



About the Company

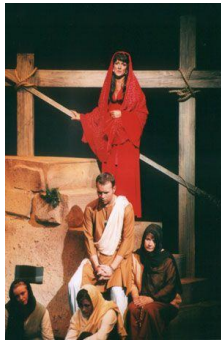
York Light Opera Society was formed in 1953 to perform the new and challenging musicals of the time. Over 50 years on we are highly regarded and have been invited to perform some of the most famous musicals and those on limited release, including *Singing in the Rain*, *Crazy for You*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *The Witches of Eastwick*.

In 2003, for financial reasons, we became York Light Opera Company Limited, but we remain an amateur group. We are affiliated to the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA).

The Company performs two shows a year; a 2-week run of a Winter Show at the Theatre Royal and a shorter Summer Show at the Joseph Rowntree Theatre. We take great pride in continuing our traditions of bringing brand new musical to York audiences as well as breathing new life into old favourites. We aim for a high standard of production and engage a professional producer and musical director for each of our shows. Our desire for high standards means we have a busy rehearsal period in order to put on the best production we can.

The day-to-day affairs of the Company are dealt with by a Board of Directors and a Management Committee made up of 12 elected members.

The Company also has a variety of social activities. Friends of York Light are welcome to join members at various theatre outings and the annual formal dinner, usually held at the Racecourse in March. We have a Christmas Social and, for those with enough energy, there are events following stage performances – often including an Indian night, a Chinese night, as well as a Chairman’s party.



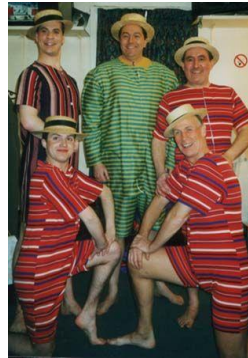
Jesus Christ Superstar - 2004

York Light Opera Company Limited

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Mack and Mable - 2000



Anything Goes - 2006
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Help Amateur Theatre in York



My Fair Lady - 2008

How can YOU help Amateur Theatre?

Staging a Musical Theatre production doesn't just involve "blood, sweat and tears"; it costs a great deal of money.

York Light Opera Company stages two shows each year. We hire the York Theatre Royal for two weeks in February and in the Summer we use the Joseph Rowntree Theatre for a few days, usually in June.

As a Limited Liability Company we do not qualify for any external support or grants whatsoever, so we have to be entirely self-sufficient. That means we have to attract full houses to all our shows and to do so, apart from advertising in the media, we need a good network of Friends to spread the word and generally support the work of all the stalwart volunteers who make a show possible



"Doing the Lambeth Walk" from Me and My Girl - 2003

It now costs over £100,000 each year to stage our Winter show in the York Theatre Royal. This is a huge sum of money, and includes the cost of hiring the Theatre and its essential staff, musicians' fees, performance rights and, of course, the fabulous costumes for which we are renowned.

We try hard to contain rising costs, but it is a continual struggle, so that is why we ask you to consider giving us your regular support - financial and personal.

YOU REALLY CAN HELP !

Become a Friend of



As a Friend of the Company, you would pledge your support to our ongoing future for less than 50p a week!

What do you get for your money?

- Ticket reductions for shows on "Friends nights".
- Advance notification of all our shows together with a priority booking form.
- Invitations to the Company's social functions.
- A free programme and interval hospitality when you attend any of our shows.
- Your name will be listed in our main show programme, as a Friend of the Company.
- The satisfaction of knowing your contribution has helped Amateur Theatre in York!



Crazy for You -1998

What do I have to do now?

Simply fill in the attached form and return it to the address shown, enclosing a cheque for £20 and we will send you a Friends membership card, valid until September 2010.



Application Form

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Postcode:.....

Telephone:.....

E-mail:.....

I confirm that I wish to be a Friend of York Light Opera Company until 1 September 2010, and I enclose a cheque for £20. *(Payable to York Light Opera Company)*
I give my consent for my details to be held on computer file and used by the Company as required only for the running of this scheme.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Please return this form to:

Nigel Wood,
Friends of York Light Coordinator,
1 Green Lane,
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