

*Danville Light Opera Company
Presents*

Nonsense



*A Musical Comedy
Book, Music and Lyrics by
Dan Goggin*

Lisa Richter Drama Director Karen Grove Musical Director
Angie Mansfield Choreographer

Ann Wagle Accompanist
Susie & Mark Willard Producers

*February 16, 17, 18, 2007
St. James United Methodist Church*

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.
45 West 25th Street, New York, NY 10010

The Cast

Reverend Mother
Sister Mary Hubert
Sister Mary Amnesia
Sister Robert Anne
Sister Mary Leo

Suzy Smalley
Jeanne Dunn
Stephanie La Reau
Amanda Coutant
Jessica Brackmann

The order of the Little Sisters of Hoboken was founded in the 7th century by Saint Wilfred, a bishop of England. He established the first convent and school known as the Wilfred Academy. His motto was “We don’t teach beauty-we radiate it!” Many years later a small group of pioneering sisters set out for America to establish a motherhouse in Cleveland. But they got off the plane in Newark by mistake. The order was “found” by the Newark Airport Police and the new motherhouse was established in Hoboken, New Jersey. It was at that time that the Order of St. Wilfred elected to change the name to the Little Sisters of Hoboken and they have been affectionately known as the “Little Hobo” ever since. It was from the convent that Sister Mary Cardelia, Sister Mary Hubert and Sister Robert Anne, set sail for the Mediterranean to establish their leper colony. Today the order has both nuns and brothers as members-all doing various good works in the Diocese of Newark. They also operate the Mount Saint Helen’s School in Hoboken.

From the Director

When I was a child, any time I misbehaved (which wasn’t very often of course), my mother would threaten, “If you don’t behave, I’m going to send you to a convent. Through all her years in Catholic schools, she obviously was never exposed to the “Little Sisters of Hoboken”. Well, I must have wonderfully misbehaved to be sent to Mt. Saint Helens. I am so proud to be associated with such a beautiful group of “sisters” (and a few “brothers”). I thank each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication that made this production possible. The show has genuinely been a team effort. Finally, I thank you, the audience for taking time to let us entertain you. You are the reason we do this. I hope you enjoy the Little Sisters of Hoboken and all their “Nonsense”.

Lisa Richter

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Musical Numbers

Act I

Welcome	Reverend Mother
<i>Nonsense is Habit-Forming</i>	Cast
Opening Remarks	Rev. Mother & Sr. Hubert
<i>A Difficult Transition</i>	Cast
The Quiz	Sr. Amnesia
<i>Benedicite</i>	Sr. Leo
<i>The Biggest Ain't The Best</i>	Sr. Hubert & Sr. Leo
<i>Playing Second Fiddle</i>	Sr. Robert Anne
<i>So You Want To Be A Nun</i>	Sr. Amnesia
A Word from the Reverend Mother	Rev. Mother
<i>Turn Up The Spotlight</i>	Rev. Mother
<i>Lilacs Bring Back Memories</i>	Rev. Mother, Srs. Hubert, Amnesia, Leo
An Unexpected Discovery	Rev. Mother
<i>Tackle That Temptation with a Time Step</i>	Cast

There will be one 15 minute Intermission

Act II

Robert to the Rescue	Sr. Robert Anne
<i>Growing Up Catholic</i>	Srs. Robert Anne, Hubert, Amnesia, Leo
<i>We've Got to Clean out the Freezer</i>	Cast
A Minor Catastrophe	Cast
<i>Just A Coupl'a Sisters</i>	Rev. Mother & Sr. Hubert
<i>Soup's On (The Dying Nun Ballet)</i>	Sr. Leo
Baking with the BVM	Sr. Julia, Child of God
<i>Playing Second Fiddle</i> (reprise)	Sr. Robert Anne
<i>I Just Want to Be a Star</i>	Sr. Robert Anne
<i>The Drive-In</i>	Srs. Robert Anne, Amnesia & Leo
A Home Movie	Cast
<i>I Could've Gone to Nashville</i>	Sr. Amnesia
<i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</i>	Cast
Closing Remarks	Rev. Mother & Cast
<i>Holier Than Thou</i>	Sr. Hubert & Cast
<i>Nonsense Is Habit-Forming</i> (reprise)	Cast

**NO FLASH PICTURES OR VIDEO TAPING ALLOWED
DURING THE PERFORMANCE.**

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL PAGERS AND
CELLULAR PHONES**

