



BUGSY MALONE



In the summer term, we were given a real treat when the Lower East Side of New York came to the Vinehall theatre. *Bugsy Malone* was perfectly cast with Bobby Maclean playing the charismatic 'man-about-town' opposite Tori Reid as Blousey Brown, a singer struggling to make it big. Bobby's cool yet cheeky manner and Tori's show-stopping singing voice, made this a perfect partnership. The ongoing feud between Fat Sam and Dandy Dan (Charlie Hole and Fred Buchanan respectively) was highly entertaining, especially when their hoodlum gangs brought out their splurge guns and custard pies! More laughter ensued as we watched the hilariously mismatched police duo of Captain Smolsky (James Mannion) and his bumbling side-kick O'Dreary (Jarvis

Duthie-Jackson) as they failed desperately in their attempts to catch the hoodlums. Other memorable moments came from Isobel Wingrad as Tallulah, Alex Mackwood as the janitor, Eliza Elliott as Dandy Dan's long-suffering girlfriend Louella and Harriet Green as the singing diva Loretta. Harry Buxton certainly had 'it' as future boxing champ Leroy and Oliver Bensted-Smith kept us informed of the latest mobster splurgings in his role as the Radio Announcer.

The success of the production would not have been possible without the large supporting cast and chorus, the ingenious set construction and costumes. Mrs Harmer and her musicians provided the thrilling accompaniment which had the audience swinging in their seats. AD