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Its a Date!

Southend Scout & Guide Gang Show









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During the rehearsals for what is to be our 28th show, I asked some of the cast and crew why they do the show. The most common replies were, 'friendships, fun, learning, confidence and the experience of being on stage'. As some of you may know, Scouting and Guiding have a set of key principles. Whilst Scouting talks about 'Skills for life', Guiding refers to 'We Discover, We Grow'. So, I'm immensely proud to be at the helm of a show that offers skills for life, whilst the Gang discover new friendships and grow in confidence and competence.

For those who are, or know people involved in Gang Shows, you know what an impact it has. For those who don't, the show doesn't just happen by accident! It's an accumulation of thousands of volunteer hours for the committee, staff, crew and band and months of rehearsing for the cast. And remember, of course, that many of the cast aren't members of any dance or drama group, so this is their chance to shine and perform for an audience in a show that is steeped in history.

The first London Gang Show in 1932, produced by Ralph Reader, was such a success he was asked to repeat the experience. There are now over 115 shows in the UK and many more around the globe.

Our show, 'It's a Date', was first performed here at the Palace Theatre in 1966. Since then the Gang have performed at the Cliffs Pavillion, the O2 and The Royal Albert Hall. Whilst some shows elsewhere take place annually, we run a two-year cycle and in the 'odd year' we produce a show in a day (SHINDIGS), where the cast

arrive at 10am and perform at 7pm. An exhausting yet exhilarating experience. Then in the 'even year' we put on the main show, making sure we have a calendar of events to keep all involved.

This year has been full of highs and lows. We ran a very successful fund-raising barn dance with the Famous Potatoes, won Best Participants in the Leigh Lights Parade and the trophy for Best Youth Choir at the Southend Musical Festival. We also sadly lost four close friends of the Show this year. Lesley Jenkins, my joint Show Manager, Mark Brudenell, the Treasurer on our committee, Derek Evans, who directed my first show in the 1980s and John Puddick, our previous Musical Director who has written and arranged many songs for the Show including some from this one. So, if you hear us singing crest of a wave with a little more emotion than usual, we will be doing so whilst thinking of them all.

I mentioned at the beginning that I'm proud to belong to the Gang and I hope you enjoy the show as much as the cast and crew enjoy being part of it. So now there is nothing more to say other than sit back, relax, cheer, clap, shout, whoop and, of course, enjoy the show.

Tim Browne Show Manager

P.S If you've enjoyed the show then SHINDIGS 2021 is booked 6th March 2021. Keep an eye the website for more details. www.southendgangshow.org

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SCOUTING & GUIDING IN ESSEX

It is good to see both Guiding and Scouting members working together to produce such a wonderful show. They have been rehearsing together since last October, working extremely hard, making lifelong friends and having fun and they should all be very proud of what they have achieved. There are many members of Girlguiding both in the cast and backstage of It's a Date 2020.

Girlguiding Essex South East has over 3000 young members who take part in weekly meetings and adventures out of the meeting place which are run by nearly 900 adult volunteers. In the last year, Girlguiding has introduced a new programme making its activities relevant to today and exciting for the girls.

We wish "Good Luck" to all those performing in the show this week - I am sure they will all be brilliant!

I hope you enjoy the show.

Alison Tompkinson County Commissioner for Girlquiding Essex South East As you prepare to watch this evening's performance, brought to you by the Southend Gang Show Team, I'm sure you are looking forward to yet another fantastic show. So many young people and volunteers from across both Scouting and Guiding have joined together to bring to you a culmination of their dedication and team work.

Theatre offers young people so many opportunities both on and offstage, whether that is making new friends, learning to work as part of a team or developing new skills, and I am sure you are looking forward to seeing the final product of their work tonight.

We are very proud of everyone that has contributed to the performance of It's a Date 2020 and we want to wish everyone involved all the best of luck.

Emma Parker Deputy County Commissioner for Essex Scouts



2nd and 3rd August 2020
Essex International Jamboree

Need to know

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The morning of activities starts with the Opening Ceremony, at lunch and over the afternoon you can explore the site, meet up with your groups or continue the activities in the Junior Jam arena.



Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with over 500,000 members. It gives them a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills, have incredible adventures and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities.

