



Hitchin Thesians
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

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

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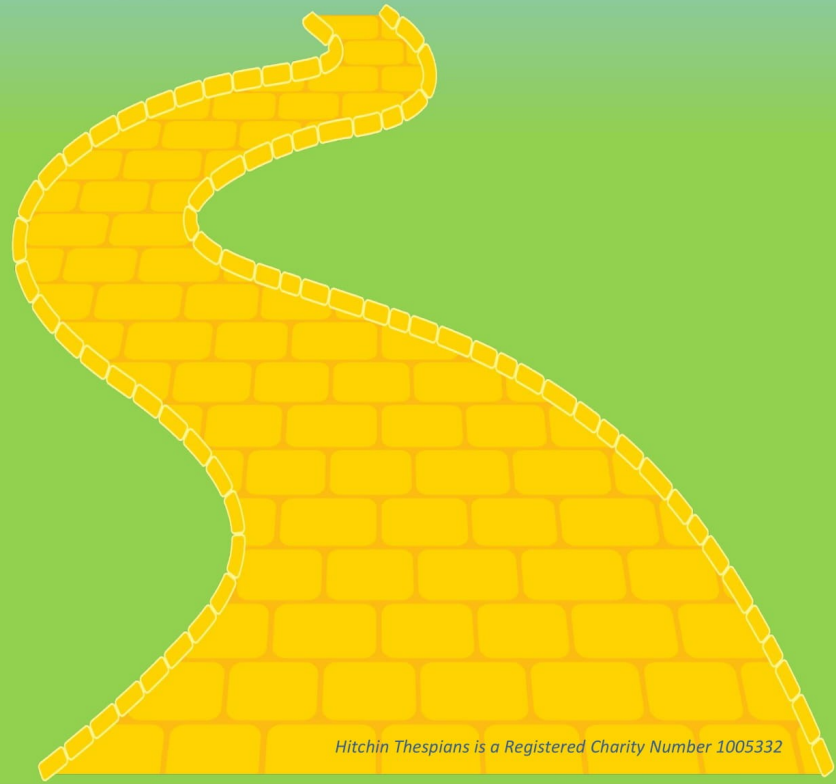
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NICOLE GEORGES Director CLAIRE BAILES Musical Director
CHARLOTTE PLATTEN Choreographer

15 - 17 February 2018

Woodside Hall, Hitchin

7:30pm/2:30pm Matinee

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics of the MGM motion picture score

By Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance & Vocal Arrangement by Peter Howard

Adapted by John Kane from the motion picture screenplay

By arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals Limited of New York

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Coming Soon in 2018

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

Christmas at Woodside

13th to 15th December

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("Merry Old Land Of Oz"). As the group awaits its audience with the Wizard, the Lion boasts he is "King Of The Forest." Finally, they meet the imposing and irritable Wizard, who demands the broomstick of the Wicked Witch of the West.

The four friends travel deep into the haunted forest. Suddenly, they encounter jitterbugs, who make them dance until they collapse from exhaustion ("Jitterbug"). The Wicked Witch's flying monkeys swoop down, capturing Dorothy and Toto. At the castle, the Witch vows to take Dorothy's life. Meanwhile, the Lion, Scarecrow, and Tinman infiltrate the castle disguised as Winkie guards. The foursome and Toto are reunited, but the Wicked Witch interferes, threatening the Scarecrow with fire. Dorothy, dousing the flames with a bucket of water, accidentally strikes the Witch, who smolders and melts into nothing ("Ding Dong The Witch Is Dead – Reprise"). The four friends, triumphant, take the Witch's broom back to the Wizard.

The Wizard remains imperious and imposing, but Toto pulls aside a curtain to reveal a meek and ordinary man speaking into a microphone. The Wizard, revealed to be a "humbug," nonetheless grants each friend's request, giving the Scarecrow, the Tinman, and the Lion each a token of his newly-acquired ability. The Wizard offers to take Dorothy back to Kansas in his hot-air balloon, but the balloon accidentally takes off, and Dorothy is left alone and crestfallen. Glinda appears and explains that Dorothy has always had the power to return home. All she has to do is close her eyes, tap her heels together three times, and repeat to herself, "There's no place like home."

Back in Kansas, Dorothy awakens, confused, with a bump on her head. Reunited with all her loved ones, and relieved to learn the storm has left Miss Gulch incapacitated by a broken leg, Dorothy shares the tale of her miraculous journey, celebrating the joy and healing power of home.

