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My Fair Lady



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#### MY FAIR LADY

Book and Lyrics by ALAN JAY LERNER

Music by FREDERICK LOEWE

Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's Play and Gabriel Pascal's Motion Picture "PYGMALION"

Original Production Directed and Staged by Moss Hart

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The award winning ELODS proudly presents My Fair Lady, a musical based on George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion, with book & lyrics by Alan J. Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe.

Set in Edwardian London, Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl, takes speech lessons from the pompous Professor Henry Higgins, to pass as a lady. Higgins and Eliza clash and then form an unlikely bond.

A story with heart and comedy, My Fair Lady is a beautiful musical about transformation, patronage, gender politics and class. With unforgettable songs such as Wouldn't It Be Loverly, Get Me To The Church On Time and I Could Have Danced All Night, this enchanting classic will be a real treat.



#### **Committee**

Chair: Mark Shaw

Secretary: Simon Dingomal

Treasurer: Mark Tobin

Membership: Angela Edmunds

Production Manager: Lesley Clay

Publicity: Helen Wikeley

General members: Frank Bundle

Fiona Corden Roger Bunnage

#### Message from The Chair



It is crazy to think that rehearsals for My Fair Lady started in January 2020 with our show scheduled to open three months later, on 21st April. The rise of Covid-19 meant that by 17th March our show had to be cancelled, just over a month before opening night. Little did we know then that we would have to postpone the show twice more before finally being allowed to tread the boards again. Rehearsals recommenced in July 2021, after a 16 month break.

Our principal cast has fundamentally stayed the same with a couple of changes. A few ensemble members have had to drop out but they have been replaced by others who became available and we have welcomed three new members to the ELODS family.

We have also had some changes to our artistic team and we welcome back Sue Payne as director and Paula Bland as choreographer. Mark Newport remains as our resident musical director.

During the summer of 2020, we were very saddened to lose a dear member, Lisa Nnando-Shillingford to cancer and we purchased a clock in her memory which adorns the backstage dressing room corridor. A lovely dedication to Lisa appears later in the programme. Thanks are due to Alison Hall who was instrumental in organising the clock.

So, we are delighted to be back and are pleased to present to you one of the classic musicals of all time. I hope you enjoy the show.

#### Mark Shaw

Chair October 2021

#### In Memory of Lisa Nnando-Shillingford

Lisa was a much-loved member of the ELODS family. She had a big heart and a big smile and she sprinkled love and happiness wherever she went.

She would often arrive at rehearsals on her bicycle, belongings flying everywhere, and she brought an immediate and positive energy to the room. She appeared in many of our most recent productions including Whistle Down the Wind, Acorn Antiques, Lend Me a Tenor, Fiddler on the Roof, Crazy for You, Parade and On the Town.

As a memorial to Lisa, we have arranged for a clock and a plaque to be displayed in the backstage area of Wyllyotts. Lisa was not known for her punctuality, and would have

found it hilarious that we bought a clock in her memory!



We will think of Lisa every time we pass it as we head on down to the stage.

Rest in Peace Lisa – you are greatly missed xxx



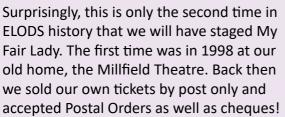
"In memory of lovely Lisa who performed regularly at this theatre with ELODS and many other societies."



"The Song is ended, but the melody lingers on"

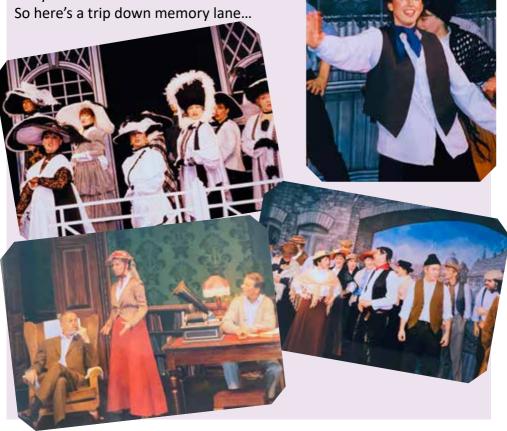






Familiar ELODS faces Greta Jenkins, Les Gershman, Hilary Thorne, Frank Bundle and Mark Newport were involved then and are once again involved today, over twenty years later! We are delighted to still have them as part of the society as well as an array of new faces.





