

St. Martin's Church Hall 195 East Windsor Road, North Vancouver BC January 2007

## ROBIN HOOD AND THE SINGING NUN

Cast (in alphabetical order);

Michelle Arduini - Nun

Carol Bond - Nun

Jane Brewer - Old Mother Wise

Louise Brewer - Sparrow

William Brewer - Prisoner; Introducer of Show

Jeremy Clark-King - Sister Maria

Jordan Clarke - Neddy's Head; Prisoner

Megan Clarke - Big John

Darlene Clarke - Soldier 3

Paul Clarke - Dame

Howard Dallimore - Prince John

Emily Duholke - Soldier 2

Hilary Duholke - Soldier 4

Julianna Duholke - Finch

Marc Ellam - Will Scarlet

Sarah Ellam - Hazel Wise

Des Harris - Herald

Janet Harris - Mother Mathilda

Sean Hylands - Good Guy

James Mathers - Norman

Julia Meares Poole - Blondel

Mike Nelson - Friar Tuck

Sean Poole - The Sheriff of Nottingham

Gregory Pratt - Neddy

Carol Radford - Marian

Mark Radford - Little John

Alice Roblin - Soldier 1

Leona Wade - Countess Belinda of Pillsbury

Penny Wedd - Nun

Clare Zemcov - Robin Hood

## ROBIN HOOD AND THE SINGING NUN

**Production & Technical Crew** 

Producers - Jennifer Duholke & Paul Clarke

Director - Joe Arduini

Stage Manager - NickyPratt

Stage Crew - Bev Arduini, Jerry Brewer, Rob Pratt & Joe Arduini

Musical Director - Carol Radford

Musical Accompanist - Kathy Allison

Choreography - Leona Wade and Emily Duholke

Costumes - Nicky Pratt, Darlene Clarke & Jane Brewer

Set Design & Scenery - Sean Poole

Set Construction & Painting - Sean Poole, Paul Clarke,

Simon Drake, Jennifer Duholke, Penny Wedd, Marc Ellam,

Peter Isaac, Valerie Isaac, Joe Arduini, Mike Nelson,

Carol Radford, Mark Radford, Howard Dallimore, Nicky Pratt,

Rob Pratt & James Mathers

Front of House - Dick & Marjorie Whiteside, Jim Duholke

Lighting Design - Michael Hylands & Simon Drake

Lighting Operators - Adam Arduini & Pete Arduini

Make-up – Jane Brewer, Jordan King, Anna Drake, Hilary Duholke

& Emily Duholke

Photography - Jeremy Clarke-King, Sean Poole & Hank Brennan

Video Production - Hank Brennan

Poster Design & Logo - Peter Bond

Poster Production - Tom Blockberger, Braodway Printers

Programmes - Paul Clarke, Yvonne Batchelor & Jennifer Duholke

Properties - Darlene Clarke, Carol Bond, Mark Radford,

James Mathers & Paul Clarke

Publicity - Vanessa Drake & Leona Wade

Refreshements coordinator - Lori Blockberger

Sound - Doug Bolton

Ticket Sales - Margaret Tutt

Treasurer - Chris Bond

## Robin Hood & The Singing Nun Synopsis

The show opens with the fair realm of England in disarray. King Richard the Lionheart with most of his knights, including Robin Hood, has been absent on a crusade to the Holy Land for more than two years. With the weak Prince John in charge, rapacious villains like Gregory, Sheriff of Nottingham, have seized power, terrorizing the country folk and imposing punitively-extortionate taxes. The return to Sherwood Forest of Robin Hood and his friend Will Scarlet brings a ray of hope to the situation. He is joined by locals Little John, Mutch the Miller, Friar Tuck and his horse Neddy, as well as a group of young outlaws.

While Robin has been away, Sheriff Gregory has relentlessly pursued Robin's sweetheart, Maid Marian. To avoid his unwelcome attentions, Marian has joined a local order of nuns, the Little Sisters of the Inquisitive lead by Mother Mathilda Meddlesome. The sisters have recently welcomed a new novice, Sister Maria. Her heavy beard and deep mellifluous voice raise no eyebrows amongst the nuns, but outsiders find her a curious convert.

An ambush of the Oxford coach by Robin's men introduces us to Belinda, the Countess of Pillsbury. She is a nymphomaniac who has set her sights on Robin, much to Maid Marian's chagrin. King Richard's minstrel Blondel also wanders into Sherwood Forest, searching for the King. Blondel reveals that, like Robin, King Richard has also come back from the crusade, but has not been seen since a party celebrating his return.

Things go from bad to worse for the poor folk of Nottingham when the nuns and children are captured by Norman soldiers and sent to the dungeons of Nottingham Castle. Countess Belinda and Mother Mathilda narrowly escape, and are able to get back to Robin and his men with the bad news.

Things move towards a climax when the Dame, Sheriff Gregory's mother, travels to Robin's camp looking for Friar Tuck to act as celebrant at the enforced marriage of Marian to the Sheriff. In her excitement, she tells Little John and Will that Prince John will be crowned King of England the same day.

A clandestine assault by Robin's men on the castle frees the captives, the evil-doers get their just desserts, and Robin and Maid Marian are finally reunited.