

# Nonsense



Nun  
as funny  
as this!  
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**Act React** presents

# Nunsense

Music and Lyrics  
by **Dan Goggin**

Under the Patronage  
of **Janatha Stubbs**

Produced and Directed  
by **Ray Mangion**

Musical Director  
**Paul Abela**

Set Design  
**Saviour Camilleri**

Sound Design  
**Manolito Galea**

Lighting Design  
**Anton Borg Olivier**

Staging & Choreography  
**Ray Mangion**

Company Manager  
**Marvic Massa**

Stage Manager  
**Lino Mallia**

Assistant Stage Manager  
**John Abdilla**

Backstage Crew & Props  
**Keith Seychell, Frank Vella**

Wardrobe Mistress  
**Janella Azzopardi**

Assistants  
**Salvina and Louis Azzopardi**

Tap Routine  
**Lisbeth White** courtesy of  
The Alison White School of Dancing

Poster Design  
**Kurt Camilleri Burlo**

Programme Design  
**Design Matters Ltd**

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## About Nunsense



his hilarious story is set in a Roman Catholic Convent in Hoboken in America where disaster has suddenly struck in the kitchen. Sister Julia,

the Head Cook has managed to kill off most of the nuns by food poisoning. The few remaining nuns cannot afford to bury the last four, so they put them in the freezer whilst they arrange a fundraising event to raise enough money to bury them decently.

As for the rest you just have to watch this space!!

## About the Nun Stars

Sister Mary Regina is the beloved Mother Superior of The Little Sisters of Hoboken, she is originally from a small county in Ireland called Kilquirky. She headed the pioneering group 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 rumour 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 known as Mary Rose Mallia, soap opera and singing star!

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 beserk 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 theatre and cabaret star Julie James.

Sister Mary Amnesia is a truly 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 Leontine who learned ventriloquism when she became a Little Sister of Hoboken. She was previously a well known pop singer and theatrical actress!

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 Katherine Brown and accepted her into the convent where she became Sister 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 stints teaching in private schools. The nuns rarely discuss her secret litter!

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 "leotard" but that is not true. She's 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 Nikki Farrugia who has tested her performing ability well on stage and in hospital wards and theatres!



## Act I

Welcome  
**Sr. Mary Regina**

Nonsense is Habit-Forming  
**All**

Opening Remarks  
**Srs. Regina & Hubert**

A Difficult Transition  
**All**

The Quiz  
**Sr. Mary Amnesia**

Benedicite  
**Sr. Mary Leo**

The Biggest Ain't the Best  
**Srs. Hubert & Leo**

Playing Second Fiddle  
**Sr. Robert Anne**

Taking Responsibility  
**Sr. Mary Regina**

So You Want to Be a Nun  
**Sr. Mary Amnesia**

One Last Hope  
**Srs. Regina, Hubert,  
Robert Anne & Leo**

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 II

Robert to the Rescue  
**Sr. Robert Anne**

Growing Up Catholic  
**Srs. Robert Anne, Leo,  
Hubert & Amnesia**

We've Got To Clean Out the Freezer  
**All**

A Minor Catastrophe  
**All**

Just a Coupl'Sisters  
**Srs. Regina & 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  
**All**

