


GLENCULLEN DUNDRUM MDS PRESENTS



# Fiddler ON THE Roof

A silhouette of a violin and its bow, positioned horizontally across the middle of the title.

Music by:  
Jerry Bock

Book by:  
Joseph Stein

Lyrics by:  
Sheldon Harnick

*Based on the works of Sholem Aleichem*

**19 - 23 Mar 2024**

**dlr Mill Theatre, Dundrum**

**Programme**





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# Chairperson's Address

Good evening everyone and welcome to Glencullen Dundrum Musical & Dramatic Society's 2024 Musical – *Fiddler on The Roof!* Like the little village of Anatevka, GDMDS is a community of a variety of interests, skills, abilities & ages. Each individual in any way, whether it be on stage, in the production team, front of house, backstage, advertiser, patron or you the audience had or has a role to play in bringing Stein, Bock & Harnick's wonderful show to life. (L'achaim!)

However, as with all communities, there are some people without whom we just could not have done this. First up, our brilliant production team: Séan, Barry and Nicole, whose support, expertise and eternal patience enriched us greatly.

I would like to give a special thanks to my colleagues on this year's committee: Niamh, Dave, Robert, Conor, Aoife, Frances, Catherine & Chris. Who, in their own unique ways made this production what it is. Their commitment, energy & enthusiasm is greatly appreciated by me and indeed, the whole society.

I would also like to thank Helen Cusack; The Coventry Family - for all of their help with the Table Quiz; Louise Culleton for her help with the costumes; & Cllr. Peter O'Brien - for all of his support. A special thank you also to the staff of St. Tiernan's community school & the 137th Balally Scouts Group for the much appreciated use of their rehearsal spaces. Thank you also to Shona, Kate and all the wonderful staff at The dlr Mill Theatre who have made this a welcome home through the years.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the ongoing support of our patrons: Pat Kingsley & Lilo McGuinness.

We are delighted that we were able to get this production together and I'm delighted that you will get to see all the hard work, dedication and love this cast put into this show while guided by the fantastic production team.

So sit back, relax & join the fiddler – a symbol of survival through hard times with tradition and joyfulness as tonight's story unfolds...

*Liam Ryan*

Liam Ryan

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## About the Show

The musical takes place in the village of Anatevka during the reign of Tsar Nicholas II. Tevye, a poor dairy farmer, has raised his five daughters with his wife, Golde, according to strict tradition. But one by one, his three oldest daughters resist tradition by marrying the men they choose rather than those designated by a matchmaker. Tevye accepts the bending of tradition as far as he can, until he feels if he "bends any more, he will break".

The Tsar's increasing persecution of the Russian Jews leads to the violent disruption of the villagers' lives, culminating in the forced removal of the Jewish people from the town. As the Villagers leave their homes, they look into their uncertain future. As uncertain as "A fiddler on the roof"

## Musical Numbers

### Act I

*Prologue: Tradition* - Tevye and Company.

*Matchmaker, Matchmaker* - Tzeitel, Hodel and Chava.

*If I Were a Rich Man* - Tevye.

*Sabbath Prayer* - Tevye, Golde & Company.

*To Life* - Tevye, Lazar Wolf, Russians & Villagers.

*Tevye's Monologue* - Tevye.

*Miracle of Miracles* - Motel.

*Tevye's Dream* - Tevye, Golde, Grandma Tzeitel, Rabbi, Fruma-Sarah & Company.

*Sunrise, Sunset* - Tevye, Golde, Perchik, Hodel & Company.

*The Bottle Dance* - Instrumental.

### Act II

*Entr'acte* - Orchestra

*Now I Have Everything* - Perchik & Hodel

*Tevye's Rebuttal* - Tevye

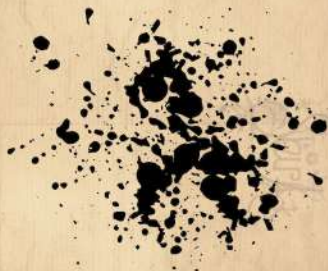
*Do You Love Me?* - Tevye and Golde

*The Rumor/I Just Heard* - Yente & Villagers

*Far From the Home I Love* - Hodel

*Chavaleh (Little Bird)* - Tevye

*Anatevka* - The Company



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Glencullen Dundrum  
Musical & Dramatic Society*



