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#### THE DIRECTOR

LIZ HONSBERGER, who can be found during the day hiding in the Registrar's office where she works, emerges at night as a director and star. She has appeared in over twenty plays both in Toronto and locally. For her portrayal of Eliza Gant in LOOK HOMEWARD ANGEL, Liz won the Best Supporting Actress Award for the Western Ontario Drama League and the Best Actress Award for the Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre. She is a director in her own right with ten plays to her credit. Liz's direction of WORLD WITHOUT MEN won the Best Play Award locally and also the regionally. Her most recent tour de force has been THE FANTASTICKS which she directed this January so successfully that the play was held over, a first for WUC.

#### THE PRODUCER

**JOHN DELMAGE** is a third year student at WUC. If you have seen him at all he is usually found in the lighting booth in the T-A. John has done the lighting for all the major productions at the school this year.

#### THE PIANIST

**BOB MORROW**, the rehearsal pianist and vocal coach for OLIVER, deserves much of the credit for the success of OLIVER. Although he has worked every night with the cast, Bob still finds time to be on the staff of the Royal Hamilton Conservatory of Music. *Magnifique!* 

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## The OLIVER Story

We are back in the London of Dickens' time, the London of the street urchins, the pickpockets and the fine ladies and gentlemen of Belgravia Square.

Here we enter a typical poorhouse run by the Widow Corney and assisted by Mr. Bumble, the parish beadle. The boys are sitting at the table waiting for their dole of gruel to keep them going for the day. A plaintive cry from one small boy who asks for more brings the Widow and Mr. Bumble to the realization that there is a new boy among the rest and they sing derisively of him in the song OLIVER! Locked up for his crime, Oliver watches as Mr. Bumble courts the Widow Corney and her coy reply to his advances in I SHALL SCREAM.

Mr. Bumble takes Oliver out to sell him, travelling through the back streets of London singing BOY FOR SALE. After being sold to an undertaker, Mr. Sowerberry by name, Oliver is taunted by Mr. and Mrs. Sowerberry and Mr. Bumble with the song THAT'S YOUR FUNERAL and left alone that night in the same room with Mr. Sowerberry's tools of the trade, the coffins. Here, Oliver sings the hauntingly beautiful WHERE IS LOVE?

Escaping the next morning, Oliver is soon picked up in the streets by The Artful Dodger and his gang who work for Fagin. They welcome him to the fold with CONSIDER YOURSELF and bring him before their boss who discusses with all of them why YOU'VE GOT TO PICK A POCKET OR TWO. When Nancy and Bet arrive, they join the group with a tirade on their life in the song IT'S A FINE LIFE. In order to get some practical experience in the art of pickpocketing, the boys, with Oliver in tow, go out the next day after being warned by Fagin about being picked up by the bobbies in his song BE BACK SOON. Oliver is captured by the police while out in the streets and Act One ends on that note.

Act Two opens in "The Three Cripples", an underworld inn near Clerkenwell outside London with Nancy belting out a drinking song called OOM-PAH-PAH. In the midst of the song, Bill Sykes appears to sing his song, MY NAME. The boys then tumble in to tell that Oliver has been captured and then released into the custody of an elderly gentleman who apparently is his grandfather. Fagin plans the recapture of Oliver who could conceivably give away his hiding place and sends Nancy to do it who is likewise threatened by Bill Sykes. She leaves calling on Bill with the hit song of the show, AS LONG AS HE NEEDS ME.

#### THE OLIVER STORY

Oliver, who is now happily aware of finally belonging somewhere, awakes the next morning and looks out the window to the scene in the London streets below, where the street criers, the flower girl, the milk-maid and the knife grinder are hawking their wares in the song, WHO WILL BUY? But the very minute he leaves the house he is trapped by Nancy and brought back to Fagin's kitchen. Fagin appears to have second thoughts about his role as a villain in REVIEWING THE SITUATION while Nancy and the Artful Dodger entertain the boys with their duet I'D DO ANYTHING.

Nancy begins to regret taking Oliver away from his grandfather and plans his return. But Bill Sykes seizes her at London Bridge, where she is to meet Oliver's grandfather, and kills her. In his attempt to grab Oliver and escape he is shot by a soldier from the crowd and Oliver is finally returned to his proper home.

The whole cast reappears for the final reprise of FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD, CONSIDER YOURSELF, I'D DO ANYTHING, and REVIEWING THE SITUATION.



#### MEMBERS OF THE CAST



PAT BROOKS who plays OLIVER in this year's production is a third year student at Waterloo University College. She appeared last year in GYPSY as Dainty June and spent one year with the New Play Society in Toronto. She brings nine years dancing experience to her demanding role as the hero of this musical.



BILL McKENZIE debuts as FAGIN in OLIVER! this year. A fourth year Honours French and Spanish student, Bill has appeared in high school productions of Ibsen and Thornton Wilder and in a Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre production. He has also made an appearance in summer stock theatre at Vineland, Ontario.



