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Pimlico Opera staged a stunning production of the Damon Runyan/Frank Loesser musical 'Guys & Dolls' in Wandsworth Prison in November 1993. Professionals and prisoners blended seamlessly into a company which for 13 performances played to packed houses in the prison gym.

The production follows an equally successful 'West Side Story' at Wandsworth in 1992, which Governor Graham Clark said had "brought forward the prison ten years" and a 'Sweeney Todd' at Wormwood Scrubs in 1991, which the Independent on Sunday described as 'the most enjoyable experience of the week'.

Keith Walcott, a prisoner performer, writes in his programme note "I find doing this that it has given me a high which I have never had before. Not from drugs or anything. I have not had this feeling about something for a long time".

BBC 2 will screen a documentary in December 1993 on the making of Guys & Dolls in Wandsworth.

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A Directory

"A most splendid document" Judge Stephen Tumim, H.M. Chief Inspector of Prisons

The directory has been produced by Dr Jill Vincent and Anne Peaker, the authors of the report *The Arts in Prisons: Towards a Sense of Achievement* (Home Office 1990). It is designed to help all those who wish to develop challenging and purposeful arts activities in prisons whether as member of prison staff, prisoner, artist, arts organisation, arts funders or as a provider of prison education.

It shows a significant change both in the nature and quantity of activity undertaken since the earlier study was carried out in 1989.

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