



BLOCNotes

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BLOC DIARY			Updated: 06-07-2017
Dates	Time	Event	Location
04+05-09-2017	19:45	Crazy For You: start of rehearsals	De Kam
10-09-2017	12:30	Annual BBQ: enrolment before Tuesday 05-09-2017	De Kam
23/26-11-2017	20:00 & 14:30	Crazy For You	CC Auderghem
February 2018	TBC	25th Anniversary De Kam	De Kam

**DEADLINE NEXT BLOCNotes:
05th September 2017**

BLOC's Membership Fee 2017

As a performing member the fee for each person is 40 Euros for the current calendar year 2017. In your payment please mention your name and 2017.

If you are a non-performing member the fee is 20 Euros for the current calendar year 2017.

The account is BLOC and the account number to pay to is: BE54 3101 7807 3797.

The fee is for every member of 16 years and older.

BLOC Committee: Committee Meeting 06-06-2017

- Committee appreciates the work done by Marie, Lionel, Alex and Barbara for H.M.S. Pinafore
- Crazy For You: preparations for the auditions are fully ongoing; a special BLOCNotes will be sent out with the information; producers Lawrence and Dennis presented the show's concept; rehearsals will start in earnest from 4th & 5th September 2017 onwards.
- BLOC Costume storage: on 05-06-2017 all BLOC costumes at Steve Stabler's were moved into the Shurgard facility in Machelen; we are still looking for good facilities for the storage of the set, costumes and props: any suggestions are welcome
- BLOC's annual BBQ will be held on Sunday 10th September 2017 from 12:30 onwards

BLOCNotes letter from the chair June 2017

Dear BLOCNotes Reader!

After an amazing heatwave, which began the week of HMS Pinafore we are back to easier temperatures and still the summer stretches before us in all its glory. Marie & Lionel's production was so much fun



– although we were not sold out, those who did manage to see the show were well and truly entertained. For those non-English mother tongue (and with around 22 nationalities that's most of BLOC these days) it was a challenge to get their tongues round Gilbert's words but they did it with smiles on their faces. All the Gilbert & Sullivan fans agreed it was super to see a full blown, joyous show at last in all the magnificent costumes such a show requires – congratulations to Tonia and the Jolly

Sisterhood for adapting the BLOC wardrobe classics, congratulations on the fortitude of the cast for sweating their way through the week without complaining (save a wee bit of grumpiness at the photo opportunity in between the Saturday shows when the time to wring out sweaty shirts and take relief from hot wigs was shortened to get the amazing photo by Eva above)... For those non G&S fans, who could fault Philip & Marie's beautiful deck of the Pinafore, the precision of a well drilled cast and that fab BLOC chorus in full flow not to mention Bridget's hard to beat soaring soprano.... Thank you everybody for a job well done.

So with a van hired for the HMSP Get Out and a public holiday we accomplished another milestone: Costume Get Out from Steve Stabler's. Steve's attic has housed BLOC costumes for years but with some renovation work scheduled it was time to make a move to Shurgard. A HUGE thank you to Mr. Stabler! And thank you to the intrepid Get Out Team (Left to Right Top: Beatriz Edgar Adam Anwen Kyle Marie, Middle: Konstantin Appo Tonia Ilaria Wöbking Constanza Isabelle Ian Jez, , Bottom: Filipa Philip Lluís Avril Liliane Diana Claire). . . who created a human



chain of boxes and hangers to load and unload that afternoon. The BLOC family - of families - at it again – bravo!

Auditions for Crazy for You have now taken place and there has been a flurry of activity before everybody departs for the summer break. There were 97 interested individuals at the Introduction Evening so it was a really good turn out. De Kam's Grote zaal was bursting with life and enthusiasm as Viv taught us to sing 'I've got rhythm' in four part harmony and Jean took the throng through some fun vigorous dance moves. We've come to expect 70 - 80 strong casts for the past three November productions but one director's dream can be another's nightmare and this November's team of Rachel, Vivienne and Jean have opted for a smaller cast of around 63. We wish them all well as they prepare for rehearsals which start in early September.