**DIANNE REA** who stars as NANCY, the female lead in OLIVER! is a third year student at WUC. Except for a small role in P&G's 1964-65 production of GUYS AND DOLLS, this is her first big role in a P&G production.



MURRAY HUNTER, BILL SYKES in this year's OLIVER! is a first year student. He appeared in the fall production of MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL with the WUC University Players and has acted in high school productions.



CHRIS MEE who plays MR. BUMBLE — THE PARISH BEADLE, is another first year student. He appeared in MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL as one of the priests and has had some experience with high school productions.



RAYN CLARK who was born in Pakistan appeared in high school productions in India including THE LESSON. He appeared in the WUC University Players' MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL as the First Tempter and the First Knight. Rayn is on view every day sweeping the floors in the Dining Hall.



HELGA MOYER, starring as WIDOW CORNEY, the comedy lead in OLIVER! has performed with the Brantford and Paris Drama Clubs. Last year she wowed the P & G audience with her uninhibited performance of Tessie Tura, the stripper in GYPSY.

JOHN HARVEY is in the character role of NOAH WALPOLE, the Assistant Undertaker in OLIVER! At the height of his acting experience he appeared as a townsman in THE MUSIC MAN and a dead man in Thorton Wilder's OUR TOWN. In his spare time John is a third year student at WUC.

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#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Oliver		-		-		-		Pat Brooks
Fagin	-		_		-		-	Bill McKenzie
The Artful Dodger		-		-		-		Rayn Clark
Bill Sykes -	-		-		_		-	Murray Hunter
Nancy		-		-		_		Dianne Rea
Bet	-		-		-		_	Sally Folland
Mr. Bumble — The Beadle				_		-		Chris Mee
Mrs. Corney -	-		_		-		_	Helga Mayer
Mr. Brownlow -		-		_		-		Dale Smith
Mr. Sowerberry	_		_		_		-	Terry Ferrant
Mrs. Sowerberry -		-		-		-		Jennifer Barron
Charlotte -	-		-		-		-	Libby Westland
Noah Claypole -		-		-		-		John Harvey
Dr. Grimwig -	-		-		_		_	Dave Webb
Mrs. Bedwin -		_		-		-		Carla Moray
Old Sally -	-		-		-		_	Nancy Randall
Delivery Boy -		-		_		-		Iain Richmond
The Street Criers	_		-		-		-	Gwen Davies
								Charlie Greham
The Boys		-		-		-		Marg Griffiths
								Barb Lindsey
								Chris Curtis
								Charlie Greham Elaine Kirshenblatt
								Gillain Smith
								Carla Moray
								Doreen Roberts
								Sue Robinson
				*				Dianne Hawley

Chorus - Chip Smith, Jill Cantelon, Bill Boddington,
Jackie Gould, Ellen Fergusson, Allison Jury,
Brad Chapple, Dave Forsee, Trevor Boothe,
Jim Griffiths, Paul McGeachie

#### ACT ONE

Scene 1	: THE WORKHOUSE
	Food, Glorious Food Chorus of street urchins
	Oliver Widow Corney, Mr. Bumble and boys
Scene 2	: THE WORKHOUSE PARLOUR
	I Shall Scream Widow Corney, Mr. Bumble
	Boy For Sale Mr. Bumble
Scene 3	: THE UNDERTAKERS'
	That's Your Funeral - Mr. Sowerberry, Mrs. Sowerberry, Mrs. Bumble
	Where is Love? Oliver
Scene 4	: THE UNDERTAKER'S
Scene 5	: PADDINGTON GREEN
	Consider Yourself The Artful Dodger, Oliver and the Boys
Scene 6	: THE THIEVES' KITCHEN
	Pick a Pocket or Two Fagin with the Boys
	It's a Fine Life Nancy, Bet and the Boys
	I'd do Anything Artful Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet, Fagin and the Boys
	You Can Go But Be Back Soon - Fagin, The Artful Dodger and the Boys



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#### **ACT TWO**

Scene 1:	THE "THREE CRIPPLES"
	Oom-Pah-Pah Nancy and Chorus
	My Name Bill Sykes
	As Long as He Needs Me Nancy
Scene 2:	THE BROWNLOWS'
	Who Will Buy? Oliver, Street Criers, and Chorus
Scene 3:	THE THIEVES' KITCHEN
	It's a Fine Life — Reprise Nancy, Bill Sykes, Fagin and The Artful Dodger
	Reviewing the Situation Fagin
Scene 4:	THE WORKHOUSE
	Oliver — Reprise Widow Corney, Mr. Bumble
Scene 5:	THE BROWNLOWS'
	As Long As He Needs Me — Reprise - Nancy
Scene 6:	LONDON BRIDGE
	Reviewing the Situation — Reprise Fagin
Scene 7:	LONDON BRIDGE
	Finale - Entire Ensemble

#### PRODUCTION STAFF

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