## Musical Numbers Act 1

Overture

Why Can't The English?

Higgins

Wouldn't It Be Loverly?

Eliza and Ensemble

With A Little Bit of Luck
Doolittle, Harry and Jamie

I'm An Ordinary Man Higgins

Reprise – With a Little Bit of Luck

Doolittle and Ensemble

Just You Wait

Eliza

The Servants' Chorus
Servants

The Rain In Spain Higgins, Eliza and Pickering

I Could Have Danced All Night Eliza, Mrs Pearce and Maids

Ascot Gavotte
Ensemble

On The Street Where You Live Freddy

## Musical Numbers Act II

Entr'acte

Promenade

**Embassy Waltz** 

**You Did It**Higgins, Pickering, Mrs Pearce and Servants

Reprise – Just You Wait Eliza

Reprise – On The Street Where You Live Freddy

**Show Me** *Eliza and Freddy* 

**The Flower Market** *Eliza and Cockney Men* 

**Get Me To The Church On Time** *Doolittle and Ensemble* 

A Hymn to Him Higgins

**Without You**Higgins and Eliza

I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face Higgins

**Finale** 

#### The Cast



Jude Stoughton Eliza Doolittle
Jude has performed in many productions for ELODS, both in the chorus and in principal roles. She is excited to be back on stage with her wonderful ELODS family. Jude is abso-bloomin-lutely delighted to be playing the role of Eliza Doolittle and to step into the shoes of her idol Audrey Hepburn.



John Isaac Henry Higgins
Having played Freddy Eynsford-Hill twenty years ago,
John has always wanted to tackle the iconic role of Henry
Higgins and is extremely grateful to ELODS for giving
him the opportunity. Other recent roles at the Wyllyotts
Theatre have included: Ché (Evita); Leo Bloom (The
Producers); Mark (Rent); and Tick (Priscilla). By day, John
teaches children to speak beautifully in a central London
primary school.



Richard Hutchinson Colonel Pickering
Richard is excited to be appearing in this classic musical
with ELODS. He has enjoyed playing a variety of character
parts over the years including Harry the Horse in Guys
& Dolls, the long suffering Underling in The Drowsy
Chaperone and more recently the other half of the
Vulgarian comedy duo Boris in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. He
wishes all the cast and and crew a great show week and
hopes you all enjoy the show.



Naomi Delamore *Mrs Pearce*Naomi is thrilled to be performing with ELODS in this, one of her favourite musicals. She has performed with the company for over fifteen years and missed her ELODS family hugely during 2020. Her more recent ELODS roles include Anna in the King and I and Nelly Forbush in South Pacific.

#### The Cast



Henry Martin Freddy Eynsford-Hill
Henry has been performing with ELODS since 2012,
and loves working and performing with such a talented,
welcoming group. This will be Henry's 7th show with the
company, having performed varied roles from the inept
Bud Frump in How to Succeed to the revenge driven
Frankie Epp in Parade. Henry is looking forward to treading
the boards again after nearly a two year hiatus in this
beautifully written musical theatre classic.



Stephen Milligan Alfred Doolittle
Stephen is happy to be playing the part of Doolittle, where a lot of old rubbish is involved!
He last performed in My Fair Lady at the tender age of 16 when still at school (So long ago it may well have been in Latin). He hopes "with a little bit of luck" that you all enjoy the show.



