



Crowthorne Musical Players would like to welcome you to the rehearsals for our next production - Sister Act.

We hope you will enjoy being part of a CMP show and will find the following useful and informative:

With every show there are always costs, some are mandatory and others optional.

Mandatory costs:

Membership:

£10.00 basic Society membership (this is required to audition and must be paid before or on audition day – this will also allow you to take part in the Christmas Concert and vote at the AGM)
£70.00 membership for Sister Act (this is required when you commit to taking part in the show)
For people in full time education there is a flat membership fee of £25.00, this is made up of £3.00 basic membership, and £22.00 if taking part in the main and/or autumn show
All of these can be paid by cash or cheque, or if you prefer you can arrange with the Treasurer to spread the cost by setting up a monthly standing order

(CMP are part of the HMRC Gift Aid scheme, if you are UK tax payer please see our co-ordinator Peter Winn if you wish to get more information and sign up – this will cost you nothing but will raise 25% extra for all your subscriptions paid)

Lib/score hire:

As an expectation all cast will hire a copy of the lib/score.

The cost is £20.00 - if you wish to have this in a book version, there is also a deposit required of £25.00 to cover a replacement if this is lost or damaged. These should be kept in pristine condition and only written in using a 2B black pencil, this must be returned with the pencil marking erased and the book in a clean condition.

We also produce a printed version for the same cost of £20.00 – this can then be written on and highlighted and destroyed after the show. This can be sent to your E-mail address for personal editing and printing if you wish, or we can provide a hard copy – please advise Peter Winn of your preference.

Optional costs:

T-shirts, polos and zip up hoodies, as a guideline, last year's prices were £10.00, £15.00 and £22.00 respectively, if you would like them personalised there was an extra charge of £3.00.

Refreshments if taken are 30p for a cup of tea or coffee and 50p for a normal bar of chocolate – you make your own and wash up your mugs afterwards - there is an honesty pot for your money

Raffle – most rehearsals there is a raffle to help raise funds for the show week raffle prizes – tickets are £1.00 each

Photos, etc. of rehearsals, and performances are made available for purchase during show week or shortly after – you will be informed of the costs of what is available and payment is required in advance of an order being placed

Additional information:

AGM:

Our AGM is being held on the 16th November after a shortened rehearsal for Sister Act, the Committee work very hard throughout the year to keep the wheels turning smoothly and not coming off. So, please if you would like to join this merry band please put your name forward to a member of the current Committee

Events and Fundraising:

Quiz and Social

Join us in a CMP quiz night on the proposed date of 3rd November, ticket price will include food and quiz entry, details to be announced.

Wokingham Winter Carnival

Held on Sunday 26th November, CMP have a Mystery Tombola Stall. We not only need lots of help setting up and manning the stall on the day, but we also need lots of Christmas wrapped mystery prizes to attract the customers. We ask members and friends to provide five wrapped prizes to the value of £2.00 each (if they are your unwanted gifts, they could be worth more). If you cannot manage that then a £10.00 donation is also acceptable to purchase prizes. In the week prior to the carnival volunteers are welcome to help sort and wrap these gifts, and also to fold raffle tickets and stick them on the prizes.

Christmas Concert

Rehearsals start on the 23rd November, the dates for the concerts are Saturday 9th December at 7.30 pm and Sunday 10th at 2.30 pm.

This is full of festive songs, with plenty of audience participation and your chance to sing a Christmassy solo, be part of a duet or group, or read a traditional or funny story. This gets cast and audience alike into the Christmas spirit.

Easy-fundraising

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> - through this organisation you can register CMP as your chosen charity and find every kind of retail outlet you could wish – make your online purchases and a percentage based on your transaction will go directly to CMP – easy!

Crowthorne Musical Players depend on the above to raise funds to help with the ever-increasing costs of putting on the main show so your participation and help is much appreciated

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SISTER ACT

Director: Matt Thompson

Musical Director: Mark Webb

Choreographer: Erin Hope Pharo

CMP Expectations of Cast

The cast are expected to show commitment to the production by attending rehearsals, unless by prior arrangement.

CMP cast members should also be expected to work on and practise the roles/songs they will be performing outside of rehearsals. Rehearsal time is limited, and it is necessary to minimise how much time is spent repeating what has already been covered. If someone is absent from a rehearsal, they need to, where possible, utilise other cast members who were at the rehearsal to catch up on what they missed.

Outside of the actual rehearsal and performance side of being a cast member, all members are expected to take an active role in selling tickets and marketing the production, and in other fundraising activities for CMP, that enable the Society to put on this production.

Rehearsals are on Mondays (8:15pm) and Thursdays (8:00pm) at the Parish Hall, Crowthorne, unless otherwise communicated. Please be prompt to make the most of rehearsal time.

There will also be rehearsals on several Sunday afternoons, typically the first Sunday of the month, these unless told otherwise will be held in The Methodist Church Hall. These may increase in frequency in the New Year as we near the show dates.

Extracts from the lib and score will be made available to prospective cast members in advance of the auditions. Details as to how to access these will be made known at the pre-audition rehearsals.

Key Calendar Dates

Pre- Audition Rehearsals

Monday 25th September	8.30pm-10.00pm	Overview of Sister Act
Thursday 28th September	8.00pm-10.00pm Parish Hall, Crowthorne	Dance rehearsal
Monday 2nd October	8:15pm-10:00pm Parish Hall, Crowthorne	Music rehearsal
Thursday 5th October	8:00pm-10:00pm Parish Hall, Crowthorne	Recap all

Auditions

Sunday 8th October	2:00pm onwards Crowthorne Methodist Church Hall	Main Auditions
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Further Sister Act rehearsal dates to be circulated

Show Week

Sunday 11th March, 2018	Get In Day, Band Call and Tech Rehearsal
Monday 12th March, 2018	Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 13th March-Saturday 17th March	Performances