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HAMMERSTEIN'S**

CAROUSEL



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**Tuesday to Saturday
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Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**
Book and Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**

Based on the play "LILIOM" by Ferenc Molner
as adapted by Benjamin F. Glaser
Original dances by Agnes de Mille

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Director **MAGGIE UTTLEY MBE**

Musical Director **NICK AUSTIN**

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Chairman's Welcome

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to Crowthorne Musical Players' sixth production at the Wilde Theatre. In the past few years the society has gone from strength to strength, building on its success with each show. A show's success is due to a large extent to the efforts of those behind the scenes not just the cast members, and on behalf of all in the show I would like to extend our thanks to the following special people.

Our producer Maggie Uttley who has worked tremendously hard to put us in the right place at the right time, our musical director Nick Austin who somehow managed to get us to sing the notes as they should be, our rehearsal pianists Nikki Austin and Meryl Spong who put up with our mistakes all through rehearsals, and finally our stage manager Richard Spong and his crew, who have worked so tirelessly for us backstage both during and prior to the show. Certainly without these dedicated people the show could not go on!

However, tonight I am very pleased to say that the show can definitely go on and I hope that you, our audience, will enjoy every minute of it. We certainly will!

Claire Lawson, *Chairman*

Crowthorne Musical Players

Crowthorne Musical Players was formed by members of the Parish Church in 1950. Since that time the Society has produced many fully staged musical shows and has given many concerts for a variety of causes. Our productions during the past ten years have included:

1985	Pajama Game	1990	Ruddigore
1986	Viva Mexico	1991	Calamity Jane
1987	The Sorcerer	1992	The Merry Widow
1988	Kiss Me Kate	1993	Oklahoma!
1989	Showboat	1994	Half a Sixpence



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Acknowledgements

We wish to express our grateful thanks to Nirvana Health and Fitness Club for sponsoring our programme, The Hilton National Hotel Carousel Restaurant for their generous donation to our raffle, and to all our advertisers for their support.

The Story

Billy Bigelow is a barker on a carousel. He is popular with the ladies and enjoys flirting with them, until the day he meets Julie Jordan, a local mill worker. In spite of the warnings and reservations of her friend Carrie, Julie is attracted to Billy, and almost in spite of himself Billy finds he is beginning to fall in love with Julie. Mrs Mullin, the owner of the carousel, tries to prevent the relationship developing but only manages to lose her best barker.

Billy and Julie marry, but without his job Billy becomes disillusioned and dissatisfied. Mrs Mullin offers him back his job under the condition that he leaves Julie; his friend Jigger also tries to persuade him to take part in a robbery. Billy declines both offers but changes his mind when Julie tells him that she is pregnant. Penniless, he decides that he must have money to bring up his child, and accepts Jigger's plan.

The robbery is due to take place on the day of the annual clambake but all goes horribly wrong and Billy dies. He finds himself at the back door of Heaven and is offered the chance to go back to Earth for one day to see if he can do enough good to enable him to enter Heaven, albeit through the back door.

Billy returns to Earth to see his daughter, now fifteen years old, being teased about her no good father. She feels that her life is not worth living, Billy is desperate - if only he could tell her...



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Carousel

Characters

(in order of appearance)

Carrie Pipperidge	Wendy Watson
Julie Jordan	Susan Prior
Mrs Mullin	Pamela Medcroft
Billy Bigelow	Mark Siney
Mr Bascombe	Ted Anderson
Nettie Fowler	Pam Stanney
Enoch Snow	Mark Conolly
Jigger Craigin	Tony Slevin
Policeman	John Walker
Heavenly Friend	Tony Kershaw
Star Keeper	Don Manning
Louise	Sara-Leanne Furlong
Enoch Snow Junior	Graham Middlemiss
Principal	Keay Smith
Doctor Seldon	Don Manning

Prologue

Beauties	Alison Critchley, Paula Critchley Debbie Mann
Boxer	Peter Rupp
Tumblers	Alice Brown, Chelsea Robinson

Ballet

Dancers, Urchins, Tumblers	Sara-Leanne Furlong, Alexander Fitch Emily Friendship, Lisa Furlong Helen Rymer, Helen Siveter Samantha Fernando, Natassia Robinson
Snow Children	Danielle Austin, Emily Austin Matthew Austin, Nicola Black Carolyn O'Reilly

Company

Victoria Austen, Amanda Barradale, Christine Charlton, Monty Cook, Alison Critchley, Paula Critchley, Carol Hardy, Liz Henderson, Simon Hunt, Carole Kershaw, Jo Kershaw, Roger Lansdown, Claire Lawson, Abi Shackleton Lee, Rachel Longley, Debbie Mann, Tim Marshall, Diana Mears, David Oxberry, Chris Pask, Ian Payton, Maxine Robinson, Peter Rupp, Becky Siese, Angela Smith, Keay Smith, Pat Steer, David Town, Judy Treadwell, Shirley Wilkinson, Audrey Wybrow, Jean Young