Leanne Lynch Mrs Higgins
Leanne is thrilled to be playing the role of Mrs Higgins. She joined Elods back in 1997 and has had so much fun. Some of her past roles have been, Mona in Best Little Whore House in texas, The Duchess in Me and My Girl and her oldest role so far has been Yenta in Fiddler on the Roof. She hopes you enjoy the show.



David Watts Harry / Cockney Quartet
My Fair Lady is David's ninth show with ELODS and the
first to require an English accent. For any Professors of
Phonetics who may be curious, the character of Harry was
brought up in Harrow, resided briefly in East Anglia, and
has lived in Enfield for the last 30 years (in the course of
which he was fortunate enough to make the acquaintance
of Alfred P Doolittle Esquire). David's accent is therefore
entirely authentic.



Mark Tobin Jamie
Mark is looking forward to having a good old 'knees up'
as Jamie, one of Doolittle's drinking buddies. He is really
pleased to be ticking off another classic musical from his
'must do' list and hopes everyone watching really enjoys
the show.

#### The Ensemble



Zachary Anstee Cockney Quartet



**Emma Bell** 



**Ellie Brunton** 



Roger Bunnage Cockney Quartet



**Stef Carpenter** Queen of Transylvania



**Fiona Corden** 



**Nic Corden**Professor Zoltan Karpathy / Cockney Quartet



Les Gershman



**Mark Harris** 



**Emily Kennedy-Neal** 

#### The Ensemble



**John Lynch** *Bartender* 



**Bethany Newport** 



**Hannah Rourke** 



**Matthew Saunderson** 



**Sophie Shoults** 



Carolyn Sobers
Lady Boxington



**John Stivey** *Lord Boxington* 



Samantha Stringle Mrs Eynsford-Hill



**Clare Viccars** 



**Helen Wikeley** 

#### The Production Team

Director Susan Payne
Musical Director Mark Newport
Choreographer Paula Bland
Production Manager
Production Secretary Greta Jenkins

Stage Manager Frank Bundle
Lighting Design and Operation John Castle
Sound Design and Operation Peter Donaghey

Costumes Hilary Thorne and Clare Viccars
Properties Lesley Clay and Simon Dingomal

Artwork Design Sunny Carter
Front of House Michelle Shaw

Programme Sue Jessel and Emily Kennedy-Neal

#### The Orchestra

Violin Lucia D'Avanzo- Lewis

Cello Lawrence Durkin
Bass Alan Coughlan

Kit/Percussion Kieran Newport

Flute Jennie Small
Clarinet 1 Sarah Brinkley
Clarinet 2 Mark Hayes

Trumpet 1 Sam Lewis
Trumpet 2 Laura Garwin
Trombone Matt Quick
Piano/MD Mark Newport

#### The Back Stage Crew

Mark Shaw Mitchel Lathbury
Nathan Carter Cathryn Hunt
Andy Frost Hannah Frost
Sue Pritchard Hayley Bater

#### For Wyllyotts Theatre

Theatre Manager
Technical Manager
Marketing Manager
Box Office Supervisor

Theatre Manager
Jack Chambers
Debbie Wiltshire
Karen Sheridan

Duty Managers Samuel Etherington & Colin Burch



#### **Susan Payne** *Director*

My Fair Lady was the first ever show I was in with Wood Green Operatic Society about a hundred years ago! It has a very special place in my memories and was the beginning of an involvement in amateur theatre that has shaped my life and given me fantastic friendships, lots of laughter and so many experiences. I have directed My Fair Lady twice before and was happy to take over from Natalie O'Sullivan, who was the original director before the show had to be postponed. The last show I directed for ELODS was South Pacific and I know the cast of My Fair Lady are thrilled to be able to perform again in front of you and I hope you all enjoy the experience of live theatre once again.