We run Rainbows (5–7 years), Brownies (7–10 years), Guides (10–14 years) and Rangers (14–18 years).

To join our organisation, whether as an adult volunteer or to register your daughter, visit our website:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved

It is excellent to see the four Scouting districts working together as part of Southend Gang Show. This demonstrates the success of Scouting across Essex. There have been many amazing opportunities for these relationships to flourish across all of the sections in Essex Scouts.

We run Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10.5 years), Scouts (10.5-14 years), Network (18+ years).

If you would like to join the members or volunteers across the County to find out more information, visit:

www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved/





It's a Knockout is a fun-filled, action-packed activity perfect for any Scout or Guide event or business team building day.

Run by Southend Gang Show ASU, It's a Knockout provides a variety of activities from problem-solving to assault courses. Everyone involved gets the chance to be active, dance for a bonus point, work within a team and, of course, have a fantastic time. There is even a chance to get a badge at the end. Some of the recent events Southend Gang Show ASU have attended include Essex International Jamboree, GIGA Camp, Mega Camp, Cub Celebrations, 100 Not Out and a number of other events around Essex and surrounding counties.

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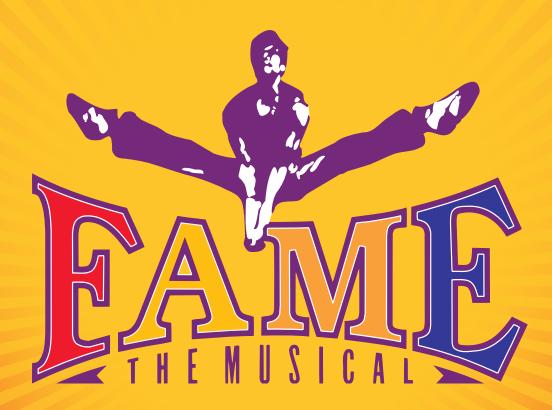
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Conceived and Developed by

DAVID DE SILVA

Book by

JOSE FERNANDEZ

Lyrics by

JACQUES LEVY

Music by STEVE MARGOSHES

Title Song " FAME " written by

DEAN PITCHFORD AND MICHAEL GORE

AUDITIONS SUN 26 APRIL

SOUTHEND PALACE THEATRE

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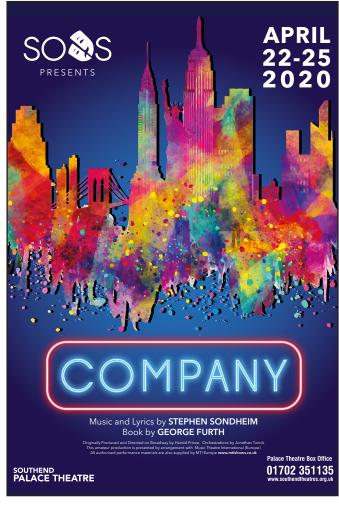
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MAKING MEMORIES



Derek, a Scouter in Hockley, was one of the main people responsible for the formation of Southend Gang Show in 1966 and he was the shows first stage manager. Mark joined the props team in 1998, moving to the back stage crew in 2000 where he continued up to the last show. In 2006 Mark also took over as the Show Treasurer.



We've Been Making Memories

We've been making memories for a long long long long time it's a lovely thing to do, and we've made them all for you We've been making memories, and if you're very smart You'll take each little memory and lock it in the pocket of your heart Day and night and night and day the songs that we have sung Have echoed over land and over seas Already we have shared them with the friends we know Now we're going to leave them with you when you go



John joined the music team in 1996, and continued until 2014. He held a variety of musical roles including musical director, music arranger, rehearsal pianist, voice coach, teacher, author and composer.

Ralph Reader

This is the best of legacies, it's ours for making memories

Lesley joined the cast in 1980 as a Ranger and performed in a total of three shows. She was part of the production team from 1986 – 1994 and became Show Manager for the 2016 and 2018 shows.



