

## **Wall St Bash Synopsis**

A Wall St Bash is set in the early 1930's in a US city that could be New York or Chicago.

It occurs as the title suggests following the Wall St. Crash in the depression era and examines in a light – hearted way how various individuals would have resurrected their lives in the face of adversity.

It includes a cast of Vaudeville Dancers, down at heel Businessmen, Suspected Orphans and Jailbirds. As the story unfolds it becomes clear that all of the characters lives are intertwined and depend on each other to succeed. As in most good stories they all manage to triumph in the end.

Stage 1 play the suspected orphans whose parents have been imprisoned whilst turning to crime to feed their families. 6 – 9 year olds – 17 parts

Stage 2 play the parents (who are imprisoned) but are freed later and have an opportunity to redeem themselves. 9 – 12 year olds – 17 parts

Stage 3 is split between the 5 businessman and 11 Vaudeville dancers. These characters interact with each other and it is they who hatch the plan which will eventually offer a solution to everyone's woes. 13 – 17 year olds – 16 parts

All entrances and exits are marked and useful suggestions for song and dance numbers are made throughout.

Running time is approximately 65 minutes (dependant on musical choices).

## **Review**

“Janet-Anne Phillips from Stagecoach Belfast writes: ‘Set during the Wall Street Crash - the theme was topical, considering the 'Credit Crunch' etc! This made the story easy to explain to the students and we had great discussions about how the different characters would feel and react. Very easy to rehearse in normal class situation. We did it on an 11 week Summer term and managed to have it all done in 7 weeks. 45 children, each having lots to do. Split into stage 1 as workhouse children (very Annie and Orphan like), Stage 2 as prisoners / parents of the stage 1 kids and Stage 3 as chorus girls and stockbrokers. There are suggestions for music to use, which we found very helpful - most of the singing we had already covered in class before. Dance-wise, the routines could be adapted to the stages - our stage 2 group loved their dance (we did Jail House Rock, complete with Bars and stripey prison uniforms!). They all ended up having fantastic American accents as well! Feedback from parents was lovely - they could follow the story and found the characters funny and endearing. I would recommend A Wall Street Bash, great fun!’”

## **Wall St Bash Cast List**

### **Stage 1 (aged 6 – 9)**

Biff  
Cliff  
Tiff  
Miff  
Jiff  
Jem  
Nem  
Sem  
Jay  
Fay  
Kay  
Ray  
Jess  
Tess  
Snitch  
Rich  
Titch

### **Stage 2 (aged 9 – 12)**

Mac  
Petrovsky  
Dirk  
Minelli  
Jay  
Frankie  
Klutz  
Jinx  
Belle  
Tricksy  
Fionnula  
Dreena  
Barb  
Trudy  
Sam  
Ella  
Niamh

### **Stage 3 (aged 13 – 18)**

Businessman  
  
Boyd  
Travis  
Beamer  
McCabe  
McLeod  
  
Vaudeville Dancers  
  
Daisy  
Betsy  
Patsy  
Ruth  
Jean  
Joan  
Floosy  
Suzy  
Brigitte  
Siobhan  
Maisy