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The sunshine BOYS

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Cast

Willie Clark **Warwick Jones**
Al Lewis **Kevin Gauntlett**
Ben Silverman **Sam Webber**
Nurse **Tonia Porter**
Director **Charles Marriott**
Gloria **Julia Gibbs**
Patient **Rita Torpeon**

Production Team

Director **Di Jones**
Stage Manager **Derek Lee**
Sound **James McLeod**
Lighting **Charles Marriott**
assisted by **Alan Bishop**
Set Design **Jerri-Lee McManus**
Set Construction **Alan Collins**
Alan Bishop
Andy Thompson
Louise Gauntlett
Charles Marriott
Jill Wilson
Wardrobe **Anna Warnock**
Props **Jerri-Lee McManus**
Publicity **Julia Gibbs**
Jerri-Lee McManus
Prompt **Julia Gibbs**
Production Manager **Louise Gauntlett**
Front of House **Marcus Edwards**
Kate Gauntlett
Louise Gauntlett
Kate Slingerland
Photography **Rebecca Rapps**
Programme **Ziggi Szafranski**

The action takes place in various locations across New York City, from an apartment to a TV studio during the 1980s.

There will be an interval of 20 minutes between Acts One and Two when the bar will be open for drinks

This amateur production of "The Sunshine Boys" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST?

KEVIN GAUNTLETT (*Al*) has taken this role of an ageing retired comedian very seriously, by dyeing his hair grey, gaining weight and putting on a slight limp... Let's hope you recognise him (hint: he's the slightly overweight grey-haired one, with a slight limp!)

JULIA GIBBS (*Gloria*) A lover of Neil Simon plays, Julia has really enjoyed being part of *The Sunshine Boys* crew. This is her third Mitre production this year, previously organising props for *The 39 Steps* and on stage in *Urinetown*. Julia now knows what "lallapalooza" means and where "Poughkeepsie" actually is on a map!

WARWICK JONES (*Willie*) Unkempt, grouchy, cantankerous, forgetful, anti social and deluded into thinking he still has anything to offer as a performer, Willie is so unlike Warwick that he has found playing the part a real challenge. As ever he promises to retire after the show.

DI JONES (*THE Director!*) Sunshine Boys has been on Di's list of favourite plays to direct for years and it's been a fantastic experience. Her cast have been a joy to work with and she thanks them all for being so talented. She also thanks

the backstage crew for their technical wizardry. It's been a real team effort. **CHARLES MARRIOTT** (*Onstage Director*) It's rare for Charles to perform in a Mitre show, but as a pro Film and TV Director, he has been able to draw on his immense experience to play this character.

TONIA PORTER (*Nurse*) has been performing on/off stage (acting/dancing & choreography) for a fair few years now! She hasn't done a play for a while, (life getting in the way) and now doing two in as many months; doing an Ian Brown, woo hoo!

RITA TORPEON (*Patient*) has loved performing since she could walk (and talk—often at the same time). Recent roles include Mrs Lovett, Titania, and a particularly emotional houseplant. When not on stage, she's usually directing traffic in her kitchen or rehearsing her next monologue to the cat.

SAM WEBBER (*Ben*) is very excited to be doing his first play since 2019 after being corrupted by musical theatre. He's swapped prancing around and hollering tunefully (or so he thinks) for subtle naturalism. He's thoroughly enjoyed working with this talented bunch and looks forward to more plays in the future.



Kevin Gauntlett



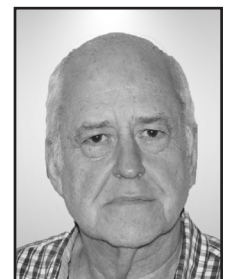
Julia Gibbs



Warwick Jones



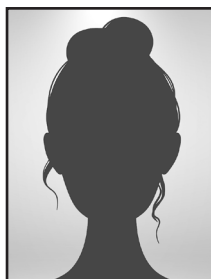
Di Jones



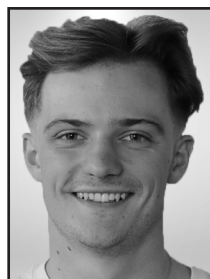
Charles Marriott



Tonia Porter



Rita Torpeon



Sam Webber

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