1st Act



















1:1 TAKE THIS AND THAT

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1:2 ALL YOU NEED

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1:3 OLD FATHER THAMES

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1:4 THE BIN MEN

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1:5 A DAY AT CAMP

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1:6 CHECK MATE

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1:7 RHYTHM AND JAZZ

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1:8 THESPORTSMEN

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1:9 A PIRATE'S LIFE

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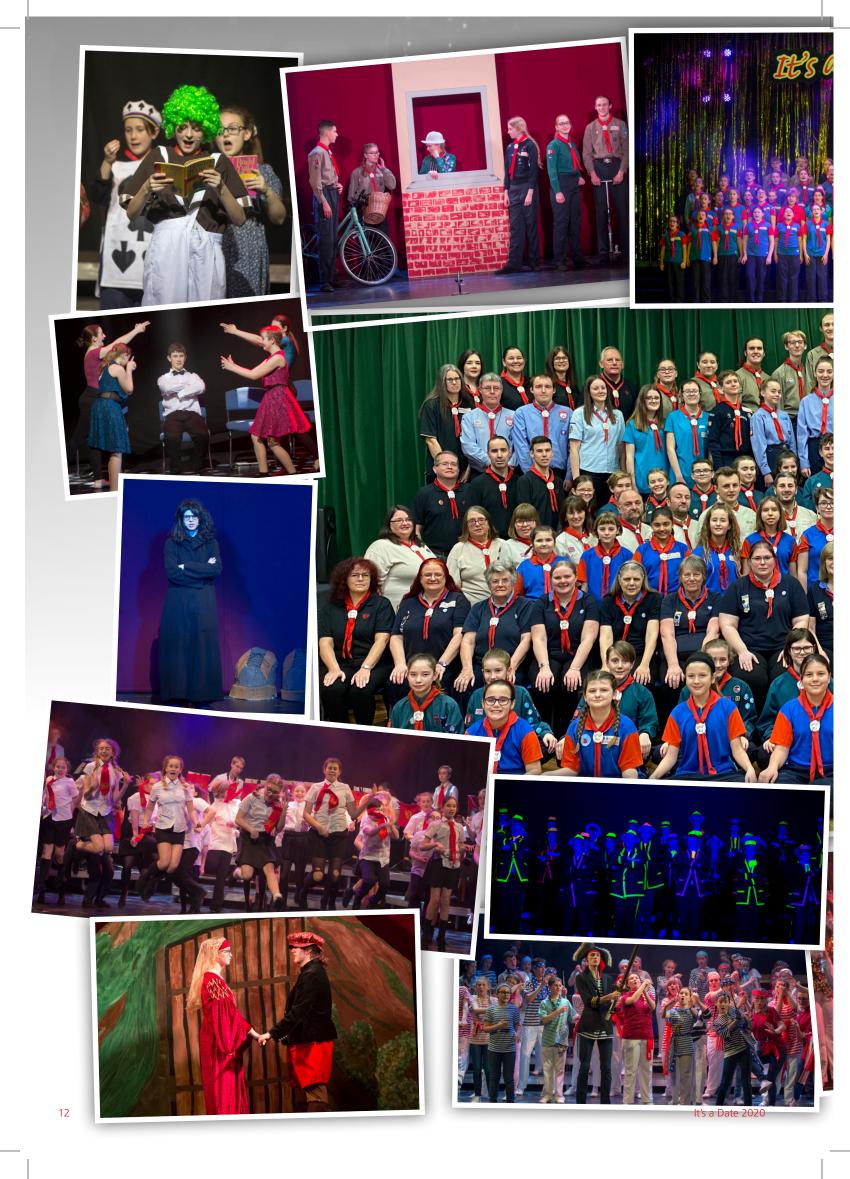














2ndbAct















2:1 MEN IN BLACK

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2:2 STUDIO MAYHEM

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2:3 MUSIC SCHOOL

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2:5 SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

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2:6 OPEN THE COVER

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2:7 SWEDISH TAKEAWAY

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2:8 FINALE

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Scouting

1st Chalkwell Bay Scouts

1st Westcliff Scouts

1st Prittlewell Scouts

1st Shoeburyness Scouts

2nd Prittlewell Scouts

2nd Southchurch Scouts

3rd Chalkwell Bay Sea Scouts

3rd Southchurch Scouts

4th Canvey Island Scouts

4th Southchurch Special Needs Scouts

4th Thorpe Bay Scouts

5th Canvey Island Air Scouts

6th Rayleigh Sea Scouts

6th Westcliff Scouts

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Guiding

1st Chalkwell Bay Brownies 2nd Chalkwell Bay Brownies 3rd Great Wakering Brownies 6th Castlemount Brownies 10th Leigh Brownies

1st Great Wakering Guides 1st Prittlewell Guides 2nd Castle Mount Guides 2nd Chalkwell Bay Guides 2nd Westcliff Guides 4th Eastwood Guides 4th Thorpe Bay Guides 10th Leigh Guides 11th Westcliff Guides

Oasis Rangers
Phoenix Rangers

Thanks go to all units and parents for their continual support of the show.

