and Grace
righteousness and wonders of His love*



Thank you for the music ...

Michael Russo (Violin)
John Kent (Drums)
Constanze Hart (Bass Guitar)

June Gemmell (Keyboard)
Tess McLennan (Synth/ Violin)



We wish
you a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year!



25 February - 12 March



The
NERD

A comedy by Larry Shue
by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.
Director - Pam Cooper

Tickets on Sale 29 January

Trap for a Lonely Man

13 - 28 May



a drama by Robert Thomas
(translated by Lucienne Hill and John Sutro)
by arrangement with Josef Weinburger Ltd London
Director - Chris Guyler

Tickets on Sale 16 April

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*And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love!*

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