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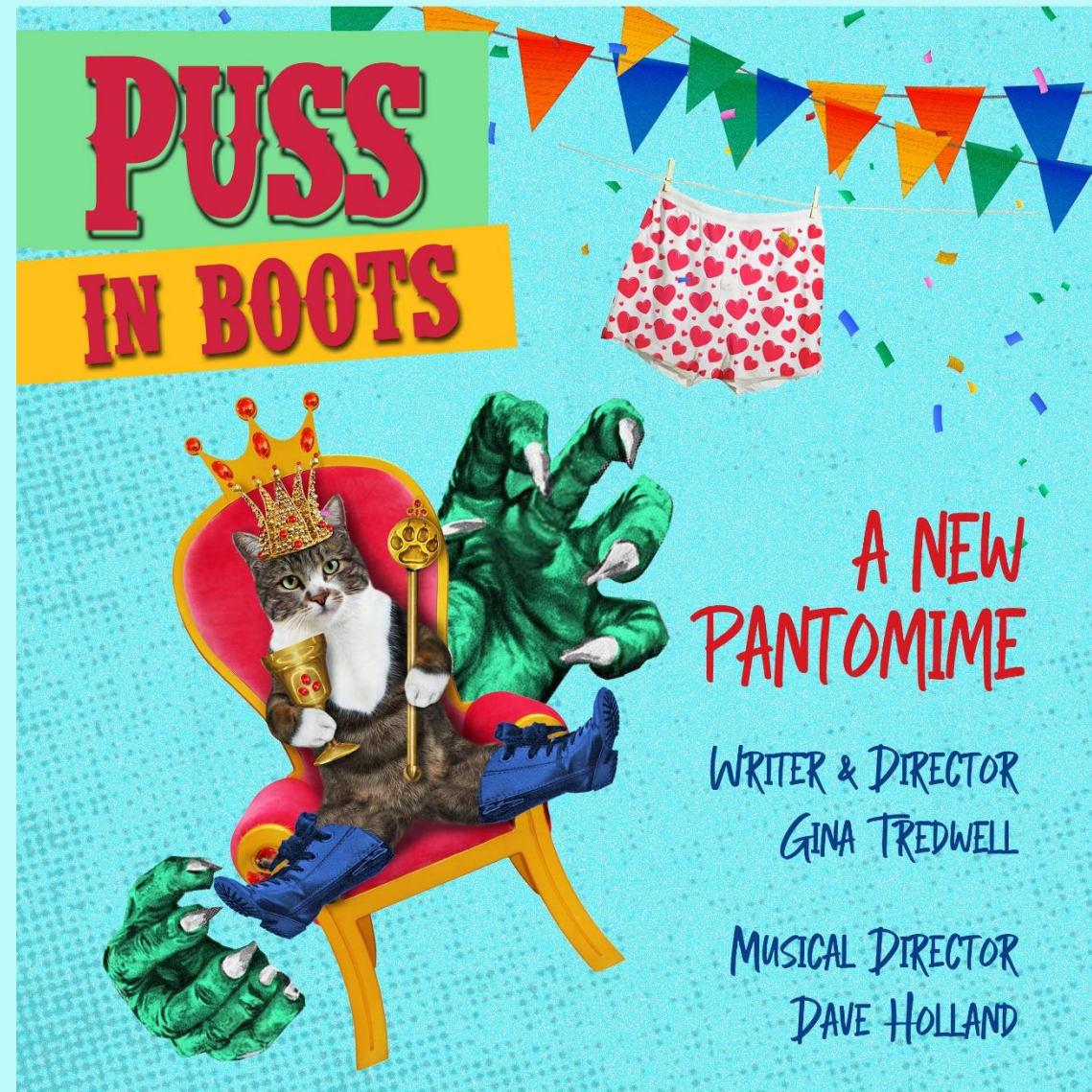
Life members: June Prowse, Pete Woolvett,
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FROM THE DIRECTOR **Gina Tredwell**

I've never written a pantomime before or done any directing; it is a testament to the encouraging spirit of TAODS that after joining only a couple of years ago, here I am giving it a go!

I've had the benefit of lots of support and advice from the many TAODS members who have been doing this for years (how many exactly? let's not speculate) and I'm very grateful for it.

My message to the cast, audience and any potential actors, writers, directors, and creators out there is the words I found myself saying at least once every rehearsal: JUST GIVE IT A GO AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!



SOUVENIR PROGRAMME
24th - 27th January 2024, Totnes Civic Hall

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to our 2024 TAODS production, Puss In Boots. What a thrill you have in store. We are very excited to have a new director this year, Gina Tredwell. Gina has not only directed but has also written Puss In Boots. There are the usual characters you would expect in a Pantomime, so please make sure you boo the baddies, cheer the goodies and laugh as loud as you can.

Interesting bit of history to TAODS.

Totnes Amateur Operatic Dramatic Society (TAODS) was formally known as Totnes Amateur Operatic and Musical Society founded in 1936. Initially putting on Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates Of Penzance at The Royal Seven Stars Hotel. The first pantomime production was Cinderella in 1953. This was performed at The Old Market Hall, which famously burned down in 1955 and was eventually replaced by the Civic Hall you are sitting in today.

Sadly, this year we are remembering Neil Bletcher and Jill Legg who are no longer with us but were a big part of our society in the past.

TAODS today is as strong as ever with wonderful people both on and off the stage. We have a great cast and crew some old like me, and some new, who I believe question why on earth they hadn't discovered us before! We are a friendly relaxed bunch of people who just want to have fun and entertain our wonderful town of Totnes. If you would like to know more and perhaps join our thespian family please go to our website taods.com for further details.

Simon Harris

There will be a 20 minute interval between acts. Refreshments will be available in the bar & ice creams will be on sale in front of the stage.

We will be collecting for Totnes Caring after the show – please give generously!

CAST

Puss the Cat: Yolanda Drewell **Colin:** Amber Skye (Bambi)
Princess Penelope: Bubbles LaFae **Baron:** Ben Tajima-Simpson
Mrs Miggins: Rich Lea **The King:** Fraser Durham
Ogre: Alex Kidger **Adorable Child:** Freddie Wills
Christopher: John Parker **Brian:** Simon Harris
Queen Daphne: Lucy Matthews **Gerald the Herald:** JoJo Ramsden
Villager Billy: Dave Waistnidge **Villager Tom:** Manu Rees-Durham
Clotilde: Yoko Savva-Titley **Dagmar:** Maimai Savva-Titley
Courtier / Narrator: Flo Gillmore **Narrator:** Milly Darnley
Chorus: Yara Venning, Katie Johnston, Abi Moran

THE EASY BEETS

Dave Holland: Musical Director / Keyboard
Kirsty Allnutt: Guitar **Charles Hearnshaw:** Clarinet
Stirling Paatz: Bass **Cameron Jarvis:** Drums

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director: Gina Tredwell
Costume & Production: Sophie Macdonald
Stage Management: Rachel Bletcher
Scenery & Properties: John Parker
Sound: Sion Kemp, Joseph Eaton, Chris Wilson
Lighting Design: Louis Sullivan (NLS Solutions)
Lighting Operation: Andy Tysoe
Front of House Management: Kirsty Allnutt
Makeup: Ali Harris
General Knowledge: David George