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KatsAct was founded by Katherine Males (now Foxworthy), in January 2013 and the company has to date focused on enabling professionals to keep practising and encouraging amateurs to be involved in productions with other like-minded people.

2016 has seen us continue our KatsAct Kids classes (introduced in 2015) and seen further high demand for our Show Reel production.

Our first short film, SOLD, is in it's production stage and we are very excited for the end result! This is something we are particularly proud of and hope to carry out similar productions in future.

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 main parts to KatsAct. The Kats (Kids Amateur Theatre School) and the Act (Adult Community Theatre).

KatsAct will continue to grow and develop and we hope 2016 will continue to be successful.

We thank you for your continued support.





Want to get involved? Contact us via email at KatsAct@hotmail.com. We are always looking for individuals to get involved, whether that is as an actor, crew member, director, fund raiser, or any other role you feel you can help with!

Creative Team

Director Katherine Males



Kat is excited to be directing such an amazing production. She fell in love with the show when she was a little girl and performed as an orphan in a production at the Gordon Craig in her younger years. Kat has directed all of the main productions with KatsAct so far and enjoys working with such an amazing group of people she calls "family".

This show brings back lots of lovely memories for her and she has thoroughly enjoyed working with such a talented cast. With the support of parents, committee and an amazing crew this show has been a joy to create. Kat thanks everyone for their hard work and time they have put towards this production.

Assistant Director & Production Manager Gabbi Cruse



After a few years hiatus, Gabbi came back to the stage appearing as Prince Charming in KatsAct's panto Cinderella. And now the bug has come to stay, as supporting cast in Annie. Spending four years with Rare Productions, Gabbi has already performed in Annie, so knows the show really well, but is delighted to be a Boylan Sister in her favourite song Fully Dressed. Gabbi hopes the audience claps along, laughs in the right places and most of all, enjoy themselves from the biggest show from KatsAct yet!

Choreographer Tierney Peacock



Despite her time with KatsAct being short, Tierney has felt at home and part of the KatsAct family. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with the talented KatsAct children. Tierney feels working on this production has confirmed her love for performing and teaching.

Musical Director Henry Holmes



Henry has been performing for most of his life. His first big break came in 2013 when he starred as Audrey 2 (the plant) in "Little Shop of Horrors"; he then starred in "Beauty and the Beast"; and "Oliver!" in 2014. He completed his grade 8 classical singing at the age of 18 and has gone on to assist several directors and musical directors.

This is Henry's first outing as a musical director and he has enjoyed working with all the members of KatsAct.

Production Manager Rob Bailey



Rob has been with KatsAct for all of our show's in one capacity or another, from stagehand to production manager, he's even appeared on stage a couple of times, which he secretly loves to do though pretends not to.

'I love being part of the KatsAct family, and have loved working on Annie. It's a great show, with great songs and a brilliant cast that I am privileged to work with'

Stage Manager Karl Foxworthy



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 the role of Assistant Stage Manager for Christmas in Tash Town.

He was Production Manager for the KatsAct pantomime Cinderella and is currently Stage Managing this production.

Annie – The Story

In the depths of the 1930's, Annie is a fiery young orphan girl who must live in a miserable orphanage run by the tyrannical Miss Hannigan. Her seemingly hopeless situation changes dramatically when she is selected to spend a short time at the residence of the wealthy munitions industrialist, Oliver Warbucks.



Scenes

Act 1

Scene 1 Orphanage

Scene 2 Hooverville

Scene 3 Hooverville

Scene 4 Orphanage

Scene 5
Warbucks Mansion

Scene 6 NYC

Scene 7 Orphanage

Scene 8
Warbucks Mansion

Act 2

Scene 1 NBC Studio

Scene 2
Orphanage

Scene 3
Cabinet meeting

Scene 4
Warbucks Mansion

Scene 5
Warbucks Mansion

Scene 6
Warbucks Mansion

Cast List

Annie - Amelia Smith & Grace Byrne

Warbucks - Michael Barker

Hannigan - Allison Gibbs

Grace - Heather Lawther - Pratt

Rooster - Michael King

Lily - Charlotte Kelson

President Roosevelt - Keith Lander

Drake - James Ward

Lt. Ward & Bert Healy - Brodie Toller

Red Team

Duffy – Chloe Harknett
July – Daisy Sarll
Kate – Bethany Thompson
Molly – Jessica Sarll
Pepper – Syra Tayler
Tessie – Kali Lawrence
Lizzy – Mia Spicer

