



# An introduction to the Concordia Youth Theatre

*The Concordia Youth Theatre is a society affiliated to the Concordia Theatre, Stockwell Head, Hinckley. Founded in 1974, the CYT is now recognised as one of the leading youth theatres in the country, with many highly acclaimed productions to their credit.*

*The focus of the CYT is to provide the opportunity for youngsters between the ages of 13 – 20 the opportunity to participate in theatrical training, gaining exposure to many different art forms. This culminates in an annual production each June, performed in the main house of the Concordia Theatre.*

*Being totally self financed, the society relies mainly on the ticket sales from each show. However, each year additional funds are realised through other opportunities including membership fees, sponsored events, donations and the sale of drinks and scripts.*

*Our annual production costs are in excess of £16,000 with the cost of this generally being covered by the sale of tickets to the theatre club membership, parents, relatives and friends of the CYT and the general public.*

1977 The Kids Entertain	1994 Oliver!
1978 Smike	1995 The Wizard of Oz
1979 Reflections	1996 The Vackees
1981 The Wizard of Oz	1997 The Son Of Sweeney
1982 Bye Bye Birdie	1998 Dracula Spectacula
1983 Toad of Toad Hall	1999 The Wiz
1984 Tin Pan Ali	2000 Whistle Down The Wind
1985 Scrooge	2001 Bye Bye Birdie
1986 I Was a Teenage Jekyll & Hyde	2002 Tin Pan Ali
1988 Buggy Malone	2003 A Little Princess
1989 The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe	2004 Dazzle
1990 A Tale of Two Cities (Premiere)	2005 Summer Holiday
1991 The Ragged Child	2006 Honk!
1992 Sweet Charity	2007 Les Misérables SE
1993 The Heartless Princess	2008 Back to the 80's



*Barnado's Children's Homes*

*As part of our commitment to give something back to the community, we often undertake fundraising in conjunction with worthwhile charities. In recent years these have been "When You Wish Upon a Star" where we donated over £2,500 following a year of fundraising efforts. We also donated £750 to "MATTYS" in 2007. This is a charity that was established in memory of Matthew Fulham, a local Hinckley lad who lost his life in the bombings at Sharm Al Sheikh in 2005. In 2008/9, we will raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and*



*An annual donation is made to the Concordia Theatre to ensure we play our part in the development of the theatre.*



*As part of the drive to give our members opportunities not normally enjoyed, we often arrange trips to see professional shows around the country. In 2007 the CYT took great pleasure in travelling to London to see Les Misérables, meeting the cast backstage after the show. The trip in 2008 was to see "Billy Elliot".*



*The society is committee run with Chairman, Treasurer, 3 Committee members (including the Director) and two CYT Representatives who are existing members of the society holding full responsibility.*

*Entry to the CYT is through audition in front of a panel. Applicants are required to sing a piece of their choice (unaccompanied) and perform a monologue. If they are successful they will receive a welcome letter and details about the rules & regulations of the society.*

Security and the protection of our members are of the utmost importance. All members of the production team are registered chaperons and have full CRB certification.

In line with the requirements of the local councils, members who have not completed their final normal school year are required to be licensed to perform in the annual production.



The society is also governed by a complete constitution and set of rules and regulations which are given to all members and parents/guardians at the start of each season.



Numerous members also enjoy the opportunity of joining the adult societies of the Concordia Theatre, with many of them becoming firm fixtures in other shows. We also encourage members to approach other avenues of performing arts with many focusing on a future career in the theatre. Each year we salute those members who have been successful in gaining a place at many of the coveted drama colleges throughout the country.

Indeed, we can cite several former members who continue to be successful in a theatrical profession, including Eaton James, a CYT member in the 80's who recently played the lead role of Dirty Harry in the West End production of "Never Forget", the Take That! Musical.



We continue to develop and inspire youngsters to take part in live theatre and to explore what talents they have yet to find. As a further aid, we have introduced a "bursary award" for those who are trying to develop their ambitions further. The award is in the form of a financial donation which is given following an application to the CYT committee and must be related to further studies or personal development in the arts. Whilst only small sums are given, these are always gratefully appreciated by the members.

Those who wish to join the Concordia Youth Theatre will:

- ☛ Be 13 years of age by the opening night of the June production and not have reached the age of 20
- ☛ Be required to audition for entry to the society
- ☛ Pay the annual membership fee of £30 (2008/9 fee) by September 31<sup>st</sup>
- ☛ Abide by the rules and regulations of the society
- ☛ Attend all rehearsals (Wednesdays and Sundays) and workshops where their presence is required



The rest speaks for itself. The production team is all unpaid volunteers who have a desire to give our youngsters the greatest opportunities possible. With such a high record of achievement, we continually strive to provide our members with the most exhilarating theatrical experiences possible..... We look forward to welcoming you.

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