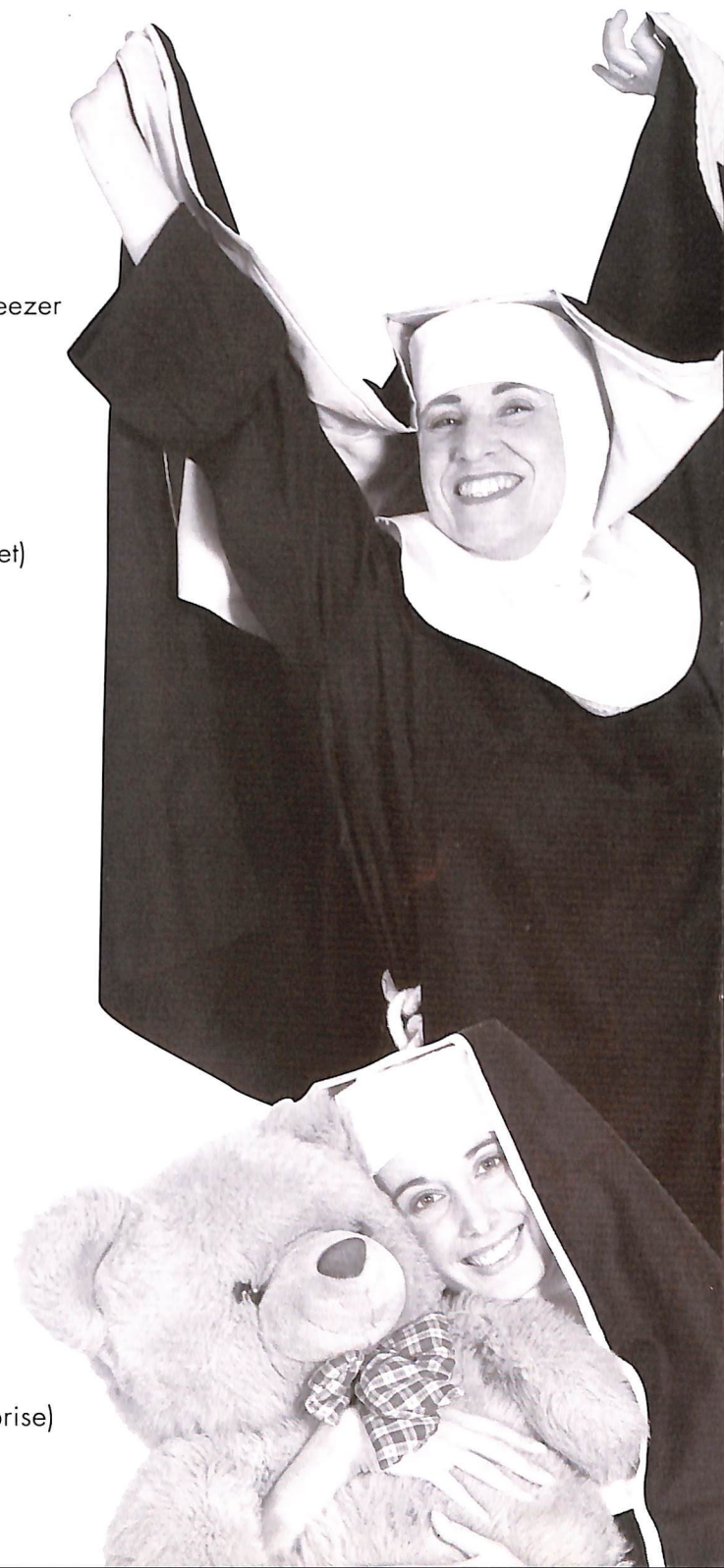
I Could've Gone to Nashville  
**Sr. Mary Amnesia**