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

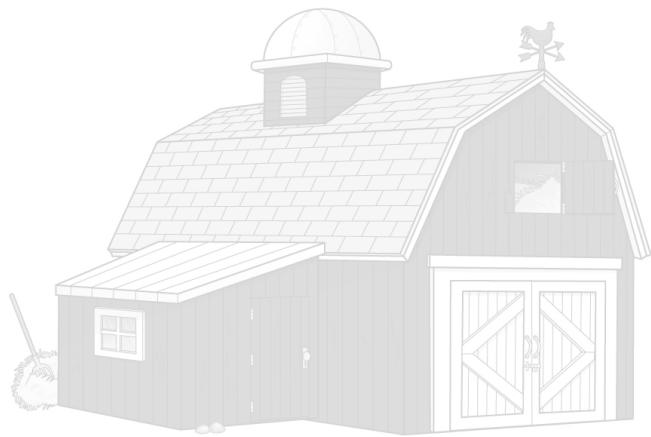
President : Ann Crook

Committee 2017/18

Chair	Alan Bailes
Secretary	Caroline Christofi
Treasurer	Marianne Bond
Business Manager	Vacant
Production Manager	Sarah Cunningham
Choral Manager	Michelle Marple
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

Past Productions

2002 Out of the Blue	2010 Below Stairs
2003 Josephina and her Organically Dyed Fashion Collection	Carmina Burana (with HT)
Youth Performs - Rotary Club	Thesptasia
2004 Dracula Spectacular	2011 The Wiz
Summer Concert	On A Lighter Note
2005 The Gingerbread Man	2012 Disney's Alice In Wonderland Jr
Jessica's Journey	Summer Showcase
2006 Wind in the Willows	2013 Annie Jr
'Summer Holiday' concert	Mayhem
2007 Buggy Malone	2014 Disney's Little Mermaid
Summer Concert	Songs and Sausages
2008 G2K Oklahoma	2015 Olivia
Swinging Summertime (with HT)	Rainbow Connection
School's Out	2016 Honk Jr
2009 Aladdin	YTs Got Talent
Mr Gainsford's Music Hall	2017 Peter Pan
	Oliver (with HT)



Acknowledgments

Young Thespians would like to thank the Queen Mother Theatre for the loan of their scenery and props.

The Story

Dorothy Gale, a young girl living on a Kansas farm with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry, dreams of escaping her mundane life ("Over The Rainbow"). The family's mean neighbour, Miss Gulch, threatens to impound Dorothy's cherished dog, Toto, so Dorothy and Toto run away. They meet up with kindly Professor Marvel, who subtly convinces Dorothy to return home. Suddenly a cyclone hits, and Dorothy and Toto, seeking shelter in the house, are transported to the Land of Oz.

In Oz, Dorothy meets Glinda, the Good Witch of the North. Apparently, Dorothy's house has landed upon – and fatally stricken – the Wicked Witch of the East. The Munchkins, now freed from the Wicked Witch of the East, celebrate and hail Dorothy as their new heroine ("Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead/Munchkin Musical Sequence"). The celebration is interrupted as the Wicked Witch of the West suddenly appears, seeking vengeance. Unable to reclaim her sister's shoes, which are now on Dorothy's feet, the Witch vows to return and disappears in a cloud of smoke. Dorothy, seeking a way back home to Kansas, sets off to see the Wizard of Oz ("Follow the Yellow Brick Road").

Along the way, Dorothy meets three new friends, each of whom lacks a crucial characteristic: The Scarecrow ("If I Only Had A Brain") The Tinman ("If I Only Had A Heart") and the Lion ("If I Only Had The Nerve"). Together, the four new companions make their way towards Oz ("We're Off To See The Wizard"). The Witch attempts to sedate the friends with a poisonous field of poppies, but Glinda reverses the spell with healing snowflakes ("Poppies/Optimistic Voices").