All for now. See you at de Kam! Diana x

Crazy For You

Cast after the auditions

Soloists

Polly	Emanuelle Vergier
Bobby	Wim Lefebure
Bela Zangler	Alan Gray
Bobby's Mother	Lisa Armetta
Everett, Polly's Father	George Rahim
Eugene	Tony Lowe
Patricia	Angela Lowe
Irene, Bobby's Fiancé	Lisa Thauvette
Lank	Oliver Wright
Perkins, Mother's accountant	Michael Berrisford
Cowboy Trio	Pierre Halloy
Cowboy Trio	Thomas Landsbert-Noon
Cowboy Trio	Bart Bakker
Cowboy added to make quartet	Lluis Brosoms
Cowboys	All other gents

Dancers

Tess: Sara Soumillion, **Patsy:** Svea Brain Jangen

Helen Krabb, Tonia Jolly, Alisia Buekenhoudt, Sari Saarenpaa, Caroline Desmaret, Beatriz Ferraz, Julia Just, Jeanette Marino.

Chorus

SOPRANOS: Barbara Bauer, Beatriz Ferraz, Chloe Eeman, Constança Ferraz, Eva Mária Szávu, Gilda Amorosi, Helen Krabb, Ilaria Ernst-Hites, Janet Gray, Julia Just, Latifa Sadoc, Sara Soumillion, Svea Brain Jangen, Zoë Sleath, Carol Piquemal, Liliane Scott-Depaepe, Avril Anderson, Hanna Karska

ALTOS: Alisia Buekenhoudt, Annika Norstrom, Caroline Desmaret, Jeanette Marino, Jenny Fischer, Jessica Petter, Natasha Hesketh, Sari Saarenpaa, Angela Lowe, Lisa Armetta, Celia Perry, Tonia Jolly, Rose Julien

TENORS: Lluis Bronsoms, Marco Michelin, Peter De Schepper, Pierre Halloy

BASSES: Angel Castillo Perona, Alex Just, Alexis de Baets, Barry Salter, Bart Bakker, Dennis Elslander, Edgar Hayward-Fitch, Konstantin Wöbking, Peter Mountain, Sam Latriche, Thomas Landsbert-Noon, Marc Tonnon, Sam Kenrick



Sunday, 10th September 2017
from 12:30 at De Kam Beekstraat 172,
1970 Wezembeek-Oppeem

BLOC'S ANNUAL

— Food served from 13:00 —

BBQ

FREE FOR BLOC MEMBERS

Small charge to guests: € 18.00

This is a catered BBQ, you must book
even as a BLOC member. Contact
your social secretary Dennis Elslander:

dennis.elslander@telenet.be

*Please bring
a dessert*

Deadline enrolment:
5th September 2017

For the enrolment please use the form on the next page

Volunteers wanted for set-up, clearing up and bar. Please contact Dennis.



BOOKING FORM



Sunday 10th September 2017 from 12:30 PM at De Kam

3 pieces of meat / person (**Vegetarian food is available. Please let us know or about any special diets**)
Pastas – vegetables – rice – bread – sauces

Dessert : **Please bring a dessert...** (see below)

As this is a catered BBQ, you must book your meal, even as a member

**Please note that food will be provided free-of-charge
to all paid-up members of BLOC**

(this applies only to individual Members and **not to their family or friends**).

Drinks : available at De Crazy Kam Bar.

Non BLOC members: € 18.00 for adults and € 10 for children (12 and under).

Names of people attending	Amount due (only for NON-Members)
	€
	€
	€
	€

Please transfer the total amount to the BLOC account at 310-1780737-97 by Tuesday, 05th September 2017 !!!

I volunteer: *(please tick the appropriate option(s)):*

to bring desserts for people

to set/clear up of the BBQ (outside / Grote Zaal)

to help at the bar



Lost & Found

The following items were found after recent BLOC events/rehearsals. Could the rightful owners please contact Dennis Elslander (e-mail: dennis.elslander@telenet.be) to reclaim them



"SING G&S IN BRUSSELS"

INVITES YOU TO SING ALONG WITH...



The Sorcerer

on Saturday 8th July 2017 at 14:30

(doors open at 14:00)

at the De Bosuil Cultural Centre, 1 Witherendreef,
3090 Overijse (First floor)



If you enjoyed 'HMS Pinafore', then you'll love 'The Sorcerer'.

Come along and join in the singing on 8th July and, if you wish, add to the fun by performing one of your favourite comic songs - any language, any genre, any show (even non-G&S)!

Participation: 5 euros (includes tasty English tea and cakes)
Scores and libretti of 'The Sorcerer' available on the day.

If you would like to take part in any way, or to find out more, please e-mail us at: singgasbru@gmail.com