*On their production of  
Fiddler on the Roof*

*Break a leg, everyone!*

### Seán McMahon - Director

Seán trained at Bow Street Academy and completed the Certificate in Theatre Directing from Maynooth University in 2023. Performing Credits Include: 'Lead Vocalist' with the tribute band, Pop Gods, 'Frankie' in Big Shot (Off-Broadway and Camden Fringe), Singer/Dancer in June Rodgers Christmas Show, 'King Cameo' in the Helix Panto: Aladdin, 'Finch' in How to Succeed, (AIMS Nominated Best Comedian), 'Baker' in Into the Woods (AIMS Nominated Best Actor), 'Joe Emmet' in Michael Collins: A Musical Drama (AIMS Winner Best Supporting Actor), Directing credits: Footloose, 12 Hour Life by Robert Scott, Riders to the Sea by JM Synge, Mary Poppins & The Wizard of Oz. Seán would like to thank Barry and Nicole for being such a joy to work with, along with this wonderful team of cast and creatives who have been working so hard to bring this special show to you tonight!



### Barry Power - Musical Director

Barry is delighted to be back with Glencullen/Dundrum MDS for his third year as musical director. He joined GDMDS back in 2020 and was set to play the part of Trevor Graydon in their production of Thoroughly Modern Millie, which unfortunately did not make it to the stage. Since then he has musically directed their 50th Anniversary Concert & Footloose. Previous musical direction credits include: Young Frankenstein, Made in Dagenham, The Wedding Singer, & The Pajama Game with KIMS; Tír na nÓg with Aon Scéal Theatre; The Wedding Singer with Killocock MDS; Sister Act with Tullyvin MS; Spring Awakening and In the Heights with UCD MS; & Mamma Mia & Little Shop of Horrors with UCD Dramsoc. He would like to thank everyone involved, for all of the hard work that went into this production. Finally, he would also like to thank Seán and Nicole for their creative collaboration. He hopes you will enjoy this stunningly beautiful show as much as he has enjoyed musically directing it!



### Nicole McDonald - Choreographer

Nicole has over 23 years' experience in teaching Professional Dance, Creative Directing and Choreography. She is the Director of the highly successful Steptacular Performing Arts School and is currently Head of Dance at Bull Alley Theatre Training College. Nicole trained at Laine Theatre Arts, she later completed a Masters Degree in Dance at the University of Limerick. Highlights of her career include being a dancer at the Royal Palladium with Celine Dion; Winner Best Choreography (Aims) Made in Dagenham. Winner Best Choreography for Schools with Bord Gais Theatre's Westside Story as well as being nominated twice for the Best Choreography with AIMS. Nicole's is delighted to be back with the talented Glencullen / Dundrum MS. and would like to thank her co-production team and cast for all their hard work and support and wishes all an amazing week performing 'Fiddler on the Roof'





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# Our Cast



## *Tevye - Brian O'Gorman*

Brian has worked with Avonmore, WLOS, Gorey, Carnew, Teacher's, HXT, Bray, Raspers, Yellow Moon & ESB MADSOC for which he won an AIMS award for the role of Guiteau in Sondheim's "Assassins" in 2015. Brian has also played the roles of Gomez in "Addams Family", Fagin in "Oliver", Magaldi in "Evita" & Hart in "9 to 5". Brian is delighted to be working with GDMDS & hopes you enjoy the show.

## *Golde - Mary-Beth Jennings*

A multi award winning performer; Mary Beth is Glad to be back with GDMDS after her last role as Babe in "The Pajama Game" in 2011! Past favourite roles have included Eliza in "My Fair Lady," Nancy in "Oliver", Charity in "Sweet Charity," as well as numerous productions in the NCH including La Traviata , Hansel & Gretel, The Sound of Music & Sondheim 80th Celebration Concert, to name a few.



## *Tzeitel - Lyndsey McKiernan*

Lyndsey is a recent graduate from UCD and is delighted to be playing Tzeitel in her first show with Glencullen. She has been involved in previous productions in UCDMS such as 'Our House', 'Once', 'Falsettos' and 'Into the Woods'. The rehearsal process has been so fun and fulfilling and huge thanks must go to all at GDMDS for being so welcoming.

