

TOM JOINS CAST OF A VERY SPECIAL MUSICAL



Tom Baker, back row middle, joins the cast of Rock Around the Clock during a dress rehearsal

Never one to hog the limelight, unassuming Sembcorp executive Tom Baker found himself firmly centre stage when he was invited to step up and join the cast of a special community production recently.

Tom, Head of Digital and Technology, was asked to tread the boards at a dress rehearsal for “Rock Around the Clock” a musical journey through time being staged by the Grangetown Theatre Company.

The amateur company comprises people of all ages from across Teesside with varying degrees of learning difficulties and Tom joined the actors, dancers and singers as a special ‘thank you’ to Sembcorp for our part-sponsorship of the latest production.

Working four days a week from the Grangetown Youth and Community Centre, members of the company put on several productions a year and get involved in every aspect, from scriptwriting to making scenery and costumes, sound and lighting, film, photography and publicity.

As well as putting on shows and pantomimes at the centre, they delight audiences at old folk's homes and other community facilities with their unique brand of entertainment.

Manager Josh Watson said: "Everyone gets so much out of it and we get wonderful support from the community, including businesses like Sembcorp."

Addressing the benefits, he said: "Learning difficulties affect the way a person understands information and how they communicate.

"They can have difficulty with understanding new or complex information, learning new skills and coping independently with everyday life. Involvement with the theatre group helps them cope with all these conditions."

Tom said: It was great to see the enthusiasm that everyone was showing and I'm certain Rock Around the Clock will be a big hit."

Rock Around the Clock takes place at Grangetown Youth and Community Centre on October 8th, 15th and 22nd October starting at 7pm (tickets £5)



The team rehearse a sequence to the tune of "Thriller"