Supporting Cast

Gabbi Cruse
Julian Griffin
Tierney Peacock
Rebecca Wisdom
Mollie "The Dog"

Blue Team

Duffy – Ava Toye
July – Abbie Robinson-Sandford
Kate – Lauren Howman
Molly – Rose Lawther-Parker
Pepper – Sophie Allen
Tessie – Teah King
Lizzy – Faye Howman
Hollie - Tianna Page

Chloe Harknett Syra Tayler Sophie Allen Abbie Sandford-Robinson Rosie Lawther-Parker

Our Annies

Amelia Smith



Amelia is 11 years old and is extremely proud to be part of KatsAct. She is just finishing her primary education and will be going to a school that specialises in performing arts, where she hopes to further her knowledge and performing ability.

This is her second show with KatsAct, as she was supporting cast in Cinderella. Performing has helped Amelia grow in confidence and instilled her with a get go mindset.

Grace Byrne



Grace is 13 and trains at the Box of Frogs Theatre Academy every Sunday. She has just appeared in a production of HONK the musical at St Albans Theatre where she played the part of Penny. She is currently working towards her grade 4 LAMDA qualification and has passed her LAMDA Grade 3 with a distinction of 92/100.

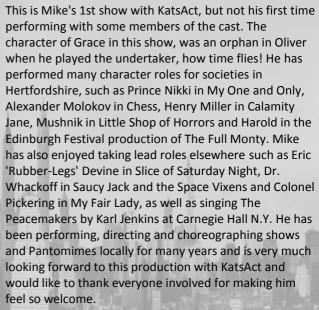
Other amateur productions she has appeared in are: Wicked, West End at Home and Grease. Her most notable was appearing in the West End Olivier award winning production of the Railway Children between December 2014 and May 2015. Since joining KatsAct, she has made so many friends and have learnt a lot. She was very excited to be cast as Annie!

Principle Cast

Warbucks Michael Barker



Miss Hannigan Allison Gibbs





Allison has been involved in am dram for over 30 years and has performed with many groups including Putteridge Bury G & S Society and Pirton Players. Her passion is G & S and she has performed in all their operettas, many more than once!

In recent years she has directed for Putteridge Bury with her most recent production of Princess Ida being enthusiastically received. Her latest roles were M'Lynn in Steel Magnolias and more recently Annie in Accrington Pals, where she had the pleasure of acting with, amongst others, KatsAct's own Katherine Foxworthy. She is delighted to be playing Miss Hannigan in this production.

Grace Farrell Heather Lawther-Pratt



This will be Heather's first performance with KatsAct, however she has performed with Katherine Foxworthy when they were both part of Fusion. Heather has been performing for many years from a young age, with performances including Into The Wood, Annie, Whistle Down The Wind, Oliver, Children of Eden, We will Rock You, 13, Parade, Joseph, West Side Story, Vagina Monologues, The Full Monty and Footloose, where she played Vi Moore and most recently Fame where she played Miss Sherman.

Drake James Ward



Jamie is 28 yrs old from Biggleswade and this will be his first performance with KatsAct after being asked if he would like to take on the role of Drake, a part that he has thoroughly enjoyed playing. He has been involved in theatre since he was 10 after joining Stagecoach Theatre Arts school until he was 18. During that time he also became a member of his local drama group BATS (Biggleswade Amateur Theatrical Society) who he stayed with for 12 years before joining up with HATS (Henlow Amateur Theatrical Society). Previous performances include 'The Rose Tattoo', 'Dick Whittington', 'Allo Allo', 'Cinders: The True Story', 'In Room Five Hundred and Four' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. He has also performed or been part of the backstage crew at the Bedfordshire, Cambridshire and RAFTA (Royal Air Force Theatrical Association) One Act Play Drama festivals.

Rooster Michael King



Michael, who has never acted on stage before, is very proud to be joining KatsAct in his debut performance.

Having never performed before this production, he has thoroughly enjoyed the experience and working with the cast on the various singing, and dancing acts, and found the challenge of a live show thrilling. He would like to thank KatsAct for welcoming him into their family, and looks forward to further acting opportunities in the future.

Lily Charlotte Kelson



Charlotte has been performing for 10 years. Her roles have included Nancy in Oliver at Hertford, Ensemble in the original UK cast of Pinnocchio, Gepeto Tale and she was also involved in the Les Mis 25th Anniversary at the O2. Her most recent role was that of Coral in KatsAct's first short film (still in production), of SOLD.

