

Productions in 2005

Celebrate!

Our show for autumn 2005, 'Celebrate!', enjoyed a very successful run from 19th to 22nd October. We generally say that doing a revue-style show is harder than an operetta, and 'Celebrate!' certainly proved the truth of that! Problem is, there's none of that dialogue stuff for the chorus to slink back to the dressing-room and take a breather. Still, shouldn't complain too much I suppose - we always claim to be singers that act a bit so this was our chance to prove it!

We opened to an excellent house and this continued throughout the week. The show clearly delighted our audiences, proved by the fact that several were moved to join in with the words of the well-known songs. Not always in the right place mind, but you can't have everything! The chorus and soloists alike were on great form, and the large amount of music in the show was really brought alive by the "band" under the confident direction of our MD, Stella Brownsea. Stage Director Trevor Thurston was even seen smiling at times - the investment in shoes with L and R engraved on them clearly paid off!!

Press reviews were uniformly excellent, with phrases such as "lively & spine tingling" and "verve & excitement" being used throughout. Special mention was made of the contribution made by our younger members, whose performance was noted to be "assured & confident" - a comment I'm sure everyone would agree with. The production was described as "tightly drilled and well balanced" but the cast will probably remember the "multiple lightning changes of costume" rather more!

Special thanks must go to Stage Manager Terry Dentith and his crew for ensuring that the scene changes (nearly!) always kept up with the pace on stage, and to the Front-of-House, makeup and backstage teams for their contribution to this happy and most successful production.