



THURROCK OPERATIC SOCIETY (TOPS)

Affiliated to NODA, the National Operatic and Dramatic Association and supported by Thurrock Arts Council

INFORMATION PACK

Oliver!

OPEN AUDITIONS

Thursday 6th October - By appointment

At United Reformed Church Annex, Bradleigh Avenue, Grays
Show Week: 12th – 17th March 2012 at Thameside Theatre, Grays

Director & Choreographer – Ann Sullivan – Musical Director – Alan Watts

AUDITIONS

Auditioning is simple and informal. You will need to prepare before your audition takes place, so that you can show yourself at your best for the auditioning panel. The songs you have to learn are listed later in this pack.

- The planned Rehearsal dates are included in this pack. Please check them and make sure you can be available for rehearsals and show week, as per the schedule before auditioning.
- All cast members must attend 75% - 100% of rehearsal dates for which you are called. If attendance is less than this, you will be dropped from the show.
- If principals need to be away through holidays, these dates should be advised so that the Rehearsal Schedule can be re-worked around them where possible. If principals are away at short notice, they must appoint another cast member (not a principal) to understudy for them at that rehearsal, so that the rehearsal is not disrupted.

CHILDREN: Those wishing to be considered as Orphans and Fagin's Gang members will be auditioned in a group with several others. Those wishing to audition for the role of Oliver or The Artful Dodger will be required to audition on their own. If unsuccessful in the role, they will be automatically considered for Fagin's Gang or Chorus.

OLIVER & DODGER: Dialogue audition pieces will be issued on audition day. Please arrive 20 minutes or so before your audition time so that you have time to get familiar with the dialogue.

REHEARSALS

ORPHANS, FAGIN'S GANG and Dodger & Oliver (As called): Thursdays from 13th Oct - 5pm to 7pm & four Sundays before show week. There are additional Principal rehearsals for Oliver and Dodger to 9pm on Thursdays and some Mondays. Please see the schedule.

Dodger & Oliver : Additional Mondays as called from 3rd Oct (See schedule attached) at St. John's Church Hall, Victoria Avenue, Grays

PLEASE NOTE: WHOLE COMPANY means everybody in the show.

The Briefing Meeting for all children in the show will be held on Thursday, 13th October at 5pm. Show Fees will be collected in the foyer at the hall from 5.30pm onwards. All children with a parent (if under 16) including Oliver & Dodger are required to attend this meeting.

SHOW FEES

A show fee of £45 is payable on 13th October. Cheques should be made payable to "Thurrock Operatic Society".

SHOW WEEK

Dress Rehearsal & Performances at Thameside Theatre, Orsett Road, Grays

From Monday, 12th – Saturday 17th March 2012 (including a Saturday Matinée performance)

All cast members must be available for all dates at the theatre

SCRIPTS & SCORES

Scripts will be available for Dodger & Oliver from 13th October. A deposit of £25 each will be required before copies are released to you. Your deposit money will be refunded upon the return of your book/s, so long as they are in good condition, with pencil markings erased.

OTHER CHILDREN will be issued with song words for which no Deposit is required.

STAGE PRESENTATION

Everyone who wishes to be in the show is required to wear the correct costumes, accessories, hair-style and stage make-up for show week. Costumes will be provided in the main but you will need to provide footwear and accessories in keeping with your costumes. A full costume plot will be provided once the company is into rehearsals, so that you know what you need to supply, in good time before show week.

AUDITION SONGS

Audition Songs to be learnt for the auditions are in brackets
(DIALOGUE audition pieces will be issued on the day)

ORPHANS

Boys or Girls no taller than 5' - boys must have unbroken voices

(FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD) AND (CONSIDER YOURSELF) First section of the songs only

GIRLS & BOYS (boys with broken voices) aged 14 plus will be considered for ADULT CHORUS

PRINCIPAL ROLES

OLIVER TWIST – Age 11/13

A workhouse boy with unbroken voice **(WHERE IS LOVE)**

THE ARTFUL DODGER – Age 13/16

Cocky, Jack the lad, street wise. **(CONSIDER YOURSELF)**

WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Decide upon the part/s for which you would like to audition
- Book an appointment time by emailing Suzanne Gunn - Email: gunnrbrt@aol.com or telephone **07734 817418 (after 4pm)**
- Learn and practice the audition songs so that you can be confident and ready for your audition
- Complete the Audition Form. It may be emailed to Suzanne gunnrbrt@aol.com prior to the auditions or posted to:-

Mrs Suzanne Gunn
149 Danes Way, Pilgrims Hatch
Brentwood, Essex CM15 9JU

Please complete, detach this form from the pack and return it as detailed BY 8TH SEPTEMBER.

THOSE AUDITIONING

SURNAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

TELEPHONE _____ MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____

IF UNDER 17

Height (in feet & inches)? _____ date of birth _____

Will you have performed in another show (other than a school show) since 8th September 2011?

