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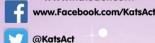
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> Henlow Camp Theatre RAF Henlow Bedfordshire SG16 6DN

10th December -7.30pm

11th December -7.30pm

12th December -2.30pm

12th December - 7.30pm

\*Meet Cinderella and her friends after every performance



Advance tickets are available through www.KatsAct.com or www.theticketsellers.co.uk Ticket Prices are: £11 Adults & £8 Children



KatsAct was founded by Katherine Males in January 2013. The company has to date focused on enabling professionals to keep practising and to encourage amateurs to be involved in productions with other like-minded people.

2015 was a big year for KatsAct, as this year has seen the introduction of weekly classes for children along with venturing into producing show reels for professionals looking to showcase their acting talents. This has been a huge success with demand very high!

The company aim continues to be to put on productions (both theatre and film), that are affordable to all and to encourage people from all backgrounds to get involved.

There are still the two mains parts to KatsAct. The Kats (Kids Amateur Theatre School) and the Act (Adult Community Theatre).

•KatsAct will continue to grow and develop and 2016 will be another exciting year. We thank you for your continued support.



## **Creative Team**



#### Katherine Males - Director

Katherine started performing at the age of eight. Katherine directed and wrote her first show "My Sister's Investigation" in 2013. Since then KatsAct has taken her on an incredible journey and to this date Katherine has written and directed nearly 50 showreels, six full shows and is now a drama teacher at a local school. Katherine still enjoys performing and this year has taken lead in two web series, a charity film and 3 student films, became a member of the London actors collaborative network working with acting coaches from RADA.



#### Karl Foxworthy - Production manager

Karl joined KatsAct as a member of the backstage crew for One Girl One Dream.

After enjoying his experience he continued to work as a member of the backstage crew but also took on the role of Assistant Stage Manager for Christmas in Tash Town.

He is thrilled and excited to be Production Manager for Cinderella.



#### Gabbi Cruse -Assistant production manager

Gabbi started her interest in performing arts during her teenage years. But delved into the film and TV production at college and then continued into university. Gabbi has been a small part of KatsAct for a few years by filming their theatre productions. But this year takes a turn with the introduction of KatsAct Showreels and now involvement in the Cinderella production on and off the stage.



#### Leanne Lyndsey White - Musical Director

Leanne is an actress and vocalist, with experience behind the scenes as Director, Musical Director and Choreographer on shows such as Little Shop of Horrors and Rent.

Credits include: Amanda in Private Lives (Dunstable Rep), Evie in Shivered (The Place Theatre), Amy in My Imaginary Friend (Short Film), Rapunzel in Rapunzel (Stantonbury Theatre), Kate Monster in Avenue Q (Trinity Arts), Sandy in Grease (Stantonbury Theatre), The Baker's Wife in Into the Woods (Chrysalis Theatre), Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors (TADS Theatre), Miss Adelaide in Guys and Dolls (Salon Varietes Theatre), Maria in The Sound of Music (Salon Varietes Theatre).

# Cinderella - The Story

The Cinderella story is well known...

With a wicked stepmother and two jealous stepsisters who keep her enslaved and in rags, Cinderella stands no chance of attending the Royal Ball. When her Fairy Godmother appears and magically transforms her reality into a dream come true.

Cinderella is given the KatsAct treatment for this year's pantomime, with lots and lots of laughs and plenty of enjoyment for all the family!







## Scenes

### Act 1

- Scene 1 -Village ofMerryvale
- Scene 2 -The Woods
- Scene 3 -The Woods
- Scene 4 -The Kitchen

### Act 2

- •Scene 1 -The Woods
- •Scene 2 -The Palace
- •Scene 3 -The Village
- •Scene 4 -The Mansion
- •Scene 5 -The Castle

## Cast

Cinderella: Justine McCreith

**Buttons: Paul Ward** 

Prince Charming: Gabbi Cruse

Dandini: Laura Saxon

Anastasia: Neil Arthur

Drizella: Julian Griffin

Baron: John Keogh

Baroness: Sarah Jones

Fairy Godmother: Stephanie Lawson

Major Posh & Servant: Lisa Thompson

**Group A:** Imogen Harper, Sophie Allen, Yanna Zaprianova, Beth Thompson, Amelia Smith, Chloe Harknett, Kali Laurence

Red Team: Daisy S, Jess S, Mia S, Teah Z

Blue Team: Callum O, Faye H, Tianna, Lauren H



#### **Buttons** - Paul Ward

Paul is 29, from Coventry and currently living in South East London. Although he enjoyed performing from a young age it has only been in the last 2 years that he has rediscovered his love for performance. He has attended a variety of acting courses in London over the last 2 years, including: method acting, improvisation and screen acting. He was also part of the Central London-based City Academy Tuesday Theatre Company, putting on 3 original productions a year, along with our very own Baroness! He has just finished his 4th and final performance with the company and is set to start a year Acting Diploma at Royal Central School of Speech and Drama from January 2016. This is his first performance with KatsAct and he is extremely excited to be a part of this wonderful production and talented team.



