

WELCOME

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our production of *Show Boat*, one of the greatest musicals of all time. *Show Boat* is not performed that often nowadays. It is therefore, our great privilege, and pleasure to bring it to the stage of the Mill Theatre tonight, for your enjoyment.

Tonight's performance is special, and anyone involved in any way, whether on stage, in the production team, 'front of house', 'backstage', advertiser, patron or you, the audience, has had a role to play in making it a memorable and 'one-off' experience.

As in all walks of life, there are certain people without whom the 'show' would just not go on. First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge and thank our tireless Production Team - Arthur (Director), who is with us for the first time and is playing Joe tonight! The irrepressible 'Doc' (Musical Director); and the lovely Louise, who is our choreographer for the first time also. They have enriched us greatly through their skilled direction, expertise, creativity and not to mention their patience!

A special thank you to my colleagues on the KMS Committee; Caroline, Eamonn, Gillian, Jen, Mairead, Marcus, Niall and Sarah, whose sheer hard work, enthusiasm and energy made this challenging show possible. We would also like to thank our advertisers and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for their financial support, and above all, our valued Patrons and loyal supporters.

We now invite you to sit back and prepare for a memorable journey down the river, as the story unfolds!

Thank you and enjoy the show.

Billy Andrews

Chairman, Kilmacud Musical Society



ABOUT THE SHOW

Spanning the years from 1880 to 1927, The show concerns the lives of three generations of show folk living on the showboat, the 'Cotton Blossom'.

The main plot follows Magnolia, the naive daughter of the ship's captain. Magnolia becomes the showboat's leading lady after her best friend, Julie, is nearly arrested on charges of miscegenation (inter-racial marriage) when it's discovered that Julie's mother was black. Magnolia falls in love with the new leading man, the young gambler, Gaylord Ravenal. They marry and move to Chicago. Unfortunately, Gaylord's gambling habits soon lead them to ruin, forcing him to desert his wife and young daughter, Kim.

The passing of time reunites Magnolia and Kim with their family as well as with Gaylord, who eventually returns, offering a hopeful second chance at happiness.

PRODUCTION TEAM



Arthur McGauran - Director



Dave 'Doc' O'Connor - Musical Director



Louise Dodrill - Choreographer

Stage Manager:
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Set Design:
Props:
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Front of House:

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Anne Atken, Mairead McEvoy, Orlaith Ryan, Rachel Carson,
Liam Ryan, Paddy Howett, Elaine Clarke, Dervla Higgins,
Audrey Gleeson,
Mairead McEvoy.

Costumes:
Programme:
Cast Photos:
Social Committee:

Billy Andrews, Chris O'Connor, Sarah Horgan, Marcus Wilson,
Sarah Horgan,
Aisling Lynch, Gillian Quinn, Jennifer Fahy, Jen Oglesby,
Ciara Lawler.

NÓIRÍN SHERIDAN - MAGNOLIA HAWKS

This is Nóirín's sixth performance with KMS and it's her first time stepping into a leading role. Previous roles, in her hometown of Cavan, have included Nancy in *Oliver*, Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof* and Blousey Brown in *Bugsy Malone*. She wishes the very best to everyone involved and hopes that you all enjoy the show!



NIALL MACCARTHY - GAYLORD RAVENAL

This is Niall's fourth show with Kilmacud Musical Society, having previously played Henry Miller in *Calamity Jane*, Curly in *Oklahoma!* and Sky Masterson in *Guys & Dolls*. Niall is honoured to be playing the part of Ravenal, a part his father played some 21 years ago back home in Ennis - an early theatre memory! Enjoy the show!

EAMONN MURPHY - CAPT'N ANDY HAWKS

Following his successful performance as Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* in 2012, for which he received a nomination for Best Actor in the National AIMS Awards, Eamonn is delighted to be back playing the part of Capt'n Andy. He would like to thank the Production Team, the Committee and the cast for all their hard work, support and he welcomes you all on board the 'Cotton Blossom's' journey down the Mississippi!