Production Staff

<i>Drama Director</i>	<i>Lisa Richter</i>
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Karen Grove</i>
<i>Choreographer</i>	<i>Angie Mansfield</i>
<i>Accompanist</i>	<i>Ann Wagle</i>
<i>Producers</i>	<i>Mark & Suzie Willard</i>
<i>Stage Manager</i>	<i>Annie Roach</i>
<i>Costumes</i>	<i>Jamey Coutant</i>
<i>Set Design/Construction</i> ..	<i>Gary Lickfett, Mark Willard, Brad Smith</i>
<i>Lights</i>	<i>Tom Fricke</i>
<i>Spotlight Operator</i>	<i>Tyler Kelson</i>
<i>Sound</i>	<i>Todd Nardoni</i>
<i>Box Office</i>	<i>Lon Henderson & Justine Hanciaux</i>
<i>Publicity</i>	<i>Tom Fricke & Robert McIntire</i>
<i>Program</i>	<i>Nancy Henderson & Kelly Printing</i>
<i>Program Photos</i>	<i>Joyce Knoblauch, Knoblauch Studios</i>

Orchestra

<i>Piano</i>	<i>Ann Wagle</i>
<i>Keyboard</i>	<i>Debbie Romine</i>
<i>Alto Sax & Flute</i>	<i>Randy Ashton</i>
<i>Clarinet</i>	<i>Dick Brazda</i>
<i>Drums</i>	<i>Merle Sanford</i>

Special Thanks

St. James United Methodist Church
Danville First Church of the Nazarene Puppet Team
Jessie Pierce
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Biographies



Jessica Brackman (Sister Mary Leo) Jessica is thrilled to be in *Nunsense*, her first production with DLO. She has also appeared in several other shows including *Beau Jest*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Dames at Sea* with other theatre groups. Jessica is a Registered Nurse at Christie Clinic. She thanks her family for their unwavering love and support.



Amanda Coutant (Sister Robert Anne) Amanda is thrilled to be in her 12th DLO production. She got her start in theatre at age nine and has loved it whole-heartedly since! Amanda's day job is at Two by Two Day Care. She thanks the cast the crew for the fun the friendship through this amazing experience and her family for their love and support.



Jeanne Dunn (Sister Mary Hubert) In 1996 Jeanne came to Danville from the Boston area, where she was active in all aspects of community theatre. *Nunsense* marks her 4th appearance with DLO. Jeanne appreciates the faith of the directors, patience of the choreographer, camaraderie of the cast and crew and the indulgent support of her family.



Karen Grove (Music Director) Karen has been involved with Danville Light Opera music in numerous productions, most recently with *Working* and *Chicago*. Karen teaches 3rd grade at Oakwood Grade School. She thanks her husband John for being so understanding and supportive. She would also like to thank the cast for being so much fun to work with.



Stefanie LaReau (Sister Amnesia) *Nunsense* is Stefanie's 2nd appearance with DLO. A Speech-Language Pathologist in private practice, Stefanie thanks God and her parents for her talent, and husband Darren and daughters Kelsey and Hannah for their patience and support. This performance is dedicated to the memory of Reagan Williams. Please visit www.shakenbaby.com.



Angie Mansfield (Choreographer) After appearing onstage in *Ragtime* last fall, Angie is again behind the scenes, wearing one of her many community theatre hats. In her life "offstage", Angie spends her days chasing her three beautiful daughters and teaching arts classes at the Blue Kangaroo. She thanks husband Jim for understanding her craziness.



Annie Roach (Stage Manager) Annie is glad to have the chance to work behind the scenes as stage manager. However she is no stranger to the stage, having appeared onstage for Danville Light Opera, Red Mask Players and most recently in *Fiddler on the Roof* with the Myers Dinner Theatre. She would like to thank Lisa for this opportunity.

Biographies



Lisa Richter (Drama Director) *Nonsense* is Lisa's debut as a director with Danville Light Opera but she is no stranger to local community theatre where she is active both on and offstage. Lisa thanks her family for their love and support, and dedicates this performance to her mother, Teddy, whom she knows is looking down from heaven laughing at all the "humor of the nun".



Suzy Smalley (Reverend Mother) Suzy has been in several Danville Light Opera productions over the past four years and has enjoyed them all. Her love of singing, acting, and attempts at dancing bring so much joy to her life! Suzy is a loan officer and processor at Associated Capital Mortgage. She sends a big thanks to her daughters and mother for their support.



Ann Wagle (Accompanist) *Nonsense* is Ann's first Danville Light Opera show but she is an experienced accompanist. Most recently Ann has accompanied musicals at Bismark-Henning high school and St. James United Methodist Church. She also accompanies the St. James choir. Ann is Chief Nurse at Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System.



Susie & Mark Willard (Producers) Susie and Mark's involvement in DLO started 6 years ago taking daughter Allison to youth musical productions. Soon, Susie began helping behind the scenes with the youth musicals. When Allison moved to the adult shows they followed, with all three ending up onstage in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Susie and Mark thank Allison for allowing them to share in the theatre experience and look forward to many more.

Coming Attractions

Danville Light Opera

An Evening With The Music Of Andrew Lloyd Webber

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