#### Mark Newport Musical Director

Mark has now been working with ELODS for over 30 years. Alongside this and teaching commitments, he has had a successful career in London's West End, working for many years on Les Misérables, for which he has conducted performances in London's West End and on the UK tour. Other West End credits on keyboards include Bombay Dreams, Cats, Chicago, Martin Guerre, Phantom of the Opera, Starlight Express, Sunset Boulevard, The Goodbye Girl and Woman in White. As Musical Director he has performed at Sadler's Wells, The Mermaid (Royal Gala), Whitehall and Bloomsbury theatres. He was also Assistant Conductor for the Opera East on six national **tours.** Mark has taught at Guildford School of Acting, Mountview and Guildhall and is a member of the Music Staff at Oueenwood School Hertfordshire.



#### Paula Bland Choreographer

Paula is delighted to be back with ELODS to choreograph My Fair Lady. Having choreographed many shows for various local groups over the years she is no stranger to dealing with a variety of issues, so adapted easily to the new restrictions to enable local theatre to get back on stage. We thank you for coming to support us and hope you have a 'luverly' evening.



#### Frank Bundle Stage Manager

Frank has been involved in amateur theatre for over 35 years. He became involved with ELODS when asked to crew for Sweet Charity in 1982. He has subsequently stage managed every major production bar one and has been involved in the design and construction of sets for several of our more recent shows. In 2011 he was presented with the prestigious NODA Flame Award for service to Amateur Theatre. My Fair Lady is Frank's 72nd show with ELODS!



#### **Lesley Clay** Production Manager/Props

This is Lesley's ninth show with ELODS and her first show as Production Manager, taking over the reins from Fiona. So far so good! Lesley is continuing with Props. Lesley was stage manager for two professional productions in 2019 and thoroughly enjoys learning all about backstage in a theatre.

She hopes you all enjoy My Fair Lady as much as the cast and crew have enjoyed putting it together.



#### **Greta Jenkins** *Production Secretary*

Greta has been a member of ELODS for nearly 40 years- playing many parts (usually rather peculiar ladies!), in various Committee roles and as Production Secretary for 10 years. Her professional experience includes being Vice Principal of a London drama school, a Theatrical Agent and working as a tutor on TV, feature films and with the Royal Shakespeare Company. She was also the producer of G and G productions, the resident theatre company at the Dugdale Theatre.



#### **Hilary Thorne** *Costumes*

After 25 years you would think costuming a show would be easy, but every one brings its own challenges and difficulties, which is why I enjoy it so much! Many thanks to Clare, Lesley and Juila for their help.



#### **Clare Viccars** Costumes

Clare has directed, choreographed and performed in many shows, revisiting old favourites as well as creating original pieces in both amateur and professional settings. With experience in different areas of production she will be turning her hand this time, and for the first time, to costuming. Thankfully she loves the fashion of the Edwardian period!



#### Michelle Shaw Front of House

NODA award-winning Front of House Manager Michelle has been meeting and greeting our patrons for many years. She is always looking for new volunteers to help with ushering and selling programmes, raffle tickets and ice creams. If you are interested in helping at future shows, please contact her on 07710 494 010.





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would like to thank .....

The United Reformed Church, Compton Road N21
The Methodist Church, Old Park Ridings N21
Southgate Progressive Synagogue, Chase Road N14

for the use of their halls for our rehearsals











#### From the beginning!

The history of ELODS goes back to 1951 when the society was known as the Wheatsheaf Players, a group sponsored by the Co-operative Society and named after their monthly publication 'The Wheatsheaf'. The deal was that the Education committee of the Enfield Highway Co-operative Society provided £120 per year and in exchange, the Players put on one Gilbert and Sullivan Opera per year.

By 1953 however, the name was changed to Enfield Light Operatic Society and was run in connection with the Enfield Evening Institute, under the auspices of the Middlesex Education Committee. One of the earliest programmes we still have is of Iolanthe, which was performed at the Chase Secondary Modern Boys School in Churchbury Lane Enfield on April 26th - 28th 1962. The programme was six old pence -2% pence in modern money.

