



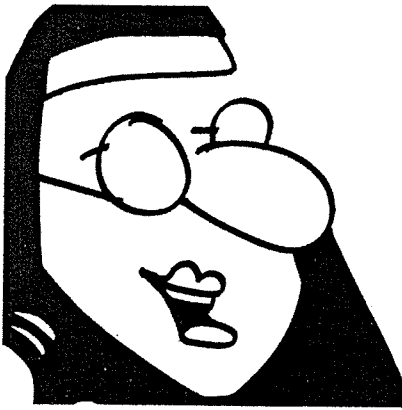
# Ballarat Lyric Theatre Inc.

By special arrangement with Dominic P/L

Proudly presents....



*A musical comedy by Dan Goggin*



**September 2008**

**Thurs 18th**

**Fri 19th**

**Sat 20th**

**Thurs 25th**

**Fri 26th**

**Sat 27th**

**8.00 p.m.**

**Director: Wendy Holgate**  
**Choreographer: Vicki Rowe**

**Cast: Lesley Rowlands,**  
**Wendy Holgate,**  
**Vicki Rowe, Bridget Davies**  
**and Eryn Bridges**

**Venue: "Sails on the Lake"**  
**Ballarat Yacht club**  
**Wendouree Parade**

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## **A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR – DAN GOGGIN**

I spent a great deal of my life around nuns, and most of my experiences left wonderful memories. I wrote "Nonsense" because I wanted to share what I know to the "the humor of the nun". Though it may be hard to believe after you see this show, but each of the Little Sisters of Hoboken is based on a real-life nun.

In the context of "Nonsense" Sister Mary Regina (Reverend Mother), Sister Mary Hubert, and Sister Robert Anne are the only nuns who actually worked in the Leper Colony. Sister Mary Amnesia and Sister Mary Leo only know of the Leper Colony through stories told by the others. Reverend Mother and Sister Hubert have a healthy rivalry (somewhat like Mame Dennis and Vera Charles in ("Auntie Mame"). Each is always trying to out do the other. But, Reverend Mother is always quick to remind everyone that she is the Mother Superior. Sister Robert Anne is Reverend Mother's nemesis. She would probably be thrown out of the convent if it weren't for the fact that Reverend Mother really knows that Sister Robert Anne is, underneath it all, a very dedicated nun. Everyone likes Sister Mary Amnesia because she is so innocent. Except for her first entrance when she appears a bit shy, she is actually unafraid. When she realizes that the audience is friendly nothing can dampen her childlike enthusiasm. Sister Mary Leo is frustrated by Reverend Mother in her attempt to shine as a nun-ballerina. For this reason she is easily led astray by her "buddy" Sister Robert Anne.

### **Introduction**

Sister Mary Hubert, Robert Anne and Reverend Mother Mary Regina Began their good work as missionaries at a Leper colony on an island south of France.

Mercifully, each returned to Hoboken in once piece. The story of their hazardous expedition is detailed in a number from tonight's show so do pay attention to this one, as you will be quizzed on it afterwards.

They are joined in tonight's benefit performance by Sister Mary Leo, who come, we are told from a good home, and sister Mary Amnesia, who due to her memory loss, is not sure where she comes from.

The Little Sisters beg your indulgence and your applause, especially Sister Mary Hubert, who hasn't been feeling herself since she was trampled by a camel at the Annual Christmas Pageant.

So, stand by for fun and Nun-stop entertainment from  
"The Little Sisters of Hoboken".



A Musical Comedy by Dan Goggin

TIME : The Present

PLACE : Mt. Saint Helen's School Auditorium

**MUSICAL NUMBERS AND SCENES**

**ACT ONE**

Welcome.....Sr. Mary Regina  
 "Nunsense Is Habit Forming" ..... Cast  
 Opening remarks ..... Srs. Regina & Hubert  
 " A Difficult Transition" .....Cast  
 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  
 A Word From Reverend Mother .....Sr. Mary Regina  
 "Turn Up The Spotlight" ..... Sr. Mary Regina  
 "Lilacs Bring Memories" .....Srs. Regina, Hubert, Leo & Amnesia  
 An Unexpected Discovery ..... Sr. Mary Regina  
 "Tackle That Temptation With A Time Step" .... Sr. Mary Hubert & Cast

**ACT TWO**

Robert To The Rescue ..... Sr. Robert Anne  
 "Growing Up Catholic" ..... Srs. Robert Anne, Leo, Hubert, & Amnesia  
 "We've Got To Clean Out The Freezer" ..... Cast  
 A Minor Catastrophe .....Cast  
 "Just A Coupl'a Sisters" .....Srs. Regina & Hubert  
 "Soup's On" (The Dying Nun Ballet) .....Sr. Mary Leo  
 Baking With The BVM .....Sr. Julia Child Of God  
 "Playing The Second Fiddle" (Reprise) ..... Sr. Robert Anne  
 "I Want To Be A Star" .....Sr. Robert Anne  
 "The Drive In" ..... Srs. Robert Anne, Amnesia & Leo  
 "I Could've Gone To Nashville" ..... Sr. Mary Amnesia  
 "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" .....Cast  
 Closing Remarks ..... Sr. Mary Regina & Cast  
 "Holier Than Thou" ..... Sr. Mary Hubert  
 "Nunsense Is Habit Forming" (Reprise) ..... Cast

## CAST

### **SISTER MARY REGINA (Lesley Rowlands)**

A feisty Sophie Tucker – type who can't resist the spotlight. She was to the outside world a model **Mother Superior** even if she was overweight. But to those who knew her, she was an outrageous, quick-witted soul who knew how to get a laugh. She tried to convince you that she was strict, but everyone knew that her "bark was worse than her bite!

**SISTER MARY HUBERT (Wendy Holgate)** The second in command, she is always competing with the Mother Superior. She was a kind person who would always try to be understanding and diplomatic. She taught the Novices the ground rules, and was supposed to be dignified. But with the slightest bit of encouragement she was ready to kick up her heels.

**SISTER ROBERT ANNE (Vicki Rowe)** was a tough streetwise character from Brooklyn, a constant source of aggravation to the Mother Superior, Sister Robert Anne had a heart of gold. All the kids adored her because she spoke their language. And she could hit a baseball "out of the park" and fix a motor car engine at the "drop of a hat" better than anyone in Hoboken.

**SISTER MARY AMNESIA (Bridget Davies)** This nun lost her memory after a crucifix fell on her head. She was the picture of innocence. She couldn't remember her past, and because of this, her real name, and so looked at each new day with a childlike joy.

**SISTER MARY LEO (Eryn Bridges)** The Novice, who has entered the convent with the firm desire to become the first Nun Ballerina. She had been a professional dancer before she entered the convent and was always eager to display her talent. She was very impressionable because she was young and could easily be led astray, especially by Sister Robert Anne.

## The Band

David Collyer  
Ivan Blomeley  
Andrew Fry  
Lindsay George

Piano  
Clarinet & Saxophone  
Bass  
Drums

## CREDITS

Director:	Wendy Holgate
Choreographer:	Vicki Rowe
Rehearsal Pianist:	David Collyer
Set Construction:	Jan Bonell-Huy Marnie Bonell-Huy Doug Butler Aaron Bonell-Huy
Wardrobe:	Marie Wilson
Lighting:	Mystic Entertainmentz Matthew Heenan
Program/cook book layout:	Mark Holgate

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