

“Oliver”

Performance Dates: August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2014

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Admission: Free

Location: Oak Grove Park

Lyrics, Book and Music by: Lionel Bart

Musical adaptation: The Charles Dickens Novel.

Synopsis:

Oliver Twist is a young boy who lives in a workhouse with other orphaned boys. When Oliver disrupts a meal by asking for more, he is sold to a local undertaker and his family. They treat Oliver horribly and make him sleep under the coffins. Oliver escapes and runs off to Paddington Green, where he quickly befriends another young boy, the Artful Dodger. Dodger takes him to his home, an academy for orphans who learn how to be pick-pockets run by a kind, yet slightly sinister, old gentleman named Fagin. Oliver is also introduced to Nancy Sikes, a lovable young woman, and Bet, Nancy's best friend. When Oliver goes on his first pick-pocketing job, he is caught by the police. The man that Oliver thieved, Mr. Brownlow, learns of Oliver's sad past and brings him into his own home.

Meanwhile, Nancy's husband (the villainous Bill Sikes), worries that Oliver will tell Mr. Brownlow and the police where the thieves live. He forces Nancy and Bet to snatch Oliver from Mr. Brownlow's house and take him back to Fagin's. Nancy does everything her husband tells her to but plans on secretly taking Oliver back to Mr. Brownlow. Before she can do so, Bill finds out of his wife's plans, and murders her. He then goes after Oliver, but is shot and killed. Oliver and Mr. Brownlow, who turns out to be Oliver's grandfather, return safely home.

Musical Numbers include: “Oliver! Where Is Love?” , “Consider Yourself”, “Pick a Pocket or Two”, “I’d Do Anything”, “As Long As He Needs Me”, and “Oom-Pa-Pah”,

In order to preserve the grass, blankets and lawn chairs may not be set out on performance nights until after 3:00 p.m. Anything placed before that time will be removed.