

MASKERS FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Little Women

By Louisa M Alcott

Directed by Sheana Carrington
at The Nuffield Theatre, Southampton
27-31 January 2009

For more information visit www.nuffieldtheatre.co.uk

The Homecoming

By Harold Pinter

Directed by Ron Stannard
at The Maskers Studio, Shirley
30 March - 4 April 2009

The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband

By Debbie Isitt

Directed by Steve Cosier
at The Maskers Studio, Shirley
Mid May 2009

Tom Jones

by Henry Fielding and directed by Ken Spencer

at Hamptworth Lodge, Landford, near Romsey

From the 15th to the 25th July 2009

The Maskers Studio has a licensed bar and is accessible for patrons with disabilities.
The Maskers Theatre Company is a Registered Charity 900067
For more information visit www.maskers.org.uk

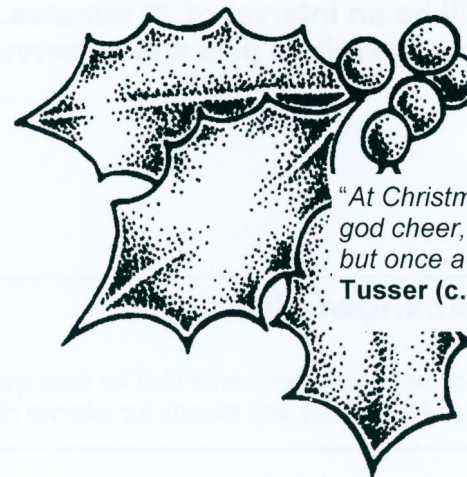


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Bah Humbug?

Compiled and directed by Avril Woodward

**Monday 8th December
- Saturday 13th December**



*"At Christmas play and make
god cheer, For Christmas comes
but once a year." - Thomas
Tusser (c. 1515—1580)*

"Christmas comes, but once a year is enough." Anon

Director's Notes

Bah Humbug?

Bah Humbug? is an anthology, a collection of selected pieces of prose, poetry or music with the common theme of Christmas. What a rich seam to mine for an anthology!

Artists, writers and musicians have for two thousand years tried to encapsulate the mystery, the awe and the wonder of the birth of a baby boy. A boy born to homeless parents who had travelled to Bethlehem from their home town of Nazareth, directed there by the Romans for a census to be taken, born in a stable because "there was no room for them in the inn". A boy whose birth was celebrated not only by his parents but by shepherds, kings and angels. A boy who while still a baby had to be spirited away from the country of his birth because King Herod wanted him dead.

Today the Christian World still celebrates what is seen by many as the greatest Festival of the year with Nativity Plays, Carol Services, family get-togethers, presents, parties, special food and drink, trees and decorations, and not to mention pantomimes.

We hope that part of your celebrations will be your enjoyment of this Maskers Christmas Collection.

**There will be an interval of 20 minutes.
Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.**

Acknowledgements

Thanks to the staff of the Tudor Merchants Hall for their assistance.
Thank you to Anja McCloskey and friends for interval music.

The Ensemble

Moyra Allen
Matt Avery
Philip de Grouchy
David Pike

Singers:
Accompanied by

Flautist
Pianist
Sound
Lighting
Production Manager
Decorations courtesy of
Refreshments arranged by

Programme/Flyer Design
Box Office
Front of House
Director

Suze Provins
Alan Watson
Jenni Watson
Geoff Wharam

Annie Masters David Tatnall
Jean Orba

Sandy Orba
Jean Orba
Geoff Grandy
Jamie McCarthy
Carl Read
Gill Buchanan and her team
Gill and Graham Buchanan aided by
Pam de Grouchy
Anja McCloskey
Chris Baker
Maskers arranged by Julia Jupp
Avril Woodward



"Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it white." - Bing Crosby