The friends, arriving at the Emerald City, are delayed by a stubborn Gatekeeper, but Dorothy's tears convince him to relent and let them in

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Nicole Georges
Musical Director	Claire Bailes
Choreography	Charlotte Platten

THE BAND

Keyboard	Ben Wiles
Bass	Ryszard Kolendo
Drums	Dan Wild
Reed I	Nathan Harding
Reed II	Becky Hughes (Thursday & Friday) Chris Pettit (Saturday)

BEHIND THE SCENES

Production Manager	Sarah Bailes
Stage Manager	Philippa Tadman
Set Design	Rosemary Bianchi
Set construction and Stage Crew	Iain Fishpool, Clive Hall, Neil Leggatt, Viv Stephenson
Lighting	Alan Bailes
Sound	Luke Jones
Props	Jo Gordon
Wardrobe	Sarah Bailes
Assisted by	Jenna Knight, Marie Marcantonio, Andrea Prutton, Laura Rogers, Hannah Woodhouse
Make Up	Donna Barrett, Jenna Knight, Marie Marcantonio
Prompt	Nicole Georges
Programme	Alan Bailes
Front of House	Ann Crook, Sarah Cunningham, Jan Nash
Bar	Sue Osbourn
Box Office	Nick and Nicky Morgan

The Cast

Dorothy	Francesca Platten
Hunk/Scarecrow	Molly Prutton
Hickory/Tinman	Gianni Marcantonio
Zeke/ Lion	Charlie Prutton
Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz	Dante Bahnsen
Glinda	Scarlett Bahnsen
Wicked Witch of the West	Matilda Childs
Miss Almira Gulch	Amy Lises
Aunt Em	Maia Jayasuriya
Uncle Henry	Finlay Dawson
Toto	Anna Jayasuriya
Crows	Erin Dalrymple, Amy Lises, Saskia Maric, Keira Miles, Clemmie Milligan, Olivia Prutton
Trees	Finlay Dawson, Alfie Fitzgerald, Maia Jayasuriya, Florence Smith, Emily Surtees
Emerald City Guard	Alfie Fitzgerald
Winkie General	Florence Smith
Nikko (Commander of Monkeys)	Elliott Dawson
Jitterbug (Lead Dancer)	Olivia Prutton
Jitterbugs (Dancers)	Megan Chalkley, Amy Lises, Saskia Maric, Keira Miles, Emily Surtees, Ellie Thompson
Munchkin Mayor	Keira Miles
Munchkin Coroner	Megan Chalkley
Munchkin Barrister	Emily Surtees
Munchkin Tots	Ava Harris, Emily Rapley, Zoe Reeve, Trixie Whitby
Munchkin Tough Guys	Elliott Dawson, Ella Monaghan, Florence Smith

SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act One

Scene 1 : The Kansas Prairie

Opening

Scene 2 : The Rainbow

Over The Rainbow - Dorothy

Scene 3 : Kansas

Scene 4 : Gypsy Caravan

Scene 5 : The Twister

The Cyclone - Dancers

Scene 6 : Munchkinland

Munchkin Musical Sequence - Glinda, Dorothy & Munchkins

Scene 7 : Wicked Witch

Yellow Brick Road - Munchkins

Scene 8 : Scarecrow - The Cornfield

Scene 9 : Crows In The Cornfield

If I Only Had A Brain - Scarecrow, Dorothy, Toto & Crows
We're Off To See The Wizard - Dorothy, Toto & Scarecrow

Scene 10 : Tinman With Apple Trees In Front Of His Cottage

If I Only Had A Heart - Tinman, Dorothy, Toto & Trees

Scene 11 : Want to play ball

We're Off To See The Wizard —Dorothy, Toto, Tinman & Scarecrow

Scene 12 : The Lion - Wild forest

If I Only Had The Nerve - Lion Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow & Tinman
We're Off To See The Wizard - Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tinman & Lion

Scene 13 : Poppies

Poppies - Dancers, Glinda, Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Chorus

Act Two

Scene 1 : Outside Gates of the Emerald City

Entr'acte- Chorus

Merry Old Land Of Oz - Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Emerald City Guard and Osians

Scene 2 : The Town Square, Emerald City

Merry Old Land Of Oz (Cont)

King Of The Forest - Lion, Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow & Tinman

Scene 3 : The Wizards Chamber

Scene 4 : The Gates of the Emerald City (Butterfly Net)

Scene 5 : The Witches Castle

March Of The Winkies - Winkie General & Winkies

Scene 6 : The Haunted Forest

Jitterbug - Dancers, Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion & Chorus

Scene 7 : Flying Monkeys

Scene 8 : The Witches Castle

Scene 9 : Main Gate of the Witches Castle (Stripping the Winkies)

Scene 10 : The Witches Chamber (The Rescue)

Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead - Winkies Chorus

Scene 11 : The Wizards Chamber (Humbug)

Scene 12 : Balloon

Scene 13 : Farewell to Oz

Scene 14 : The Kansas Prairie (Home!)

Bows And Play Out Music

There will be a 20 minute Interval

Please remember that no photographs or recordings are allowed to be taken during the show.

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