

WELCOME

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our production of The Witches of Eastwick. Over the years, KMS has performed many of the great old musicals of the last century. This time, however, we have chosen a more contemporary musical, which was first performed in 2000.

The production has challenged us in more ways than one; not least because of the need to 'fly' the witches but also because of the 'adult' nature of the show! However, the great story line, music and choreography have made it all worthwhile.

While we took a bold step in selecting a new production team this season, we were well rewarded! So, a huge thank you to our engaging and talented production team, namely; Siobhán, Geoff and Rachel. They motivated us with their enthusiasm, creativity and skilled direction; leveraging every last ounce of talent from the entire cast!

A special thank you to my colleagues on the KMS Committee, whose hard work and enthusiasm made this challenging show possible. Sincere thanks also to Rockford Manor School, our great rehearsal venue; to our advertisers and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for their financial support; and, above all, to our loyal Patrons and supporters.

We now invite you to fasten your seat belts and come fly with us!

Billy Andrews
Chairman, Kilmacud Musical Society



ABOUT THE SHOW

In the little town of Eastwick, Rhode Island, everyone knows everyone else's business, particularly Felicia Gabriel, the town's first lady and busybody.

Alex, Jane, and Sukie are three witches who live undetected in the town. Though they have each other, each crave a relationship with a man. Sukie is having an affair with Felicia's husband Clyde. Their marriage is at breaking point, but Felicia pretends otherwise. Their daughter Jennifer is madly in love with Michael, Alex's son.

A stranger called Darryl Van Horne, has moved into The Lenox House and is cutting down the trees. Felicia rallies her Eastwick Preservation Society to confront him. When they arrive, all but Felicia find him strangely charming, until he exercises his powers over them. Darryl seduces each of the witches in turn, unbeknownst to the others. Everything is finally revealed when all three arrive at his house to play tennis. He shows them how to put a curse on Felicia; leading to her death at the hands of Clyde and Clyde's own suicide.

The witches finally realise how dangerous Darryl is and they end their relationship with him. He retaliates by seducing Jennifer and convinces her to marry him. At the wedding, the witches use a voodoo doll to take their ultimate revenge. Jennifer and Michael reunite, but the witches discover that Darryl has left a final surprise for each of them!

PRODUCTION TEAM



Director:
Siobhán
Gallagher



**Musical
Director:**
Geoff Woods



Choreographer:
Rachel
Sheahan

Stage Manager: Aoife Ryan
Sound: Conor Wilkins
Set Design: Scene Maker
Lighting: Gary O'Daly
Flight Rigging: Johann Hattingh
Props: Jacqueline Drew, Eamonn Murphy
Backstage: Brid O'Meara, Marijka Walsh, Eilis Tyrell
Front of House: Claire Manning (Lead)
Costumes: Mairead McEvoy, Aisling Cuffe
Programme: Sarah Horgan, Billy Andrews
Photography: Sarah Horgan

Alan Davoren - Darryl Van Horne

Since Alan joined KMS in 2007, he has played a number of great roles including; Bill Sykes in Oliver, Pooh Bah in The Hot Mikado, Bill Hickok in Calamity Jane, Ali Hakim in Oklahoma and Nathan Detroit in Guys & Dolls. Tonight, he is performing as the devilish, mysterious and manipulative character, Darryl Van Horne; a role which plays to his talents and fits him like a glove! He's one lucky devil indeed!



Jillian Fagan - Alexandra Spofford



This is Jillian's first season with KMS and, in fact, she is the youngest cast member on stage tonight! She is thrilled to be playing the feisty and spirited Alexandra Spofford. Her interest in theatre began at the ripe old age of four, when she performed in her first pantomime (oh yes she did!). She hopes everyone enjoys tonight as much as she intends to!

Amy Louise Byrne - Jane Smart

Amy joined Kilmacud in 2009 and has played a variety of leading roles since. She had great fun in rehearsals this year and is very excited to be playing 'Jane Smart'. She would like to sincerely thank her mum, Niall, grandparents, Ian, Liz Ryan, Sarah-Jane and the Production Team, for all their support, direction and encouragement. Special thanks to Niall for helping with the lines!