Lt. Ward & Bert Healy

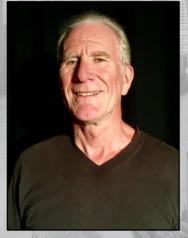
Brodie Toller



Brodie Toller is a British actor from Cambridge. He moved to Spain at the age of 8 and shortly after joined a modelling/acting agency. Over the years he has appeared in various commercials for the likes of Fanta, Barclays and Mayoral. He returned to England in 2012 and continued his passion by acting in various short films and entering into 60 hour film challenges. In 2015 Brodie met KatsAct owner Kat during a commercial they both appeared in.

In 2016 Kat invited Brodie along to audition for a role in her theatrical musical Annie. He has been multi cast and will be playing 3 characters: Lieutenant Ward, Bert Healy and the supporting role of Harald Ickes.

President Roosevelt Keith Lander



Keith is delighted to be cast in his first musical for KatsAct. He has played many parts in plays, pantomimes and musicals for other societies since first 'treading the boards' in Royston back in 1969, his major roles being Rochester in Jane Eyre and Charles Condomine in Blithe Spirit for SPADS, Mr Brownlow in Oliver! for Letchworth Arcadians and Widow Twankey in Aladdin at this very theatre. His most recent performance was as Wilf in Silent Night for HATS which won Best Play at the 2016 RAF One-Act Drama Festival.



Sandy Mollie

Introducing Mollie! Mollie is a Lhasa Apso and is Tierney's beloved pet. This is her first stage performance, but with her star performances maybe an acting future is on the horizon!

Supporting Cast

Gabbi Cruse



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Julian Griffin



Julian Griffin is a 30 year old who currently resides in Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire. Julian studied Drama for GCSE but only started performing 3 years ago, playing the role of Ted in a previous KatsAct production, My Sisters Investigation. He has since participated in every KatsAct show, often treading the boards dressed as a woman. When not working as a Store Manager Julian enjoys watching films/sports, reading, listening to music and song writing. He wishes to thank all his fellow cast members and production crew for making, not just this show, but every KatsAct show so enjoyable. He hopes you all enjoy watching the show as much as he has working on it.

Rebecca Wisdom



Rebecca was part of the original KatsAct group who performed My Sister's Investigation. After missing some of the more recent KatsAct shows, Rebecca is back and thoroughly enjoying being part of the KatsAct family.

The Red Team



Jessica Sarll - Molly

Jessica Sarll is 7 years old and lives in Arlesey. Jessica has been a member of KatsAct since 2015. She enjoyed being part of the pantomime Cinderella at Christmas and Annie will be her 2nd KatsAct show. Jessica has particularly enjoyed learning how to tap dance for the role of Molly in this production.



Daisy Sarll - July

Daisy Sarll is 9 years old and lives in Arlesey. Daisy has been a member of KatsAct since 2014. She enjoys singing, acting and dancing and this will be her 4th show with KatsAct. Daisy loves being part of the KatsAct team. She has enjoyed meeting new friends at the rehearsals and she is really looking forward to performing the role of July in Annie.



Chloe Harknett - Duffy & Supporting Cast

Chloe joined KatsAct just a matter of weeks before the Christmas pantomime (Cinderella) and took on a variety of roles, earning praise from the KatsAct family for how well she performed. She now feels part of the family and is excited to again take multiple roles in Annie. Outside the theatre she is always singing, dancing and acting. Her long term goal is to be a professional singer.



Mia Spicer - Lizzy

Mia joined KatsAct at the start of 2015 and since then she has grown in self confidence. She performed in the summer-school production of 'Mrs S', followed by her first stage appearance as a orphan in the Christmas panto, Cinderella. Mia continues to develop her skills and grow in confidence and the highlight of her week is joining her friends at KatsAct for rehearsals.



Bethany Thompson - Kate

Bethany is 12 years old and a pupil of Knights Templar School in Baldock. She joined KatsAct a year ago and this is her second production after appearing in Cinderella in 2015.



Syra Tayler – Pepper & Supporting Cast

This is Syra's first show with KatsAct and she is thoroughly enjoying the experience and loves being part of the KatsAct family. She has done tap, ballet and played Lily in Annie with Rare Productions. Syra has done musical theatre from a young age and also training at EDSA.