#### Cinderella - Justine McCreith

Justine is delighted to be playing Cinderella in her first production with KatsAct. Justine started acting in 2009 with Pirton Players and since then has played various characters in numerous shows including:

Yvette in 'Allo Allo in 2010, Grace Farrell in Annie in 2011, Maria in The Sound of Music in 2012, Francis in Jack The Ripper in 2012, A cockney fairy in Dick Whittington in 2013, various characters in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar as part of the Royal Shakespeare Company's 'Open Stages Project', a Hot Box Girl in 'Guys & Dolls' in 2014 and most recently Annelle in Steel Magnolias in Nov 2015. Justine has thoroughly enjoyed being part of KatsAct.



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During her teens, Gabbi has had several years in youth theatre from comedy sketches to full blown musicals such as Fame and Sweeney Todd. Usually found behind a camera, filming the KatsAct Theatre Productions and more recently Actor's Showreels, having studied BA Hons Film & TV Production at Hertfordshire Uni. Now the cobwebs have been dusted off the acting box, Gabbi is looking forward to treading the boards once more and performing her first solo and duet as Cinderella's Prince Charming.



#### Baron - John Keogh

John has been acting, singing and directing in amateur and semi-professional theatre since the 1970's, but this is first time he has played Pantomime! He has appeared in a number of productions with the Barn Theatre Club in Welwyn Garden City (King Lear, No Naughty Bits, The Lieutenant of Inishmore, etc.), and with Hitchin Thespians (Chess, Calamity Jane, The Mikado, etc.). He has also appeared on the Minack stage in Cornwall with the Hertfordshire Players (Loves Labours Lost, The Book of Mirrors). His directing credits include the Arabian Nights, Romeo and Juliet, and Shakers. John has enjoyed working with the Kats Act team and is looking forward to his debut as Cinder's Dad.



#### **Baroness** - Sarah Jones

Sarah recently returned to the theatre in response to extreme 'empty next' syndrome and has already appeared in several productions including The Funny Group – an original comedy she helped devise and which sold out within days at the award winning Ye Olde Rose & Crown Theatre Bar in East London.

Sarah adores pantomime and has urged many a child to scream 'it's behind you'

with gusto and is ecstatic to be cast as the evil stepmother in this hilarious production as it's a role she's been 'method-acting all her life according to her two (beautiful) daughters!

Sarah is delighted to be back on stage, loves the camaraderie with great cast members and hopes you'll enjoy the show as much as she does. Most of all she hopes her grandchildren will remember than Granny Lovely is only acting. Honestly!



#### Fairy Godmother - Stephanie Lawson

Stephanie played the role of Little Red Riding Hood in the KatsAct production of The Magic Library a couple of years ago which was her first come back role since she finished college in 2007 for three years where she studied Performing Arts for 3 years. Stephanie has also been involved behind the scenes for previous KatsAct shows as backstage crew. In recent months, she has throughly enjoyed being involved in the filming side of acting, stepping in as sound man and backing actor for showreels. This summer Steph has also helped out with the KatsAct children's summer acting school where she co-directed and choreographed an end of course show with the children of KatsAct and was very proud of their performance.

One day she dreams of playing opposite Johnny Depp as his love interest but for now she is very very happy to be playing the role of Fairy Godmother in this production Cinderella.



#### Drizella - Julian Griffin

Julian is a 29 year old who currently resides in Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire. Despite studying Drama for GCSE Julian's love of performing remained dormant until asked to play the role of Ted/Tess in KatsAct's first production, My Sisters Investigation. Since then he has appeared in further KatsAct productions, The Magic Library, One Girl One Dream and Christmas in Tash Town as well as providing supporting roles in various KatsAct showreels. When not taking to the stage Julian works as a store manager in Biggleswade, enjoys watching films, listening to music and reading comic books. He has fully enjoyed his time developing this pantomime and getting to know all of his new cast members and wishes them the best for the shows, and hopes that you all enjoy yourselves.



