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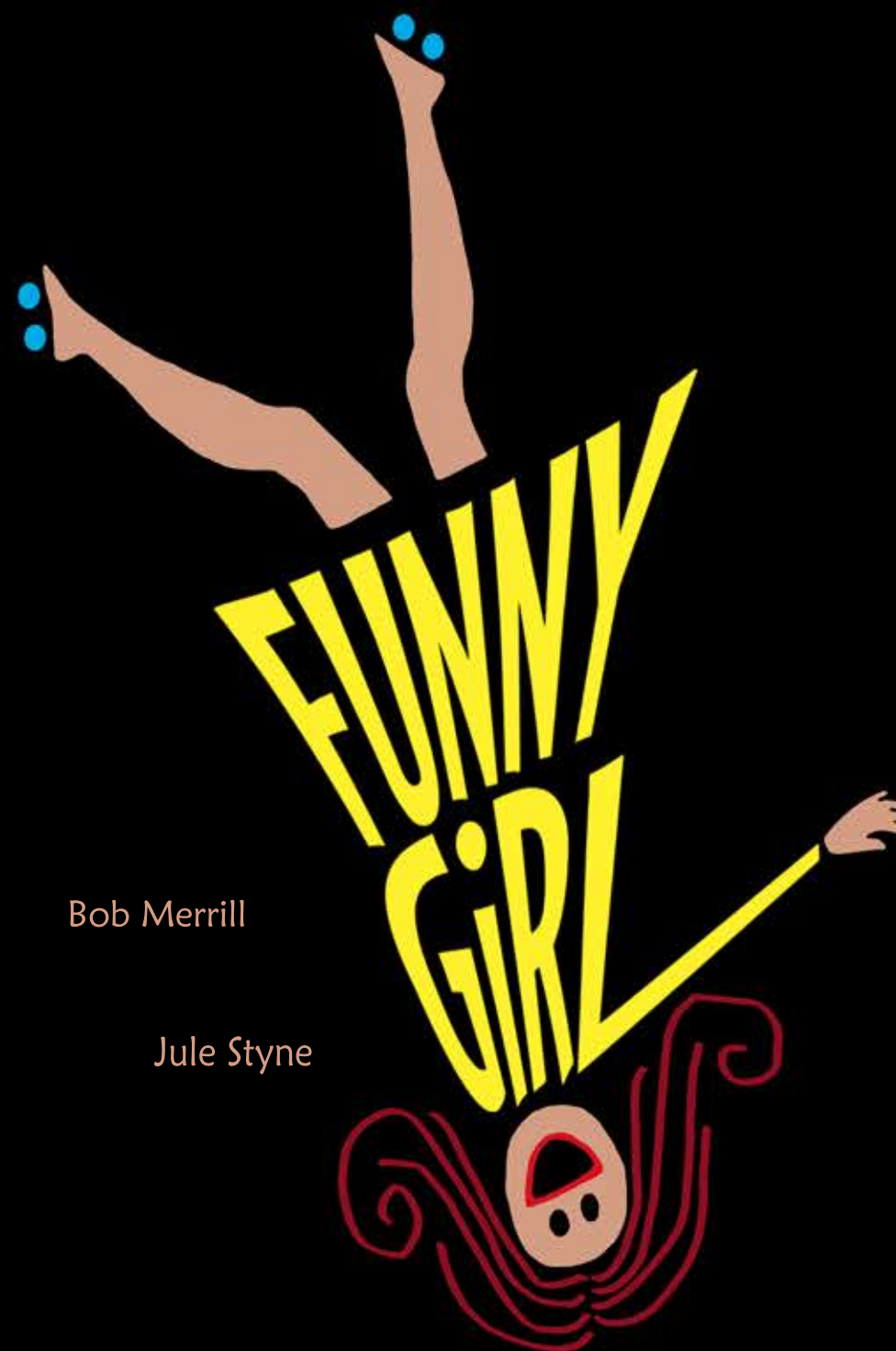
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Welcome

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Kilmacud Musical Society’s (KMS) production of the much loved musical ‘Funny Girl’, particularly in a special year for us as we celebrate our 35th season.

Funny Girl tells the semi-biographical story of Fanny Brice, a Broadway comedienne, actress and her quest for stardom. Opening on Broadway in 1964 this show incorporates famous melodies and a host of entertaining characters. We hope you enjoy a world that is full of Ziegfield Follies and shows how lucky we all are when surrounded by people who need and love us.

My sincere appreciation to all our members whose endless passion and energy has helped make our season entertaining, full of fun and who make being a part of KMS so incredibly special.

I would like to thank our wonderful production team for all their hard work and dedication. Over our season, they have all worked so passionately to help us look and sound our best, we are incredibly grateful.

A special thank you to my colleagues on the KMS committee; Mary, Alison, Aisling, Sarah, Gillian and Nikki for all their hard work and whose energy I found inspiring. Sincere thanks also to our rehearsal venue; Rockford Manor School; Dun Laoghaire County Council and our advertisers for their financial support; and above all our valued patrons and supporters for their loyalty.

We now invite you to sit back, enjoy the show and we'll do our best not to rain on your parade!

Zarah Doyle
Chairperson, Kilmacud Musical Society



About the show

Funny girl is one of the most popular movie musicals every made, and follows the early life of stage comedienne Fanny Brice, a role originally made famous by Barbra Streisand earning her a Tony and Oscar award. As our show opens, only Fanny’s mother believes she can make in on Broadway and when Fanny gets her first break in Keeneys Music Hall, it is clear that she is not very similar to her fellow showgirls and has a long road ahead to become the greatest star on Broadway.

