

ICT Proudly Presents
The Opening of Our

Warehouse Theatre

with the production of



Nursesense

a musical comedy

by Dan Goggin

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

SISTER MARY REGINA, the beloved Mother Superior of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, is originally from a small county in Ireland called Kilquirky. She headed the pioneering group of religious who established the leper colony in the Mediterranean and later returned to Hoboken as Superior General of the Order. After *Nunsense*, Mother Superior says she has no desire to continue in the theatre. But rumor has it that she would consider doing national commercials or a television series to raise money for the Order. Prior to taking her vows, Sister Mary Regina was Vicki Walter who previously appeared in the ICT production *Camelot*.

SISTER MARY HUBERT entered the Little Sisters of Hoboken upon graduation from Precious Blood Elementary School. Sister currently serves the Order as Mistress of Novices, training new recruits. Her position is not unlike a drill sergeant, however, she is the first to point out that her approach is more gentle — but firm. Sister is a little "off-the-wall" at times but this has been attributed to the fact that she was trampled by a camel that went berserk during the annual nativity pageant held in the leper colony. (She was portraying one of the three wise men.) Sister Mary Hubert is the former Carol Meade. Miss Meade was seen in "Quilters" and "George M".

SISTER MARY ROBERT ANNE was a child of a disadvantaged Brooklyn family. After dropping out of Verna's Cashier School, Reverend Mother took pity on poor little Kim Strickler and accepted her into the Little Sisters of Hoboken, where she became Sister Mary Robert Anne. Today she is one of the most popular sisters with New Jersey kids because she speaks their language. Reverend Mother regrets the fact that a lot of this language is unprintable. Sister Robert Anne had a very checkered career prior to entering the convent, including acting stunts in "Quilters" and "Guys and Dolls". The nuns rarely discuss Kim's 4-year-old daughter.

SISTER MARY AMNESIA is truly a lost soul. She arrived at the convent in her habit without a clue as to her identity . . . recalling only that a crucifix fell on her head. It has been said that she resembles Elaine Larson, who tried to learn ventriloquism when she became a Little Sister of Hoboken and previously appeared in "Guys & Dolls" and "Cinderella".

SISTER MARY LEO came to the order from an Illinois farm. She entered the convent to dedicate her life to God through the dance. Many people think that she took her name from the famous "leopard," but that is not true. She is named after her Uncle Leo, a notorious Chicago gangster. Sister thought that by taking his name, the Lord would go easy on him. She is a novice and has much to learn. Before joining the Order, Sister was known as Becky Ahern. Prior to taking her vow of poverty, Sister snared a part in "Annie".

DAN GOGGIN (Writer) conceived the idea for the musical *Nunsense* after the phenomenal success of the *Nunsense* greeting card line, which he created with Marilyn Farina. Dan has also written scores for the Off-Broadway musical *Hark!*; the Broadway production *Legend*, starring Elizabeth Ashley and F. Murray

Abraham; *Seven*, starring Jane White; the musical *A One-Way Ticket to Broadway*; and two revues: *Because We're Decadent* and *Something for Everybody's Mother*. Dan has applied for admission to the Little Order of Hoboken, but Sister Mary Regina says she is much too busy with *Nunsense* to answer any letters now.

RICHARD SPENCER (Director) was released from his vows as Brother Futon Fouette. This occurred after the Bishop discovered that Brother Futon had used his habit as a parachute to jump from a jetliner onto a burning building, where he single-handedly saved 300 pounds of uncut cocaine from the flames, giving rise to his favorite expression: "Come fly with me!" Since then, Richard Spencer has been involved with ICT as director, actor and technical supervisor.

SISTER MARY JAN KNEWTSON is our convent musician. She was part of the original contingent who established the leper colony served by the Order. Sister achieved much notoriety when she published her first music book "Two Part Inventions for the Fingerless" which she dedicated to the lepers. Sister Jan has helped the Order enormously by taking her talent outside the convent walls and has appeared in ICT productions of "Steel Magnolias", Brighton Beach Memorials".

SISTER MARY KATHY SPENCER is the assistant to the Mistress of Novices at Mt. Saint Helen's. She was originally a sister in Convent of Our Lady of Dallas, but was asked to leave after shouting "Places, please" during Grand Silence. Sister was given the job of supervising *Nunsense* as a penance for past sins committed as stage manager in a long list of ICT productions.

SISTER MARY KATE EMERT is an "altar person" at Mt. Saint Helen's. Although her main experience is in lighting candles, Reverend Mother feels that "detail is detail" and therefore requested that Sister Kate do the props for *Nunsense*. In all fairness we must add that Kate has done props for many ICT productions in the past.

MUSICIANS

Jan Knewton	Piano
Madge Strickler	Synthesizer
Larry McCune	Woodwinds
Kendall Ashford	Drums

TECH

Jeremy Spencer	Spotlight
Ryan Sell	Lights
Darin Spence	Sound

THANKS A BUNCH

Don Spencer, Susan Raines, Sam Raines, Dee Sell, Fashion Crossroads, Dolores Hoff, Arlene Potter, Shirley Ashford, Tim Ahern, ACCC, Gary Lee Dunker, Keith Goering, Eunice Zahn, Madge Strickler, Jeremy Hill, Randy Hill and Donna Talkington.

TIME: The Present

PLACE: Mt. Saint Helen's School Auditorium

MUSICAL NUMBERS AND SCENES

ACT ONE

Welcome	Sr. Mary Regina
"Nonsense Is Habit-Forming"	Cast
Opening remarks	Srs. Regina and Hubert
"A Difficult Transition"	Cast
The Quiz	Sr. Mary Amnesia
"Benedicite"	Sr. Mary Leo
"The Biggest Ain't the Best"	Srs. Hubert and Leo
"Playing Second Fiddle"	Sr. Robert Anne
Taking Responsibility	Sr. Mary Regina
"So You Want to Be a Nun"	Sr. Mary Amnesia
A Word from the Reverend Mother	Sr. Mary Regina
"Turn Up the Spotlight"	Sr. Mary Regina
"Lilacs Bring Back Memories"	Srs. Regina, Hubert, Leo & Amnesia
An Unexpected Discovery	Sr. Mary Regina
"Tackle That Temptation with a Time Step"	Sr. Mary Hubert & Cast

ACT TWO

Robert to the Rescue	Sr. Robert Anne
"Growing Up Catholic"	Srs. Robert Anne, Leo, Hubert & Amnesia
"We've Got to Clean out the Freezer"	Cast
A Minor Catastrophe	Cast
"Just a Coupl'a Sisters"	Srs. Regina and Hubert
"Soup's On" (The Dying Nun Ballet)	Sr. Mary Leo
Baking with the BVM	Sr. Julia, Child of God
"Playing Second Fiddle" (Reprise)	Sr. Robert Anne
"I Just Want to Be a Star"	Sr. Robert Anne
"The Drive In"	Srs. Robert Anne, Amnesia & Leo
A Home Movie	Cast
"I Could've Gone to Nashville"	Sr. Mary Amnesia
"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"	Cast
Closing Remarks	Sr. Mary Regina & Cast
"Holier Than Thou"	Sr. Mary Hubert & Cast
"Nonsense Is Habit-Forming" (Reprise)	Cast