

## Southport Dramatic Club Youth Theatre



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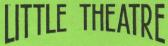
# Telling Wilde

Tales

By Jules Tasca Directed by James Hughes-Alty

10th - 13th March 2004 7.30pm

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## Telling Wilde Tales Directed by James Hughes-Alty Assisted by Stephen Hughes-Alty Cast

Guy Unsworth

Danny Adam Alex Howarth Edward Beardsell Sophie Jackson Michael Breen Andrew Mackley Nicholas Breen Craig Maddocks Jonathan Coote Luke Montague Rebecca Simister Stephanie Diamond Helen Garrahan David Thomas Laura Gorse Ashley Turner Rachael Turner Rebecca Hinds

#### Act 1

Scene 1: THE BIRTHDAY OF THE INFANTA

On the true nature of beauty

Scene 2: THE STAR CHILD

In which a boy finds his true destiny

Scene 3: THE HAPPY PRINCE

How a heart of lead proved to be worth more than

its own weight in gold

#### Act 2

Scene 1: THE NIGHTINGALE AND THE ROSE

A treaty on unrequited love and the futility of

self-sacrifice

Scene 2: THE DEVOTED FRIEND

Our best friend can sometimes be our worst enemy

Scene 3: THE FISHERMAN AND HIS SOUL

Obtaining our hearts desire can sometimes come at

too high a price

There will be an interval of 20 minutes between the two acts

#### Staged by Arnold Gorse

Stage Manager

Properties

Lighting

Sound

Wardrobe Photography Set Designed by

Set Constructed by

Arnold Gorse
Judith Gorse

Barbara Beardsell

Tony Berry

Andrew Connard

Brian Hodge Pete Beswick

James Hughes-Alty & cast

Robin Hirsch Arnold Gorse

Roderick Beardsell &

the S.D.C. Production Team

The management reserves the right to refuse admission to the auditorium after curtain up, until a suitable opportunity occurs. First Aid facilities are provided at this theatre by St. John Ambulance Brigade, whose members give their services voluntarily.

## Why not beat the rush and pre-order your interval drinks in the bar?

An induction loop is installed in this theatre for the benefit of hearing impaired patrons.

Please turn your hearing aid to 'T'.

#### Please ensure that all mobile telephones are switched off.

At the end of tonight's performance you may leave by any of the exits, all of which will be open. In an emergency, this theatre can be emptied in three minutes or less if everyone leaves in orderly manner.

Smoking is prohibited in the auditorium.

THEATRE LICENSEE, BRIAN FORSHAW

## Telling Wilde Tales Directors Notes

Welcome to the wonderful world of Oscar Wilde. It is a strange and fantastical world inhabited by even stranger and more fantastical folk. Here fishermen catch mermaids in their nets, birds talk and statues cry.

Written over a hundred years ago, like all good fairy tales, these stories are more about the eternal theme of human emotions such as love, despair and hope than they are magic, monsters and mystery. They explore the evil within the human soul, and the subversive nature of these tales reflect a child's view of the unfairness and cruelty of the world.

Creating this world, its diverse landscapes and the people who dwell there has been no easy task. However, once again, the members of the Youth Theatre have risen to the challenge, making my job as a first time director an enjoyable and rewarding one. Thank-you.

I would also like to thank Stephen Hughes-Alty for his support and advice, and for the invaluable skills with which he has equipped the Youth Theatre, Judith Gorse for continually pushing them forward enabling them to reach new heights, and finally my thanks go to Arnold Gorse for his exciting and creative staging.

So settle down, listen to our stories and let your imaginations run 'Wilde'.

James Hughes-Alty Director

Those of you who saw our pantomime 'Cinderella' will recognise many of the young actors in our show tonight. Over the last six weeks they have worked extremely hard to bring you what can only be described as a very challenging piece of theatre. Once again they have achieved an amazing standard and under the expert direction of James Hughes-Alty, assisted by Stephen Hughes-Alty, they have met the challenge with their usual flair.

The Youth Theatre join me in thanking everyone involved in this production, without the help of others we simply would not be here tonight.

Judith Gorse Youth Theatre Co-ordinator