Set in New York, our show opens with the now successful Fanny Brice, awaiting the return of her husband, gambler Nick Arnstein. Fanny reflects on her journey to stardom and the love of people she had along the way and takes us on a journey down memory lane with her.

Production Team



Director:
**PAUL
FAY**



Musical
Director:
**BRYAN
MULLEN**



Choreographer:
**RACHEL
SHEAHAN**

- Stage Manager:** Aoife Ryan
- Assistant Stage Manager** Brid O’Meara
- Sound:** Conor Wilkins
- Set Design:** Olga Tighe / Actavo Events
- Lighting:** Kris Mooney
- Costumes:** Sofia Arkelid
- Hair:** Victoria Vakkilainen
- Make-up:** MKF Make Up School
- Programme & Artwork:** Sarah Horgan
- Backstage/Front of House:** KMS friends

Our Committee

Zarah Doyle (*Chairperson*), Mary B. Dunphy (*Secretary*), Alison Gill (*Treasurer*), Aisling Cuffe, Sarah Lawlor, Gillian Lynch, Nikki Johnston.

Emma Coast - FANNY BRICE

Emma is excited to play Fanny Brice with Kilmacud Musical Society. Funny Girl has been one of her favourite musicals for as long as she can remember! Emma joined the society in 2016 and played the role of Natalie in KMS production of All Shook Up!. Emma has performed in many musicals such as A Chorus Line, Wizard of Oz, and Rent. She is so grateful to be a part of such a lovely group and is really looking forward to performing with everyone again.



Fergal D’Arcy - NICK ARNSTEIN

Galway native Fergal is a broadcaster with TodayFM. Fergal has worked as a performer, director and educator in theatre for many years. He is delighted to join the KMS cast for Funny Girl, after playing Patsy in Monthy Python’s Spamalot in the Bord Gais Energy Theatre. He has been involved with musical societies across Ireland and last year received an AIMS nomination for his role as St. Jimmy in Green Day’s American Idiot.



Chris O’Connor - EDDIE RYAN

After a 2 year break, Chris is delighted to be back with KMS. Being involved in musicals and theatre as far back as he can remember, Chris has appeared in shows such as Showboat and Sweet Charity. He has also directed several shows and appeared in the Trinity, Edinburgh & Dublin Fringe Festivals.



Aisling Cuffe - MRS. BRICE

Aisling is delighted to be taking on the exciting role of Mrs. Brice, in this, her sixth year with KMS. She studied drama throughout school and has loved it from an early age. Outside of musical theatre, she enjoys her work lecturing on early childhood development, and her involvement in Irish community radio. She would like to thank the 'super seven' committee, and says go n-eirí libh to the whole wonderful cast!



Zarah Doyle - MRS. STRAKOSH

Zarah is delighted to be playing the part of Mrs Strakosh, in this, her third year with KMS. Zarah has always enjoyed musical theatre and has previously performed in the National Concert Hall, the Olympia, and Gaiety theatre. Zarah would really like to thank the cast and crew for all their hard work and hopes everyone breaks a leg.. Enjoy the show!



Billy Andrews - MR. ZIEGFELD

Billy takes on the role of Mr. Ziegfeld, Theatre Impresario, in this, his 10th year with KMS. Having served on committee for 6 years (4 as Chair), he is happy to take a back seat this year to focus on his very limited stage talent! There's no choreography in this role, so he just has to be careful not to 'trip' over his words!



Ray Bissett - MR. KEENEY

This is Ray’s second season with Kilmacud Musical Society and he is excited to have the opportunity to take on the role of Mr Keeney. He is thoroughly enjoying the experience with KMS and would like to thank the production team and fellow cast for all of their hard work and wish them all the best for the run.



Lesley Cosgrave - EMMA

This is Lesley's third season with Kilmacud Musical Society. She has also been a member of Baldoyle and Portmarnock Musical Societies. Highlights include Mrs. Molloy in Hello Dolly, Laurie in Oklahoma and Glinda The Good Witch in The Wizard of Oz. Lesley holds a FETAC in Theatre Studies and a HND in Performance and Media Studies. She is delighted to be playing the part of Emma in this production and wishes the cast and crew the best of luck. Enjoy the show!



Katie Gallagher - FANNY BRICE (MATINEE/UNDERSTUDY)

Katie joined KMS this season and is delighted to be taking on the role of Fanny Brice for the Saturday matinee. She hopes the audience enjoy the show and wishes the cast a great show week.



Supporting Cast



Left to Right: Alison Gill - **Mrs Meeker**; Gary Graham - **Stage Manager**; Eoghan Boyle - **Mr Renaldi**; Joyce Neary - **Mrs O’Malley**
Not Pictured: Nóirín Sheridan - **Jenny**; Rob Murphy - **Tenor**

Our Chorus



L-R: Rachel Brady, Jacqueline Drew, Orla Cooney, Donagh O’Shea, Felicity Neary, Anne Aitken



L-R: Nikki Johnston, Mary B. Dunphy, Matthew Smith, Geraldine Mulhall, Rosaleen Scallan, Niamh Kelly

NOT PICTURED: Gillian Lynch, Eimear Philbin, Sarah Lawlor, Susan O’Connor

Sincere thanks to

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