#### Anastasia - Neil Arthur

\*Neil is from Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. He developed his interest in acting in his teens with a part in a local production of 'A Christmas Carol' playing the boy that Scrooge sent to get the turkey. He went on to train with various workshops within Peterborough including the Key Theatre. He has appeared in numerous pantomimes playing the parts of Buttons and Friar Tuck to name a couple. He also appeared as a police inspector in a more serious production called 'Murder at Deem House'. Moving onto television work he appeared in Brookside, playing the part of the driver that crashed into the Farnham's vehicle which resulted in the death of both their children. He then went on to have a role in 90s drama Brokers Man starring Kevin Whately (Morse) and Charlotte Belamy of Emmerdale fame.



#### Dandini - Laura Saxon

Laura Saxon is a 21 year old actress from Stevenage, Hertfordshire. She has trained at the Sylvia Young Theatre School and the Celebrity Talent Academy, where she was scouted by two Canadian scouts to attend and compete at the International Presentation of Performers convention in Los Angeles. Since then she has starred in a number of theatre productions including Cinderfella and Through A Child's Eyes. She has also starred in many short films and television shows. Laura is also a published writer and has worked both in front of the camera and behind the camera and onstage and backstage. Laura has a passion for performing and loves to bring the character to life.

Cinderella is Laura's second show with KatsAct. She has also co-directed the KatsAct Kids pantomime - Creepy Christmas, which she wrote.

Laura is looking forward to playing Dandini in this years KatsAct pantomime.



#### Major Posh / Servant - Lisa Thompson

Lisa is 38 and from Baldock. Lisa joined the KatsAct team ten months ago as a volunteer when her daughter joined KatsAct kids. This is Lisa's first ever show and is looking forward to treading the boards at Henlow Theatre in her first production with KatsAct. Lisa has enjoyed every moment of Cinderella and is especially looking forward to sharing the stage with her daughter Beth who is in group A.

Group A Age 11+

Yanna Zaprianova

Sophie Allen



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Chloe Harknett



**Amelia Smith** 





Kali Laurence





Imogen Harper

#### Children Age 6-11 years

#### **Red Team**



Daisy S, Jess S, Mia S, Teah Z

#### **Blue Team**



Callum O, Faye H, Tianna, Lauren H

# The Crew

Director Katherine Males
Production Manager Karl Foxworthy
Ast. Prod. Manager Gabbi Cruse
Stage Manager Katherine Males
Costume Manager Gabbi Cruse
Lighting Reuben Harvey
Sound Laura Joyce
Set Design Angela Flack
Theatre Manager Ray Wood
ack Stage Dale Baines, Jacob Harper,

#### **Previous Productions**



My Sisters Investigation is a new play written and directed by Katherine Males, . Set in the present day, we see an investigation unfold after Nathan's Sister Ren disappears.

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Nathan's friends band together to help find Ren but struggle finding the answers to the question... Where is Ren?

A story that is guaranteed to have you laughing one minute and on the edge of your seats the next.



The Magic Library written and directed by Katherine Males & Andrea Edwards, tells the tale of a little girl called Anna who makes her wishes come true by mistake.

Anna is one of a number of children who have the misfortune of living in Higg's Foster Home, run by the evil Miss Higgs. Whilst locked in a library Anna says "I wish, I wish, I wish these stories were real!" and with a crash, whoosh and cackle, cleaning the library becomes the last thing on her mind.

With Characters causing havoc and Miss Higgs due back any minute, Anna has to find a way and to return everyone back to their stories and save the story world!



Viola is a girl with a mission - she wants to change the world by helping other people. After moving to the big city with her mum, viola searches for people to help!But she soon realises she can't help everyone, so moves her focus to the people around her!

Viola tries to help her mum become an honest person and gets her a job in a flower shop. She tries to help her teacher, her sister and the others around her! But things don't run as smoothly as she would like! Can Viola make her dream of changing the world come true, by helping those around her be happy?



Welcome to Tash Town! Once a happy place..

Now the town folk are forced to wear moustaches on their face! Another new law, made by their mean Mayor, Jack. The town folk must get some help to get them back on track! You see, there's some naughtiness lurking, a bad plan under way So come and help defeat it in our new Panto Play!

We've a divalicious Fairy to help everyone along, And plenty of fun, music, laughter and a good ol' sing song!And we can't forget the Elves, or our uniquely named new Dames! So don't forget your 'taches to join in with our fun and games!



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