By 1965, the name had been changed to Enfield Light Operatic and Dramatic Society. One of the early pioneers of ELODS was Sid Griffiths who was chairman for many years, and he died prematurely in 1969 aged 63. Basil Gathergood took over. Yeoman of the Guard was performed that year. Programme price has doubled to one shilling (5p). We rehearsed at Ponders End Girls School.

At the start of the 1970's ELODS began to regularly perform two shows a year and the last show we performed at Enfield Grammar School was Merrie England in April 1970. There was a strike going on just prior to the autumn show and the caretaker of Enfield Grammar School wouldn't put out the chairs and wouldn't let ElODS put them out either. Katie Hinde was the producer at the time and got in touch with The Intimate Theatre in Palmers Green and we moved there. This was the first time ELODS had performed in a 'proper' theatre, and we never looked back. That first show at the Intimate was Me and My Girl with top price tickets at 10/- (50p).

By 1982, we were still performing at the Intimate. We performed Sweet Charity in the April. Mike Gilbert was Chairman; Sally Pearson was the treasurer and Paul Cody was on the committee. In the cast, Oscar was played by John Basham and Nickie by Julia Harris, Rose by Jean Streeton and Big Daddy by Howard Wright. MD was Bob Jury. The November 1982 production of the Card was noted by Frank Bundle's first role as stage manager.



#### From the beginning!

November 1985's production of Oklahoma is worth mentioning. Dora Basham was director. MD was Ally Kessler, but a certain Mark Newport is in the programme as rehearsal pianist. Geoff Knight was now Chairman, Richard Bodek was secretary and Joe Harris was Treasurer. The cast starred Greta Jenkins as Aunt Ella.

By 1989, we had moved to The Millfield Theatre – billed as North London's new theatre and our October 1989 production of Chicago had Gail Ashwell (our director for Curtains in April 2022) as 'Producer and Choreographer' and Mark Newport as Musical Director.

In 2003 we celebrated 50 years of ELODS with a Dinner and Dance on 1st March at the Apollo Suite Cockfosters.

We played at the Millfield for another 16 years until 2005 when we switched again to our present venue, The Wyllyotts Theatre Potters Bar where we have been ever since. In April 2013, we celebrated 60 years with another dinner dance but this time at the Winchmore Hill Cricket Club attended by many old and new members.

One of the most technically challenging shows of recent times was the last show that we performed here i.e., Chitty Chitty Bang Bang in October 2019. All the regular Chitty cars for hire were either too large to get through the doors or too heavy for the stage. Eventually we found a company in the west country that were building their own car from scratch, and which was the right size and weight. We ended up buying it and carried out lots of improvements. Nic Corden, our male lead in the show did most of the tinkering, which was quite apt. At the time, Chitty was released to amateurs and it seemed that other societies were having difficulties in procuring a car so were able to recoup the cost of the car by hiring it out to companies in Berwick on Tweed and Cambridge before it finally arrived in Potters Bar. We finally sold the car to a set hire company, and it made an appearance on the TV show Strictly Come Dancing in 2020!

ELODS is a wonderful company that goes from strength to strength. We aim to put on shows as professionally as we can which is why the average cost of staging a production can often exceed £25,000. At our heart however we try to remember that we are just a group of friends who like to put on shows.

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ELODS are especially grateful to the entire cast and crew for their dedication and professionalism in the run up to staging this show during the nationwide situation that we have all been touched by in some way.

Thank you to Natalie O'Sullivan, our original director, and Rosie Cennamo, our original choreographer, for their vision and work before the pandemic halted our rehearsals and Spring 2020 production plans.

Thank you to Green Room Productions and Southgate Opera for scenery and props, Lesley Clay for sourcing and creating props and David Clay for painting the pub sign. Paul Lazell for the hire of the set and Frank Bundle, John Lynch and Mark Shaw for making a variety of additional set pieces. Thank you to Steve Beeston for this show's photography and Helen Wikeley for organising the publicity.

