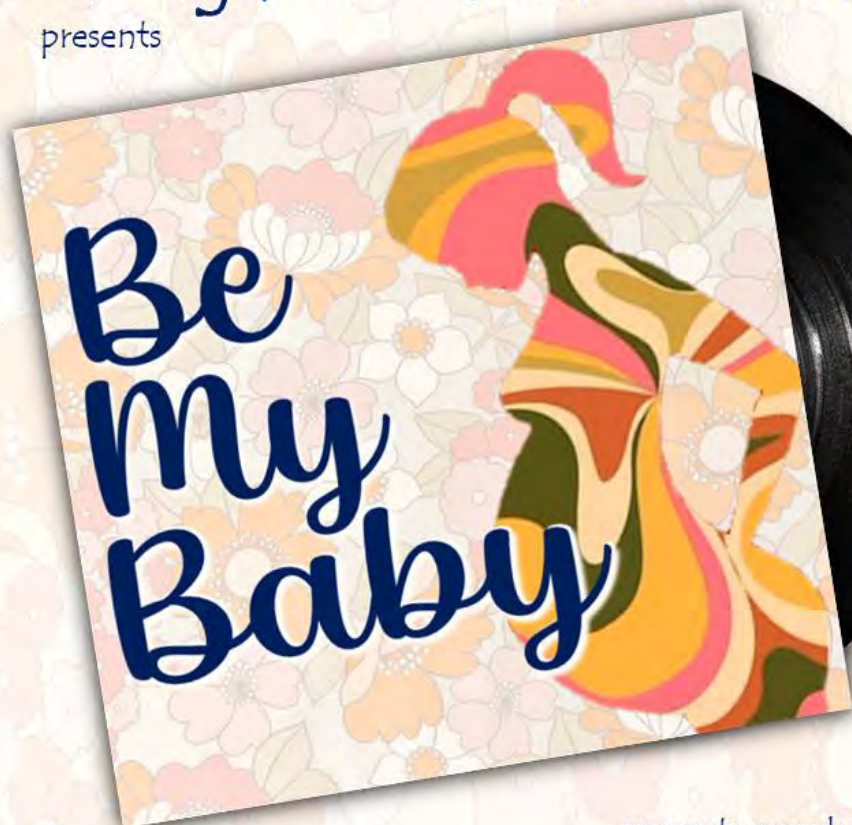


Faringdon Dramatic Society

presents



by
Amanda Whittington

an amateur production
by arrangement with
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17th to 20th May 2023

Buscot Park Theatre

curtain
7.30 pm

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Be My Baby

by Amanda Whittington

The play is set in St Saviour's, a Church of England run mother and baby home in the north of England, and takes place over two months in 1964. The story follows the lives of four unmarried and pregnant girls, at the home. It shows how the girls bind in adversity but also how each must deal alone with the ultimate enforced separation from her child. The characters sing and dance throughout the play as they compare their lives to the popular songs of the day.

Cast (in order of appearance) :

Mary Adams	Willow Tate
Mrs Adams	Helen Tate
Matron	Carolyn Taylor
Queenie	Lu Waywell
Dolores	Jade Atkinson
Norma	Heather Kent

Directed by **Debbie Lock**

Production Team:

Producer	Gary Field
Stage Manager	Duncan Sinclair
Lighting	Craig Atkinson
Sound	Gary Bates
Costumes	Helen Tate, Jan Crowdson
Continuity	Jayne Hoyland
Publicity	Adrian Wells, Ian Lee
Programmes	Dave Headey

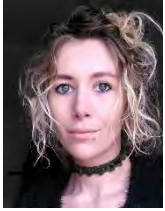
Front of house coordinated by **Shela Rowan** assisted by members of the society.

There will be an interval of about twenty minutes between acts, during which refreshments will be available.

Our Cast

Willow Tate (Mary)

Willow, 15, already has twelve years of performing arts training and stage experience with companies including FDS (**Dick Whittington, Wishing on a Star**), Tanwood (**Cats, 42nd Street**), A Fusion of Arts, Tring CBA and Swindon CAT. This year she appeared in professional panto, **Beauty & the Beast**, at the Wyvern.



Lu Waywell (Queenie)

This time last year Lu returned to FDS to play pregnant, unmarried Milly Carter in Alan Ayckbourn's **Gosforth's Fete** here at Buscot. But in case you think she's in danger of being typecast, you may also have seen her in **Sleeping Beauty**, this year's panto, as (male) Billy, the silly singing butler.

Jade Atkinson (Dolores)

Jade has been performing since she was four. She joined FDS in January as Spindleshanks the "bad fairy's cat" in **Sleeping Beauty**. But she is a veteran of Stagecoach Performing Arts in Faringdon where among other roles she has been **Shrek**, Sandy in **Grease**, and **Captain Daniels** (aka Jack Sparrow).

Heather Kent (Norma)

Heather lives in Fairford and also comes to us from the Stagecoach Performing Arts. This year she was Fairy Beautiful in the FDS panto **Sleeping Beauty**, but her favourite role so far has been Miss Trunchbull in **Matilda** last year. This is her first role in an "adult" play and she's really enjoying it.

Carolyn Taylor (Matron)

Carolyn has directed and appeared in so many FDS productions since 1986 there's no space here to list them all. As well as writing one of our pantos, she's also been in a lot of open air Shakespeare, and most recently played Polonius in the BMH Production of **Hamlet** at Oxford Castle.



Helen Tate (Mrs Adams)

Nell has been a member of FDS since 2013, both on stage and behind scenes in the costume team. As a child, she danced in panto at the Wyvern Theatre and in **Nutcracker** with Northern Ballet at Bath Theatre Royal. She's looking forward to sharing the stage with her real daughter, Willow.

Faringdon Dramatic Society

Since its formation in 1948 Faringdon Dramatic Society has mounted over 150 productions, ranging from pantomime to dramas, musicals, comedies and Shakespeare.

Between 2012 and 2017 **Jack and the Beanstalk**, **The Snow Queen**, **Happily Ever After** and **Arthur's Adventure** were winners of the pantomime competitions run by the Oxfordshire Drama Network.

Our current membership is around 60, but new members are always welcome; there are opportunities for backstage / front of house personnel as well as actors.

We would be really pleased if you would write us a review – your honest opinions will be much appreciated:

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where you can also find up to date details of the Society and membership.

Look out for news of our next production, in November, on our website, local information and social media (look for **Faringdon Dramatic Society** on Facebook) which will give details nearer the time. Tickets will be available from our Online Box Office.

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