

**Where there's a Will,
.....there's a Way!!**

gallery players present

LUCKY

Stif



book and lyrics by lynn ahrens
music by stephen flaherty

**An offbeat hilarious
murder mystery farce!!**

**29th October
to 3rd November**

sir john mills theatre
gatacre road
ipswich



Lucky Stiff is one of those rare breeds of Musical Theatre. A heady mix of musical, farce, romance, comedy, and whodunnit. It really is a genre-buster, and has long been one of my favourites, but as a Gallery Players production, it was born from a brief but recurrent conversation, starting nearly 20 years ago, with **Pat Taplin**, the late and much-missed founder of Gallery Players.

“Jon. Would you ever consider directing for us?”

“I’d love to Pat, but I just don’t have enough spare time to devote to it.”

“Yes, but if you ever *did* find the time, what would you want to direct?”

“Oh, that’s easy. There’s this show by Flaherty & Ahrens called Lucky Stiff, and it involves a shoe salesman taking a dead body in a wheelchair on holiday to Monte Carlo.”

A slight pause.

“That sounds lovely, dear! Are you SURE you can’t do it?”

“I’m sure. It’s just too much to take on.”

Famous. Last. Words.

I like to think that Pat is somewhere right now, smiling that most beautiful of smiles, and saying “I told you I’d get you to do that show for us one day!”

It has long been my ambition to direct this show, and now that it’s finally happening, I count myself very lucky to have not just one of the most talented and hard-working casts available this side of the country, but also an absolute genius of a Musical Director in Emma Haggar. And best of all, I get to direct it for the Gallery Players AND in the Sir John Mills Theatre, the best little venue in all of Suffolk. (and my workplace as it happens, as I work for Eastern Angles!)

I hope you have a great deal of fun with this show. Indeed, I hope you have as much fun as WE did, rehearsing it!

One more note of thanks - to Eastern Angles, for making it possible for me to do this just!

Enjoy!

Jon Tavener. Director of Lucky Stiff



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Creative Team

Director Jon Tavener
Musical Director Emma Haggar
Set Design Dave Borthwick
Props Sue Simmonds
Costumes Helen Leeder
Lighting Will Dowe
Lighting & Sound Technician Rachel Doy
Choreography Brónte Fletcher, Stephanie Brown
Stage Manager Georgie Beard
Deputy Stage Manager Will Dowe, Rachel Doy
Production Manager Steve Wooldridge
Leaflet, Poster and Programme Design Steve Taplin
Set Construction Dave Borthwick, Helen Clarke, Steve Wooldridge, Rachel Doy, Will Dowe, Mike Wadman & the Company.
Front of House Norman Rutterford, Sue Hayes, Sue Goodall, Maggie Mudd, Lorena Cenci, Judy & Mike Wadman, Ian Quickfall, Steve & Linda Wooldridge

This production is dedicated to the memory of John Borthwick who was a great supporter of Gallery Players.

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Based on the motion picture 'The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo'
by Michael Butterworth. First produced by Playwrights Horizons, inc. Off-
Broadway in 1988.

Cast

Harry Witherspoon Paul Stone
Annabel Glick Zoe Jones
Rita La Porta Stephanie Brown
Vinnie Di Ruzzio Phil Cory
Luigi Gaudi Martin Leigh

Dominique Du Monaco / Ensemble Lesley Rawlinson
Monte Carlo M.C. / Ensemble Stephen Watt
Bellhop / Ensemble Jordan Lewis
Landlady / Ensemble Katie Heffer
The Body Darren Prentice

All other parts played by The Company

The Band

(under the direction of Emma Haggar)

Piano Emma Haggar
Keyboard Jon Gibbs
Percussion Pearl Gibson



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Musical Numbers

Act One

Something Funny's Going On The Company
Mr Witherspoon's Friday Night Harry & The Company
Rita's Confession Rita & Vinnie
Good To Be Alive Harry, Luigi & The Company
Lucky Harry
Dogs vs You Annabel & Harry
The Phone Call Vinnie
Monte Carlo / Speaking French Dominique & The Company
Times Like This Annabel
Fancy Meeting You Here Rita
Good To Be Alive (reprise) Harry & The Company

Act Two

Something Funny's Going On (reprise) The Company
Him, Them, It, Her Harry, Annabel, Rita, Vinnie & The Company
Nice Harry & Annabel
Welcome Back, Mister Witherspoon The Company
A Woman In My Bathroom Harry
Confession #2 Luigi & Rita
Fancy Meeting You Here (reprise) Rita & Luigi
Finale: Good To Be Alive (reprise) Harry, Annabel & The Company

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autumn 2019