## *Hodel - Eloise Broderick*

This is Eloise's first production with GDMDS but she has been performing & training in musical theatre for the past 10 years. Past credits include; Elle Woods "Legally Blonde, Morticia in "The Addams Family", Miss Honey in "Matilda: The Musical", Kady in "Mean Girls" & Lina Lamont in "Singing in The Rain". She would like to thank everyone for being so amazing and hopes you will enjoy the show.



## *Chava - Lauren Dooley*

Lauren is delighted to be back with GDMDS. Recent Credits include Sharon in "The Snapper" & Rusty in "Footloose" with GDMDS, Wednesday in LMVG's "Addams Family" (AIMS Best Female Singer Nominee 2022), Choreographer of UCD's "Our House" (AIMS Best Choreographer/Best Choreography Nominee 2020) & Dance Captain of "Spring Awakening" with Entr'acte.

### *Shprintze - Amy Deane*

Amy Trains in speech, drama&dance at the Independent Theatre Workshop& Singing at the Singing & Drama Studio. Some other credits include the Children's Chorus in the Operas "LaBoheme" (2021,202) & "Carmen" with the Irish National Opera & the chorus in "Les Miserables Jr." (2023) with Sean Gilligan Performing Arts.



### *Bielke - Bridget Cloonan*

Bridget is delighted to be starring in her first musical in Fiddler on the Roof. Bridget enjoys acting and has been a member of ITW Drama and Dance School for the past two years, where she has performed in a number of shows. In addition to acting Bridget is also a keen musician and is learning piano and drums.

### *Motel - Aidan Byrne*

Aidan is a musician/singer-songwriter/composer from Kilkenny, based in Dublin. He was actively involved in UCD musical society during college and in Kilkenny musical society. Aidan composed additional music for "Tír na nÓg: A New Irish Musical" and served as musical director for "Shauna Carrick wants a Dog" in the 2023 Dublin Fringe festival. He is thrilled to be back on stage!



### *Perchik - Peter Manning*

This is Peter's first appearance with Glencullen Dundrum MDS and he hopes you enjoy your visit to Anatevka! Previous roles include: Curly/Jud in "Oklahoma!", Tobias/Anthony in "Sweeney Todd", Seymour in "Little Shop of Horrors", Giuseppe in "The Gondoliers", Cascada in "The Merry Widow" & John Tallentire In "The Hired Man" (for which he recieved an AIMS Nomination Best Male Singer).

### *Fyedka - Conor Delahunty*

Conor has been with Glencullen since 2015 when he joined the cast of "Anything Goes" as a sailor. A regular member of the Glencullen chorus & dancers, he recently played Lyle in "Footloose." Outside of musicals Conor is a part of Dublin improv comedy group "Cool Baby". He is really looking forward to playing Fyedka this year & hopes you enjoy the show.



### *Yente - Carmel Tubbert*

Carmel is a longstanding member of GDMDS; taking both leading and supporting roles in our musicals & plays. Previous roles include Reverend Mother in "The Sound of Music", Calamity in "Calamity Jane, Sally in "The Hired Man" & M'Lynn in "Steel Magnolias". In a previous GDMDS production she played Fruma Sarah & is now looking forward to playing Yente in this production of "Fiddler on the Roof".



### *Grandma Tzeitel - Louise Culleton*

Louise made her stage debut at the tender age of six in the Maeve Binchy play "Deeply Regretted By". Obviously she had no regrets as she has been acting ever since! Louise joined GDMDS in 2017 for their production of "Copacabana" playing Gladys. Other favourite roles to date include: Nickie in "Sweet Charity", Mrs Pearce in "My Fair Lady" & Katisha in the "Hot Mikado".

### *Lazar Wolf - Declan Rudden*

This is Declan's Second show with GDMDS having previously played the role of Jimmy Rabbitte Sr. in our production of "The Snapper" in November. Declan also acts & directs with Billally Players, Sandyford Little Theatre & was formerly a long-time member of the much-missed Taney Drama Society. He would like to thank everyone in the society for their support & hopes you will enjoy the show.



### *Avram - David O'Hara*

Having recently appeared in "Footloose" & the "50th Anniversary Show", "Fiddler on the Roof" is David's third show with Glencullen Dundrum MDS, who he joined in 2022. With previous appearances in both "Sweeney Todd" & "The Producers" with The UCD Musical Society. Returning to musical theatre with GDMDS has been a joy.