Good luck to all the members of 4th Eastwood Guides in the show cast – Lily, Jessica, Kelly, Alice and Chloe. Well done girls for all your commitment and enthusiasm, enjoy the Show!

To The Triplets, Hope you have a fantastic week and shine like the stars that you are. Love the Gang Show Oldies

IT'S A DATE

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all the Cast and Crew at the Southend Gangshow

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Main Gang (above): Abi Hales, Abigail Turner, Alex Moore, Alfie Cail, Alicia Betancor, Aliysha Foster, Bradley Moore, Charlotte Cochrane, Edith Jefferson, Elora Walton, Emily Probert, Eva Mansfield, George Jefferson, Hayden Tanner-Smith, Isabelle Holder, Jacob Browne, Jessica Clark, Jessica Khan, Jessica Turner, Kayleigh Butler, Kellianne Butler, Kelly Wright, Lily Trayler, Lola Robson, Madeleine Veitch, Martha Steel, Oliver Bearman, Peg Jefferson, Phineas Westell-Mcdevitt, Rowan Walton, Sammie Orpin-Carter, Scarlett Foster, Shannon Diggines, Sophie Gaudini, Tammy Brown, Toby Goddard, Toniann Broomfield, Zoe Bates.



Band (right): Alison Rollingson, Bex Kent, Josh Kelly, Kerry Trayler, Liz Atay, Melody Crafer, Michelle Eve, Nick Smith, Pam Murdoch, Shirley Potter.

Junior Gang (left): Alice Orchard, Alice Weight, Beatrice Adams, Chloe Fuller, Daisy Hayes, Dolly Martin, Eliana Cartlidge, Elodie Pergande, Emily Sexton-Toft, Grace Young, Hannah Packer, Hannah Sugden, Isabel Howell, Isabelle Keeble, Joss Chambers-Coe, Kelsey Goodhew, Lexi Markey, Megan Burchell, Naomi Brown, Rosemary Shepherd, Ruby Franks, Sally Palmer.











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Tim Browne

DIRECTOR

Jo Brown

PRODUCTION TEAM

Emma Bearman, Liam Bailey, Tim Browne, Tim Goddard, Bex Kent, Alison Rollingson

CHOREOGRAPHY TEAM

Debbie Daws, Zoe Norris

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Jo Brown

REHEARSAL PIANISTS

Liz Atay, Pam Murdoch

WARDROBE MANAGER

Jacky Goddard

WARDROBE TEAM

Jo Welsh, Kirsty Groom, Louise Hebden, Nicola Crisp, Sally Browne, Trudi Coleman, Vicki Nicholson

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

James Howell

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS

Del Hales, Matt Brown

ASSISTANT TECHNICAL MANAGER

Dan Wanna

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Jenny Hales

BACK STAGE & BUILD TEAM

Andy Haddow, Barry Moore, Bob Bye, David Goddard, Jake Inwood, John Welsh, Keith Batchelor, James Jackson, Neil Warren, Steve Trayler, Tim Goddard, Josh Hales

PROPS TEAM

Bianca Cole, Emma Bearman, John Bearman

SCENIC ARTWORK

Jake Inwood, Claire Pergande

MICROPHONES

Cath Austin, Victoria
Butler, Chris Brett,
Gina Mills, Susan Jackson,
Victoria Butler

MAKE UP

Phoenix Rangers, Sally Browne, Marylisa Browne and other helpers

LIGHTING DESIGN

Rob Watson

SOUND DESIGN

Rob Gulston

JUNIOR GANG SUPPORT

Alison Cotterell, Rachel Tompkinson

TREASURER

Ian Goodhew

SUPPORT MANAGER

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