



Hitchin Thespians
Present

SISTER + ACT

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
GLENN SLATER

Book by
CHERI STEINKELLNER
& BILL STEINKELLNER

Additional Book Material
DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

10-14 April 2018
at 7:45pm

Queen Mother Theatre, Hitchin SG4 9SP

Tickets: £14

Book Online: qmt.org.uk

Box Office: 01462 455166



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Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture "Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard

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CHRISTMAS at WOODSIDE

Musical Director Jane Stott

Accompanist Alison Borner

14th ~ 16th
December 2017
Woodside Hall, Hitchin

Hitchin Thespians is looking for new members

Do you enjoy singing, performing, or dancing? If so, you will receive a warm welcome at Hitchin Thespians. We stage two musical shows each season, rehearsing on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7.30 p.m.

The choir meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 p.m., and perform three concerts annually, which can be songs from musical theatre, operas or oratorios.

We also welcome non-performing members interested in helping backstage, set design, props, costume or make-up.

Thespians are a friendly and active group, so if you would like to join us please contact our Secretary: secretary@hitchinthespians.org.uk; write to The Secretary, Hitchin Thespians, Woodside Hall, Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP.

Young Thespians

Our youth group, Young Thespians, is for ages 8 to 16 and provides a fantastic environment in which these rising stars can learn the joy of the stage. Young Thespians rehearse at Woodside Hall on Sunday mornings and perform musical theatre productions and concerts throughout the year.

For more information, please email youngthespians@hitchinthespians.org.uk

Hiring Woodside Hall

If you would like information on hiring Woodside Hall for an event or function, contact Woodside Hall Manager, Ian Hamilton, woodsidebookings@hitchinthespians.org.uk

President : Ann Crook

Committee 2017/18

Chair	Alan Bailes
Secretary	Caroline Christofi
Treasurer	Marianne Bond
Business Manager	John Cleverley
Production Manager	Sarah Cunningham
Acting Choral Manager	Gill Cheaney
Woodside Hall Manager	Ian Hamilton
Social and Fundraising Manager	Holly Böhme
Membership & Patrons Manager	Nick Morgan
Young Thespians Coordinator	Sarah Bailes
Committee Members	Lesley Greasley
	Iain Fishpool
	Carolyn Roberts

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Coming Soon in 2018

Young Thespians present
The Wizard of Oz
15th to 17th February

Sister Act
10th to 14th April
Queen Mother Theatre

**An Evening with
George Gershwin**
7th to 9th June

Made in Dagenham
16th to 20th October

BOX OFFICE

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Acknowledgements

Musical Director	Jane Stott
Stand-in Musical Director	David Sheringham
Accompanist and Rehearsal Pianist	Alison Borner
Acting Choral Manager	Gill Cheaney
Concert Manager	Andy Johnson
Lighting	Alan Bailes & Luke Jones
Front of House Manager	Ann Crook
Box Office Managers	Nick & Nicki Morgan
Bar Manager	Susan Osbourn
Raffle	Social & Fundraising Committee
Librarian	Jan Nash
Publicity Artwork	Sarah Cunningham
Programme Editors	Gill Cheaney & Alan Bailes
Printing	Stageprint



The Choir



Sopranos

Gwenda Beech, Anna Carter, Gill Cheaney, Joanna Chugg, Margaret Coxall, Jackie Duff, Wendy Hazelwood, Nicola Niles, Melanie Plowman-Cobb, Ann Peacock, Jackie Sayer, Pat Staff, Jane Tunesi, Jenny Wilson

Altos

Helen Alexander, Lilian Dixon, Judith Harrison, Sheila Mole, Jan Nash, Keryle Rutherford, Elizabeth Sturges, Andrea Thorpe

Tenors

Alan Dickinson, John Edwards, Andy Johnson, Chris Read, Howard Roberts

Bass

John Beal, Jack Lardent, Nick Morgan, Mike Steele, Peter Steele, Trevor Sturges, Bob Sulzbach, Bryan Summers



Soloists

Gwenda Beech, Anna Carter, Lilian Dixon, Wendy Hazelwood, Andy Johnson, Nicola Niles, Melanie Plowman-Cobb, Mike Steele, Jane Stott, Bob Sulzbach, Jane Tunesi

Readers

Helen Alexander, Gill Cheaney, Joanna Chugg, Andy Johnson, Mike Steele

Part One

All **It Came Upon The Midnight Clear** Sullivan
arr. Willcocks

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heav'n's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song that they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Reading **T'was the Night Before Christmas** Harvey Ehrlich
For the Politically Correct
Helen Alexander

Choir **Sir Christemas** William Mathias
Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Elizabeth Poston
Soloist: Anna Carter

Choir **A Merry Christmas** Trad. arr. Warrell
Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Styne
Snow! arr Strommen

All **Angels, from the Realms of Glory** Trad.
arr. Willcocks

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship,
Christ, the new-born King;
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the Infant Light:
Come and worship,
Christ, the new-born King;
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the alter bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear:
Come and worship,
Christ, the new-born King;
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.



All	Joy to the World	Lowell Mason arr. Rutter	Duet	Maria Mater <i>Melanie Plowman-Cobb, Bob Sulzbach</i>	Faure
	Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.		Choir	This Christmas Night	Malcolm Williamson
	Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns; Let men their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.			The Shepherds' Farewell	Berlioz
	He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.		Reading	Letter to St Nick <i>Joanna Chugg</i>	Alan Titchmarsh
			Choir	The Christ-child Every Stone Shall Cry	Will Todd Will Todd
			All	See Amid the Winter's Snow	John Goss arr Willcocks
				See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See the tender Lamb appears, Promis'd from eternal years:	
				<i>Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.</i>	
Quartet	The Goslings <i>Melanie Plowman-Cobb, Lilian Dixon, Andy Johnson, Mike Steele</i>	Frederick Bridge		Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who, throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim:	
Choir	The Christmas Song	Torme/Wells arr Snyder		<i>Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.</i>	
	O Holy Night! <i>Soloists: Anna Carter, Wendy Hazelwood, Jane Tunesi, Gwenda Beech</i>	Adolphe Adam			
Reading	Christmas Eve 1969 <i>Gill Cheaney</i>	Cliff Gulbis			



Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee,
In thy sweet humility:

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,*

Reading	London Snow <i>Andy Johnson</i>	Robert Bridges
Trio	The Snow <i>Nicola Niles, Jane Stott, Lilian Dixon</i>	Elgar
Choir	Star Carol	Rutter

INTERVAL

During which mulled wine and mince pies will be served

Part Two

All	Hark! the Herald-angels Sing	F.Mendelssohn arr. Willcocks
	Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled: Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. <i>Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King.</i>	

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the ever-lasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth,
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Choir	Shepherd's Pipe Carol Deck the Hall Austerity Version	Rutter Welsh Trad. arr. D Stott
Solo	Christmas Cradle Song <i>Nicola Niles</i>	Marie Joy Sanger
Choir	Angels and Shepherds Lullaby	Christopher Norton Karl Jenkins
Reading	The Office Christmas Party <i>Mike Steele</i>	anon