### *Mendel - Chris Ó'Conchúir*

A member since 2015, Chris has been in too many things to mention (Including an accidental performance in the Edinburgh Fringe Fest). But recently he won Best Actor at the Bray One Act Festival for his Role in "Pushcart Peddlers". He is also a director, having previously directed "The Rats", (Winning Best Director at the 2020 Wicklow ICA One Act Festival) "Knightsbridge" & "The Snapper" with us.



### *Mordcha - Robert Coventry*

Robert has been with GDMDS since at least 2005 (maybe earlier) & since then has appeared in many shows. Including (but not limited to) : "Me & My Girl" in 2015, "Copacabana" in 2017 & "The Hired Man" Twice - in 2005 & 2017! As well as acting with us, Robert's talents have been used many times behind the scenes as stage manager, set designer & Chairperson!

### *Rabbi - Phillip Coventry*

Joining us in 2005 for "The Hired Man", Phillip has been a fixture both on & off stage for many years & we are delighted to have him back with us as the part he was born to play - the Rabbi! In addition to his acting, he also helped with our set & hopes for all the praise if it looks good & none of the blame if it doesn't.



### *Fruma-Sarah - Maria O'Loughlin*

A member with GDMDS since 2015, Maria's performed with them in Copacobana, Anything Goes, as Adelaide Adams in Calamity Jane and Urleen in Footloose. Her other roles include Sr. Margaretta "Sound of Music", Frenchie "Grease" & she's excited to add Fruma Sarah to the list. Maria wants to thank the cast, production team and committee for their hard work on this wonderful show.



### *The Constable - Padraic Brady*

A Longtime friend of GDMDS, we are thrilled to have Padraic back with us once again! Padraic has been treading the boards for many years, performing with the Rathmines & Rathgar Musical Society, Dalkey Players & Kilmacud Musical Society to name a few. He is excited to be back with us for our production & hopes you will enjoy the show!

### *Sasha - Edward Wilson*

Edward is excited to be taking part in his first show with Glencullen Dundrum MDS! Edward has been a lover of Musical Theatre from a young age & Fiddler on the Roof is unlike anything he's done before! He would like to thank Seán, Barry & Nicole for all of their guidance, the excellent cast for all their support & the audience for coming along!



### *Fiddler - Fiona O'Sullivan*

Fiona started her musical career at the age of 7 with The Presentation School Band, and at 9, joined Spotlight Stage School. Fiona has performed in numerous locations across the country, as well as The St. Patrick's Day parade in New York. Fiona has also competed in various Tops of the Town competitions. Fiona has been a member of Glencullen since 2019 and is delighted to be playing The Fiddler!

### *Nachum - Marcus Wilson*

Marcus has been treading the boards for a long time and has worn many hats over the years. This year, Marcus has landed the much sought after role of Reb Nachum! he hopes to deliver his two lines flawlessly! So listen out for him in the opening Number! He would like to thank everyone in the company for all of their hard work and hopes you will enjoy the show.



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**Not Pictured:** Regina Kelly & Aly Coyne

## Production Team

**Lighting:**

Cathal O'Donoghue

**Sound:**

The Sound & Music Company, Alannah Hayes.

**Microphones:**

Mary Mics Galigan.

**Make-up:**

Catherine Coventry.

**Backstage Crew:**

Peter O'Brien, Dave Claffey & Mark Claffey.

**Costumes & Props:**

Catherine Coventry & Séan MacMahon.

**Front of House:**

Tom London, Eilish Ryan & friends of the society.

**Set Design & Construction:**

Tom Ronayne & Robert Coventry.

**Set & Rostrum Painting:**

Eileen Fagan.

**Orchestra:**

Barry Power (Keys), Clíodhna Heenan (Violin), Patricia Carroll (Reed), Fionnán Keogh (Trumpet), John Clifford (Trombone), Adrian Jackson (Double Bass) & Paul Byrne (Drums).

**Committee:**

Liam Ryan (Chair). Niamh Thornton (Secretary) Dave Claffey (Treasurer), Aoife Ryan (PRO), Robert Coventry, Catherine Coventry, Conor Delahunty, Frances Healy & Chris Ó'Conchúir.

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