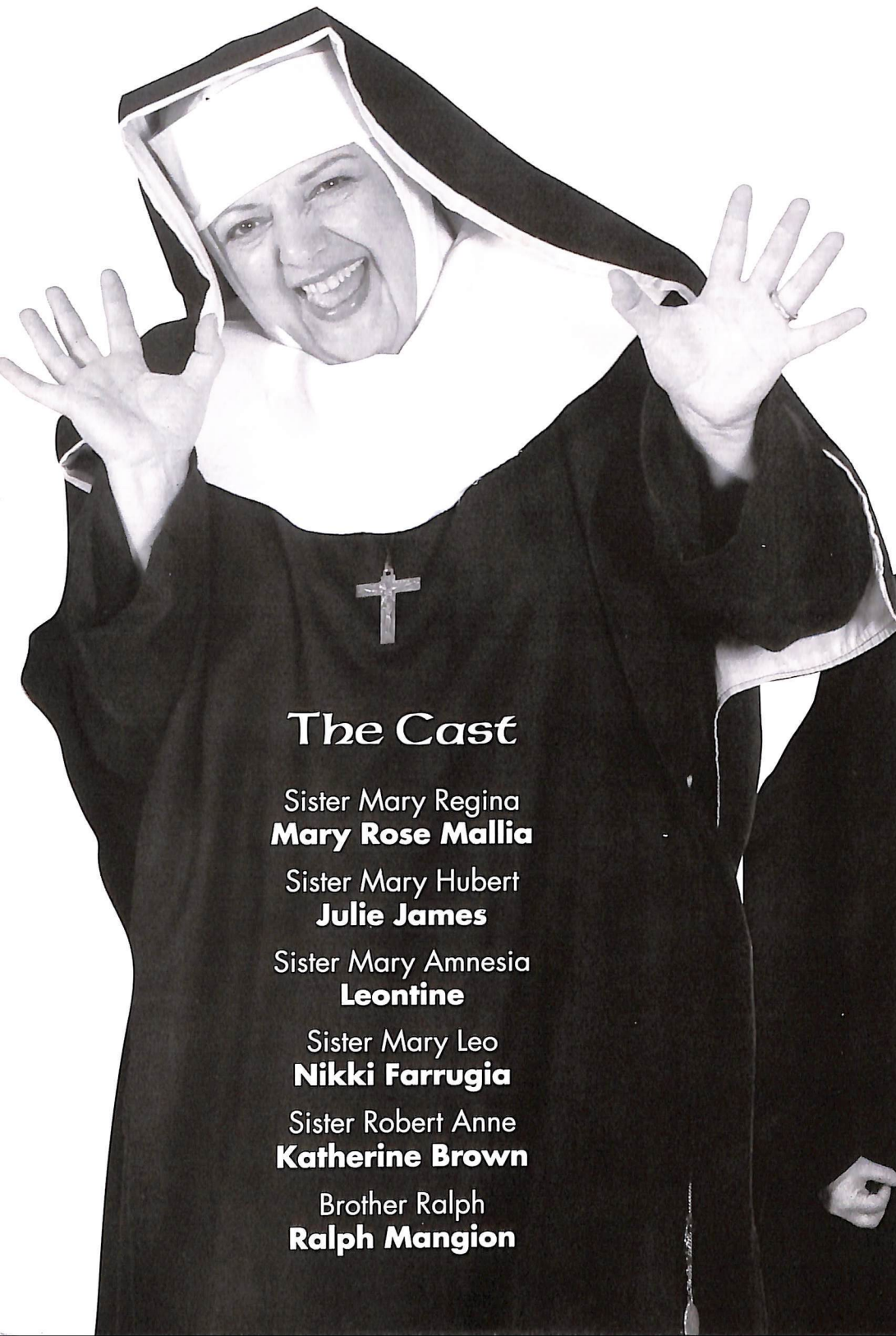
Gloria in Excelsis Deo  
**All**

Closing Remarks  
**Sr. Mary Regina & Cast**

Holier than Thou  
**Sr. Mary Hubert & Cast**

Nonsense is Habit-Forming (Reprise)  
**All**





## The Cast

Sister Mary Regina  
**Mary Rose Mallia**

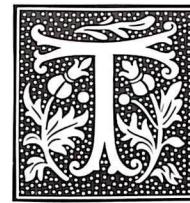
Sister Mary Hubert  
**Julie James**

Sister Mary Amnesia  
**Leontine**

Sister Mary Leo  
**Nikki Farrugia**

Sister Robert Anne  
**Katherine Brown**

Brother Ralph  
**Ralph Mangion**



## he Band

Sax/Clarinet  
**Brother Alfred Debuttista**

Bass  
**Brother Joe Vella**

Drums  
**Brother Alex Debono**

Piano  
**Brother Paul Abela**

PBS, Net TV, Super One TV, Radio 101, PBS Radio, Sunday Times, The Times, The Malta Independent, The Malta Independent on Sunday, Il-Gens, Kulhadd, L-Orizzont, It-Torca, In-Nazzjon, Il-Mument, Laurie Collins, St. Catherine's Youth Club Zurrieq, Kurt Camilleri Burlo', Trinity Fava, Aidan Formosa, St. Theresa Junior Lyceum, Janella, Salvina and Louis, Lisbeth White, David Collins, Daniella Micallef, Bibas (Fgura)

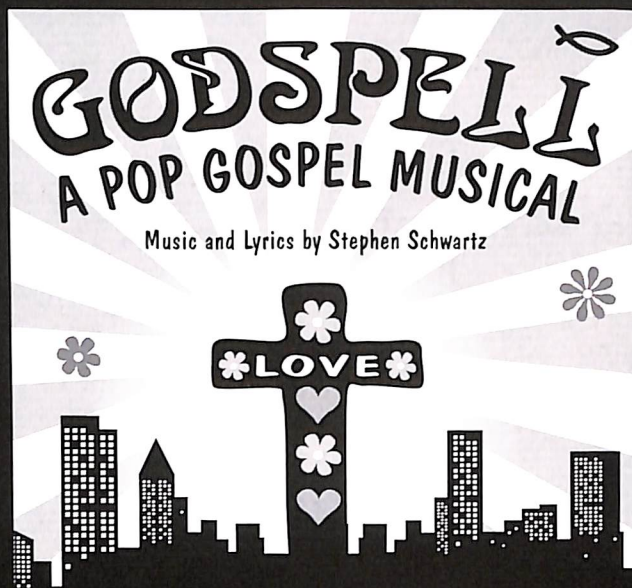
**Special Thanks to Saviour Camilleri & Joe Balzan**



# Coming Soon

2, 3,  
4, 8,  
10, 11  
APRIL  
2004

St James  
Cavalier



A musical  
written  
according  
to the  
Gospel of  
St Matthew

21, 22,  
23, 28,  
29, 30  
MAY  
2004

Manoel  
Theatre



The Malta  
Premiere will  
include  
professional  
West End  
performers in  
leading roles

WILLY RUSSELL'S  
**BLOOD**  
*Brothers*