Thank you to Emily Kennedy-Neal and Simon Dingomal for organising the programme content and Sue Jessel for setting the programme for us.

Huge thanks to Clare Viccars for her hard work and dedication assisting Hilary Thorne with costumes and also to Dress Circle Costumiers of Witham for the sale of costumes for this production.

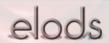
Finally, we would like to thank the members of the orchestra, all the technical team, volunteers and 'Friends of ELODS', as well as the backstage crew, front of house volunteers led by Michelle Shaw and assisted by Angela Edmunds, and Wyllyotts Theatre staff.



#### **Our Past Shows**

1986

The Mikado



2020	No shows due to Coronavirus	pandemic
2019	On The Town	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
2018	The Drowsy Chaperone	The King and I
2017	Crazy For You	Parade
2016	Legally Blonde - The Musical	Guys and Dolls
2015	South Pacific	Fiddler on The Roof
2014	Acorn Antiques-The Musical	Lend Me A Tenor-The Musical
2013	How To Succeed In Business	Whistle Down The Wind
2012	42nd Street	Oklahoma!
2011	Thoroughly Modern Millie	Jesus Christ Superstar
2010	The Pajama Game	Kiss Me Kate
2009	The Wizard of Oz	Iolanthe
2008	Singing in the Rain	Annie
2007	Oliver	Hot Mikado
2006	High Society	Carousel
2005	The Pirates of Penzance	
2004	Cabaret	Calamity Jane
2003	The Boardwalk Gondoliers	South Pacific
2002	Sugar	Fiddler on the Roof
2001	Hello Dolly	The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas
2000	How To Succeed In Business	Oklahoma!
1999	Crazy For You	Me and My Girl
1998	My Fair Lady	Godspell
1997	Sweet Charity	High Society
1996	Billy	Annie
1995	42nd Street	Anything Goes
1994	Fiddler on The Roof	The Mikado
1993	Kiss Me Kate	The Wizard of Oz
1992	Guys and Dolls	Guys and Dolls
1991	The Good Companions	Princess Ida
1990	The Pajama Game	Little Mary Sunshine
1989	The Pirates of Penzance	Chicago
1988	Godspell	Goldilocks and The Three Bears
1987	Finian's Rainbow	Cabaret

Oh! What A Lovely War

### **Our Past Shows**

1953 Trial By Jury



1985	The Sorcerer	Oklahoma!	
1984	States Alive	Fiddler On The Roof	
1983	Memories	The Gondoliers	
1982	Sweet Charity	The Card	
1981	Carousel	Call Me Madam	
1980	Music Hall	Cabaret	
1979	Free As Air	The Arcadians	
1978	Oh! What A Lovely War	Orpheus In The Underw <mark>orld</mark>	
1977	Flappers and Flannels	The Maid of the Mountai <mark>ns</mark>	
1976	Iolanthe	Olde Tyme Music Hall	
1975	Fiddler On The Roof	How To Succeed In Business	
<b>1974</b>	The Pajama Game	Salad Days	
1973	Oklahoma	The Mikado	
1972	Brigadoon	The Boyfriend	
1971	Orpheus In The Underworld	Songs from Gilbert and Sullivan	
1970	Merrie England	Me and My Girl	
1969	The Yeoman Of The Guard	Return of Olde Tyme Music Hall	
1968	Lilac Time	Olde Tyme Music Hal	l \
1967	Ruddigore	An Evening of Music a	and Drama
1966	La Belle Helene	Trial By Jury	
1965	The Mikado		
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1963	HMS Pinafore		
1962	Iolanthe		
1961	The Gondoliers	The Gypsy Baron	
1960	The Pirates Of Penzance		
1959	Trial By Jury		
1958	Yeoman Of The Guard		
1957	The Mikado		
1956		Patience	
1955	The Gondoliers		
1954	HMS Pinafore		

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