MARION HOLOHAN - PARTHY HAWKS

This is Marion's sixteenth year with KMS. While she started out in the chorus, she became an established principal player in a short time, resulting in several leading performances ever since. In *Show Boat*, she plays Parthy Ann Hawks, reprising previous roles she played as a strong willed mother with everybody's best interests at heart!

AMY BYRNE - JULIE LA VERNE

Amy is delighted to be back to take on the role of Julie, a part she's wanted to play ever since seeing Ava Gardner's interpretation in the screen production of *Show Boat* in 1951. In 2013, Amy opened her own Speech & Drama School, 'The Drama Room', based in Kilmacud. She is thrilled to be following her passion and doing what she loves most. Enjoy the show!



CHRIS O'CONNOR - STEVE BAKER

This is Chris' fourth show with KMS, having appeared previously in *The Hot Mikado*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Guys & Dolls*, in which he played Nicely Nicely. Separately, he 'tried his hand' at directing and he directed the Irish premiere of *Doctor Hombie's Sing-Along Blog* and *'Dirk Gently'*, for the DU Players. He has also performed at the Trinity and Edinburgh Fringe Festivals.

MARIJKA WALSH - QUEENIE

One of our longest serving members, Marijka, was in KMS's original production of *Showboat* in 1990. Her greatest achievement in the world of musical theatre came from her performance in KMS's production of *Guys & Dolls* in 2001, for which she won the AIMS Best Comedienne Award for her portrayal of Adelaide. She wishes everyone the best of luck with the show!



ARTHUR MCGAURAN - JOE

Arthur is a highly respected and accomplished actor and director, with stage experience spanning 45 years. In all, he has been involved in over 90 musicals and nominated for 4 National AIMS Awards, culminating in the best supporting male award for his portrayal of Jud Fry in *Oklahoma!* Arthur was delighted to be asked to direct *Show Boat* for KMS this season and he would like to wish the entire cast and crew the best of luck in this production.



CARL MAGEEAN - FRANK SCHULTZ

Carl's love for the stage began at the early age of 15, when he was cast as Friedrich in St. Patrick's Choral Society's production of *The Sound of Music*, in Downpatrick. Naturally, he assumed he had 'made it', so he packed his bags for Broadway! Sadly, despite the dizzying heights of that initial success, the call to the big time never came! 15 years later, after a failed attempt to carve a career as a competitive trampoliner, he is ready to give stage life another shot - maybe this will be a different kind of springboard!

JENNIFER FAHY - ELLIE MAY CHIPLEY

Previously, Jennifer played *Calamity Jane* in the musical of that name; *Gertie in Oklahoma!* and *Adelaide in Guys & Dolls*. Now she's enjoying playing Ellie, with her partner in crime, Frank! She thanks the Production Team, the Committee, her family and the rest of the Social Committee for all their hard work and support. She wishes all the cast the best of luck this week!



WHITE FOLK: L to R

Roy Beatty, David Claffey, Eric Pfish,
Daragh O'Duffy, Marcus Wilson,
Billy Andrews, Gillian Quinn, Lisa Kelly,
Jen Oglesby, Clare Manning, Gillian Lynch,
Ciara Lawler. **Not Pictured:** Helen Cusack,
Diarmud Maloney.



COLOURED FOLK: L to R

Tommy O'Reilly, Robert Coventry,
Pat Hennessy, Andy Kelly, Gary Graham,
Cyril McGann, Ray Barry, Sarah Horgan,
Geraldine Mulhall, Nora Peters,
Aisling Lynch, Eimear Philbin,
Bridget McDonnell, Cat Kennedy.
Not Pictured: Joyce Neary,
Susan O'Connor.

OUR COMMITTEE:

Billy Andrews (Chair), Niall MacCarthy, (Secretary), Gillian Lynch (Treasurer),
Mairead McEvoy (Costumes), Marcus Wilson, Jen Oglesby, Caroline Rowan,
Sarah Horgan & Eamonn Murphy.

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