

**PHOENIX**  
THEATRE COMPANY

presents Lionel Bart's

# OLIVER!

Book, Music and Lyrics by  
**LIONEL BART**

**October 22nd to 24th at 7.30pm**  
**Barn Theatre Southwick BN42 4TE**  
Tickets from Box Office  
**01273 597094**

[southwickcommunitycentre.org.uk/tickets](http://southwickcommunitycentre.org.uk/tickets)



THE **BARN**  
SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

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## **WELCOME TO PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY**

Phoenix is a completely open company and Oliver! is going to be a community show.

We welcome anyone along, aged 6-99, to audition for Oliver! and to be a part of our company. We have no membership rules or commitments to future shows. As an inclusive community company, we are looking for performers who will become fully involved in the show and be keen to turn their hand to anything involved in putting on a musical; promotion, props, costumes, ticket sales, backstage, chaperoning, and even making the teas during rehearsals! If you are able to bring biscuits and bake cakes, then even better!

Our production of Oliver at The Barn, Southwick in October 2020, is the new Palladium 2009 version. If you have performed this show in the past you will soon see that there are changes to the songs, script, keys and dance breaks!

The vision for Phoenix Theatre Company's production of Oliver! is for it to be an honest and dark portrayal of Dickensian London. We are a company which believes in an open stage, and we sell our stories using the amazing performing skills of our actors, the clever lighting, and the music from the live band. We look to our cast to develop their characters during the rehearsal period, and we are always keen to see different portrayals of roles at the audition.

We aim to keep the characters' ages close to those portrayed by Charles Dickens in his classic novel, Oliver Twist. We will be looking for a younger playing Nancy and Bet, a pre-teen Oliver with a strong unbroken voice, and a teenage Dodger who has the character and strong voice to play the role. Noah and Charlotte too will be teenage roles.

We are casting both boys and girls in our children's ensemble, both in the Workhouse and in Fagin's gang. We will be looking to see real and individual characters at the audition. We have no height restrictions, but we will be looking for performers who look like children or teenagers.

*No show fee. Minimal weekly rehearsal fee to cover venue hire*

You must register your desire to audition and we will send you a confirmation and time-slot. Any questions please do email [phoenixthco@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixthco@gmail.com)

**SHOW DATES:**

Tech/Dress: Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Show One Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Show Two Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Show Three Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> matinee  
Show Four Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> evening

**AUDITION DATES:**

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> (time slots will be given nearer the day and may change)

10-12: Oliver, Dodger, children's ensemble,  
12-1: Nancy, Bet  
1-2: Fagin, Bill Sikes,  
2-3: Mr Sowerberry, Mrs Sowerberry, Mr Bumble, Mrs Corney, Noah,  
Charlotte  
5-8 Adult ensemble including any other named parts

Recalls are on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 7pm

Bets, Charlottes and Noahs should also come along to either the children's ensemble or adult ensemble, depending on age and where they fit best.

*All adults should attend the adult ensemble audition, where there will be a short dance routine to learn.*

Email [phoenixthco@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixthco@gmail.com) to be registered for an audition space. Spaces are limited but we aim to see as many people as possible. We are looking for a large and exciting cast.

Rehearsals start on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>. You will not be called to every rehearsal. There will be some Sunday calls near to production dates, dates and times TBC.

**Auditions and rehearsals will be at:**

**Portslade Village Centre**

**43 Windlesham Close**

**Portslade**

**BN41 2LY**

## CHARACTERS:

Oliver Twist	playing age 11, unbroken voice
Fagin	runs a training academy for pickpockets
Artful Dodger	playing age teens, broken or unbroken voice
Bill Sikes	the villain
Nancy	playing age late teens/early twenties
Bet	playing age teens
Mr Bumble	large and pompous beadle of the workhouse
Mrs Corney	Workhouse mistress, domineering and sharp tongued
Mr Brownlow	playing age 50s
Mr Sowerberry	the Undertaker, playing age 30 plus
Mrs Sowerberry	His wife/overseer, playing age 30 plus
Charlotte Sowerberry	loud and coarse, playing age teens
Noah Claypole	Undertaker's apprentice, playing age teens
Mr Grimwig	Doctor, any adult age
Mrs Bedwin	Mr Brownlow's housekeeper, playing age 30 plus

**Ensemble:** We need a large and varied ensemble of adults, and there are lots of featured ensemble roles. Auditions and casting for solos and named roles will happen over the first few weeks of rehearsal once we get to know everyone better and have seen your particular skills and talents.

**Children:** We will be casting both boys and girls in the workhouse, and also will cast girls as Fagin's gang. There are many named parts and solo lines. As long as you look like a child/young teen we have no height restrictions.

## AUDITION PIECES:

### SONGS:

Oliver:	Where is Love (all)
Dodger:	Consider Yourself (bars 1-68)
Fagin:	Reviewing The Situation (bars 1-53 & 132-end) Pick a Pocket or Two (bars 101-119)
Nancy:	As Long as He Needs Me (all) Oom-pah-pah (bars 43-74)
Bet	Oom-pah-pah (bars 75-106) It's a Fine Life (bars 69-84)
Bill Sikes	My Name (all)
Mr Sowerberry & Mrs Sowerberry	That's Your Funeral (all)
Mr Bumble	Boy For Sale (all) I Shall Scream (all)
Mrs Corney	I Shall Scream (all)
Adult Ensemble	Oom Pah Pah (bars 207-end)
Child Ensemble	Be Back Soon (bars 90-106)

### SCRIPT:

Oliver	p26-28 p34-35
Dodger	p26-28 p34-35
Fagin	p34-35 p82-83
Nancy	p82-83
Bill Sikes	p82-83
Mr Bumble	p8-9 p12-13
Mrs Corney	p8-9
Noah	p20-21
Charlotte	p20-21
Mr and Mrs Sowerberry	p12-13

## AUDITION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

School & DOB if below yr 11 \_\_\_\_\_

Character/s auditioning for \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you happy to be cast as part of our amazing ensemble? YES/NO

Vocal Range/Type \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Experience \_\_\_\_\_

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