YES NO

Parent/s Surname _____ First Name _____

Mobile _____ Email _____

Does your child have any medical ailments of which we need to be aware? YES NO

If yes, please give details on the back of this form.

Please tick this box if you do NOT agree to the use of photographs of your child in our publicity (e.g. in the Programme, on the web site etc.)

If auditioning for either Oliver or Dodger, enter details below (you don't have to audition for both):-

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

If you are not successful in the role(s) for which you are auditioning, please indicate –

Are you willing to be a part of Fagin's Gang and an Orphan or the Chorus? YES NO

Please answer honestly. It will have no bearing on the result of your audition, but will help us to assess from the outset, the size of the Company for this production.

Please list any known holiday dates. This will enable the Director to re-work the Rehearsal Schedule if necessary, at the earliest opportunity.

- The information provided on this form will be treated in the strictest confidence. Some or all of this information may be retained in our records in accordance with the rules set out in Data Protection legislation but will not be passed on to third parties.

REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR AUDITION TIME

Suzanne Gunn - Email: gunnrbrt@aol.com or telephone **07734 817418 (after 4pm)**

REHEARSAL DATES

DAY	DATE	TIME	CALL
THU	13-Oct	5pm - 5.30pm	ALL CHILDREN including Oliver, Dodger & Bet
		5.30pm -7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, DODGER, OLIVER
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT CHORUS & DANCERS, NANCY
MON	17-Oct	7.45pm-10.15pm	PRINCIPALS (OLIVER till 9pm)
THU	20-Oct	5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, BET
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT CHORUS & DANCERS, NANCY (BILL from 9pm)
THU	27-Oct	5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, BET
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT CHORUS & DANCERS (NANCY till 8.30pm)
MON	31-Oct	7.45pm-10.15pm	PRINCIPALS (including OLD LADY & SALLY) (OLIVER till 9pm)
THU	03-Nov	5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, NANCY, BET
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT CHORUS & DANCERS
MON	07-Nov	7.45pm-10.15pm	PRINCIPALS (OLIVER till 9pm)
THU	10-Nov	5pm-7pm	ORPHANS & OLIVER
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT CHORUS & DANCERS
THU	17-Nov	5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, NANCY, BET
		7.15pm-10pm	PRINCIPALS
THU	24-Nov	5pm-7pm	ORPHANS & OLIVER, BUMBLE & CORNEY
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT CHORUS, SELLERS, DANCERS, (OLIVER till 9pm)
THU	01-Dec	5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, NANCY, BET
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT CHORUS, SELLERS, DANCERS, (OLIVER till 9pm)
THU	08-Dec	5pm-7pm	ORPHANS & OLIVER, BUMBLE & CORNEY
		7.15pm-10pm	PRINCIPALS (OLIVER till 9pm)
THU	15-Dec	5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY
CHRISTMAS BREAK			
THU	05-Jan	5pm-7pm	ORPHANS & OLIVER, BUMBLE & CORNEY
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY
MON	09-Jan	7.45pm-10.15pm	ALL PRINCIPALS (children leave at 9pm)
THU	12-Jan	5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY
MON	16-Jan	7.45pm-10.15pm	ALL PRINCIPALS (children leave at 9pm)
		5pm-7pm	ORPHANS & OLIVER, BUMBLE & CORNEY
THU	19-Jan	7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY, OLIVER, DODGER, 3 FAGIN'S GANG
		5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, NANCY, BET
THU	26-Jan	7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY
		5pm-7pm	ORPHANS & OLIVER, BUMBLE & CORNEY
THU	02-Feb	7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY
		5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, NANCY, BET
THU	09-Feb	7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY
		5pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, NANCY, BET
THU	16-Feb	5pm-5.30pm	ORPHANS & OLIVER, BUMBLE & CORNEY
		5.30pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, NANCY, BET
		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY
SUN	19-Feb	2pm - 6pm	WHOLE COMPANY
THU	23-Feb	5pm-5.30pm	ORPHANS & OLIVER, BUMBLE & CORNEY
		5.30pm-7pm	FAGIN'S GANG, FAGIN, DODGER, OLIVER, NANCY, BET

		7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY
SUN	26-Feb	2pm - 6pm	WHOLE COMPANY
THU	01-Mar	7.15pm-10pm	ADULT COMPANY
SAT	03-Mar	2pm - 4pm	WHOLE COMPANY - Costume Collection
SUN	04-Mar	2pm - 6pm	WHOLE COMPANY
THU	08-Mar	7.15pm-10pm	WHOLE COMPANY
SUN	11-Mar	12.30 - 2.30pm	BAND CALL & PRINCIPALS
		3pm - 6pm	WHOLE COMPANY
MON	12-Mar	From 6pm	WHOLE COMPANY
TUE - SAT	13 to 17	From 6pm	WHOLE COMPANY (From 1pm for Sat Mat)