Kali Lawrence - Tessie

Kali has been part of the KatsAct family for just over a year now. Annie is her second show following a role in KatsAct's previous production of Cinderella.

The Blue Team



Rosie Lawther-Parker - Molly

This will be Rosie's first performance with Kats Act but has really been welcomed into the Kats Act Family. Rosie has always had a love for performing and was singing before she was talking. She was well known for her rendition of 'Popular' from Wicked at just the age of 2. Rosie has been dancing since she was 1 year old including tap, modern, character and song & dance. Rosie has competed at many festivals winning gold, silver and bronze medals. In 2015 Rosie quiffied for the finals of All England dance and competed in Hackney, London with her Song & Dance. Rosie is currently working towards her grade 2 Tap and Modern and grade 1 Ballet. Performing in Annie will be Rosie's first foray into Musicals.



Abbie Robinson-Sandford - July & Supporting Cast

Abbie is an average 14 year old who loves to spend time with her friends and have fun. Acting is a huge part of her life and she has been acting since she was 5. Abbie started off in theatre and appeared in plays such as 'The Wizard Of Oz' 'Tangled' and many others. She has enjoyed 'Annie' and has loved being part of the KatsAct family.



Ava Toye - Duffy

Ava is ten years old. Before starting KatsAct in February 2016, Ava had never performed in a show, with the exception of school performances. Since joining KatsAct Ava has developed into a confident person who loves being on stage. Annie will be her first ever performance and she is extremely excited to show off her new found talent thanks to the KatsAct team. She is also looking forward to being part of future KatsAct shows



Faye Howman - Lizzy

Faye has been having fun playing an orphan in Annie. She also appeared in the KatsAct production of Cinderella last year. She enjoys Street dancing with a local group and going to Brownies.



Lauren Howman - Kate

Lauren is really enjoying being in Annie and has also appeared in Cinderella at Christmas time with KatsAct. She has acted in many showreels in numerous roles, including as a zombie! She also loves dancing with a local group and cheerleading at school.



Sophie Allen – Pepper & Supporting cast

Sophie is now 13 and has been a member of KatsAct since she was 10. She has appeared in many KatsAct shows, playing a number of different characters. She showed her full potential whenn she played the lead role of Anna, in The Magic Library in 2013. Sophie has also appeared at the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage, playing Jessy in 'Annie Get Your Gun'. She loves to sing and dance; away from KatsAct Sophie belongs to Younique, where she is learning a street dance routine to also be performed at the Gordon Craig Theatre.



Teah King - Tessie

Teah King is a cheeky 9-year old girl with huge artistic flair who has already lived in three different countries. Her stage experience consists of: solo singing with a professional Belgian choir in Flanders; cast at the age of 4 for a main part alongside her elder sister in 'Kids United' - a fiction film produced by the London Film School and presented to various international film festivals.

Teah loves doing different accents and telling jokes; when she's not on stage, she is on the football field playing for Hitchin.She joined KatsAct in September 2015 when her bigger sister took her along. Teah recently performed in the Pantomime 'Cinderella'.



Tianna Page - Hollie

Tianna has been with KatsAct for over a year and is thoroughly enjoying the experience of performing on stage. Her previous production with KatsAct was Cinderella and she is excited to be back on stage performing in Annie.

The Crew

Director
Production Manager
Production Manager
Stage Manager &
Programme Design
Musical Director
Guest Musical Directors

Choreographer
Costumier
Assistant Costumier
Technical Manager &
Lighting
Lighting Assistants
Backstage Crew

Chaparones

Special Thanks:

Katherine Males Gabbi Cruse Rob Bailey Karl Foxworthy

Henry Holmes
Margaret Johnson
Julie Dawson
Tierney Peacock
Catherine Smith
Gabbi Cruse
Chris Cook

Jonathan & Arthur Daniel Weiss Stephen Sarll Vanessa Middleton Hayley Sarll Catherine Smith

Sarah Jones, Sarah Ellis, Maya Ellis, Tonia Nee, Jay Brown, Stephanie Lawson, Gemma Cavini, Maxine Ansell, Sue Kennedy, Bridget Whitaker, St.Paul Warden's School, GCC, Henlow Theatre & NYMT Stores.

Previous Production



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. Then 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!





Older 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.

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 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!



SHOW DATES

21ST JULY- 7.30PM 22ND JULY- 7.30PM 23RD JULY- 2.30PM & 7.30PM 24TH JULY 2.30PM & 7.30PM

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