Jennifer Fahy - Sukie Rougement



Jennifer is thrilled to be playing Sukie in her fifth show with Kilmacud. Her previous roles have included Calamity in Calamity Jane, Adelaide in Guys & Dolls and Ellie in Showboat. She thanks her family, the Production Team and the Committee for all their hard work and support. She says "break a leg" to the cast and wishes you a magical evening!

Marion Holohan - Felicia Gabriel

This is Marion's seventeenth year with KMS. Having started out in the chorus, she became an established principal player in a short time, resulting in several leading performances ever since. In this production, she plays Felicia Gabriel, a strong willed woman and self appointed First Lady of Eastwick! Here, Marion reprises other strong character roles she has played with panache over the years.



Aidan Ffrench - Clyde Gabriel



Aidan's musical theatre experience spans 30 years, during which he played a number of great roles including, the Mikado in The Hot Mikado and Sky Masterson in Guys & Dolls. Over the years, he has performed on stage with Kilmacud, R&R, Bray and Dun Laoghaire Musical Societies. He also featured with Dalkey Players in their award winning production of Brian Friel's 'Translations'. Tonight, he plays Felicia's hen-pecked husband Clyde, who seeks solace in the company of Sukie in between bouts of scotch!

Steven Halion - Michael Spofford

This is Steven's first season with KMS. His love of the stage started during his school days, during which he took part in such musicals as The Wiz and Saturday Night Fever. Having successfully completed his Irish Board of Speech & Drama exams, he went on to teach the subject for almost three years while attending college. This is his first time on stage since finishing college and becoming a primary school teacher.



Jacqueline Drew - Jennifer Gabriel

Jacqueline is delighted to be back with KMS after returning from living in Australia, where she played the role of 'Any-bodys' in West Side Story and was lead dancer in Hairspray. Having trained as a dancer for over ten years, she has showcased her talents in many productions including Calamity Jane and Oklahoma. Best of luck to all the cast!



Aisling Cuffe - Little Girl



Aisling is really excited to be playing the Little Girl in this, her third show with KMS. She has also been involved with a number of choirs and other musical societies, including SYMCO, DSSC and NPAS. When she's not singing and dancing on stage she's usually 'performing' in the classroom where she teaches! She would like to thank the Committee and wish the best of luck to all the cast!

CHARACTERISED TOWNSPEOPLE

Carl Mageean - Joe Marino **Nóirín Sheridan** - Gina Marino **Geraldine Mulhall** - Marge Perly

Gillian Lynch - Brenda Parsley **Eamonn Murphy** - Ed Parsley **Gillian Quinn** - Rebecca Barnes

Chris O'Connor - Raymond Neff **Jen Oglesby** - Greta Neff **Eric Pfirsch** - Fidel



TOWNSPEOPLE

L to R
Jen Oglesby, Eimear Philbin, Carl Mageean, Chris O'Connor, Gillian Quinn, Lauren Murphy, Caroline Rowan, Susan O'Connor, Orla Cooney, Sarah Horgan, Cat Kennedy.

NOT PICTURED: Eric Pfirsch, Geraldine Mulhall, Joyce Neary.



TOWNSPEOPLE

L to R
Eamonn Murphy, Gary Graham, Marcus Wilson, Andy Kelly, Padraic Brady, David Claffey, Billy Andrews, Ciara Lawler, Gillian Lynch, Nóirín Sheridan, Alison Gill, Caoimhe O'Halloran

OUR COMMITTEE:

Billy Andrews (*Chairman*), Jen Oglesby, (*Secretary*), Claire Manning (*Treasurer*), Eamonn Murphy, Geraldine Mulhall, Gillian Quinn, Jacqueline Drew, Mairead McEvoy & Sarah Horgan.

Again this year, we would like to say a big thank you to Our Patrons. We deeply value your support and loyalty.

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MEMBER MILESTONES



Pat Hennessy (FILM) - Made an Honorary Life Member (FILM) this season.



Ray Barry (FILM) - Our esteemed friend is retiring from the stage.



Eric Pfirsch - Au revoir and merci to our adopted Frenchman



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