

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to our 2025 TAODS production, The Three Musketeers! What a swashbuckling adventure we have in store for you this year. En garde! We're so thrilled to welcome back John Parker, who has written and directed this pantomime.

This year's pantomime is a rollicking tale of heroism, hilarity, and, of course watch out for those characters who are up to no good! We need YOU, our wonderful audience, to play your part: boo the baddies like your life depends on it, cheer for our courageous heroes, and don't forget to shout "It's behind you!"—you never know when trouble might be lurking! Oh, and polish up your French—there's a little 'je ne sais quoi' sprinkled in for extra fun.

TAODS wouldn't be what it is today without the incredible people who bring it to life both on stage and behind the scenes. This year's cast and crew are a mix of seasoned performers and some bright new stars. A special thank you to the committee who hold it all together.

### Join the Fun

We're always on the lookout for new recruits to join our merry band of performers and behind the scenes crew. Our next production will be **Tom Stoppard's 'The Real Inspector Hound' in May 2025**. If you'd like to get involved, keep an eye out on **taods.com** to learn more.

So, get comfy, and prepare for a couple of hours of adventure, laughter, and a little chaos along the way. All for one, and one for all!

**SIMON HARRIS, CHAIRMAN**

### COMMITTEE

**President:** The Mayor of Totnes

**Chairman:** Simon Harris      **Vice-Chairman:** Dave Waistnidge

**Treasurer:** Alex Kidger      **Secretary:** Gina Tredwell

**Team:** Kirsty Allnutt, David George, Ali Harris, Sophie Macdonald, John Parker, Greta Parker, Lucy Matthews, Bubbles LaFae

**Life Members:** June Prowse, Pete Woolvett, Mike & Pip Shail, Fiona Murray

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**TAODS**  
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22ND - 25TH  
JAN 2025

# THE THREE MUSKETEERS


A STIRRING NEW PANTOMIME



WRITER & DIRECTOR:  
**JOHN PARKER**

MUSICAL DIRECTOR:  
**DAVE HOLLAND**

**SOUVENIR PROGRAMME**  
**CIVIC HALL, TOTNES, TQ9 5SF**



# THE THREE MUSKETEERS

**PARIS, 1665** (or thereabouts). The Three Musketeers, Athos, Porthos and Aramis, are about to embark on their most daring adventure yet.

Their mission is to travel to London in a bid to foil a dastardly plot to bring dishonour on the Queen of France. They are followed by the young, impetuous but hopelessly naïve D'Artagnan, keen to help them and become a Musketeer himself. He in turn is pursued by Constance, who loves him and has discovered that he and the entire mission are in terrible danger.

Their adventures take them from the hustle and bustle of London to a peaceful, little-known village in the South Hams. From there, the race is on to return to Paris in time to save the Queen from disaster.

We can only speculate what Alexandre Dumas would make of this version of his famous novel, but I've enjoyed the opportunity to adapt it for pantomime, and especially for a Totnes audience.

I hope you enjoy it too.

## JOHN PARKER, WRITER & DIRECTOR

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

**Athos:** David George **Aramis:** Fraser Durham **Porthos:** Amy Robinson

**D'Artagnan:** Manu Rees-Durham **Constance:** Sara Bushnak

**Milady:** Gina Tredwell

**Roquefort:** Sean Ferris

**Planchet:** Rob Pedersen

**Treville:** Alex Kidger

**Buckingham:** Lucy Matthews

**Queen Anne:** Sophie Macdonald

**Beefeater:** Rich Lea

**Captain Ayr:** Jojo Ramsden

**Flunkey:** Simon Harris

**Albert:** Dave Waistnidge

**Mangetout:** Freddie Wills

**Guard:** Malley Griffiths

**Muskette:** Yara Venning

**Muskette:** Grace

## BAND

Dave Holland: Musical Director / Keyboard

Kirsty Allnutt: Guitar

Charles Hearnshaw: Clarinet

Stirling Paatz: Bass

Cameron Jarvis: Drums

## PRODUCTION TEAM

**Director:** John Parker

**Wardrobe:** Sophie Macdonald

**Choreography:** Kirsty Allnutt

**Stage Manager:** Rachel Bletcher

**Sound:** Sion Kemp

**Lighting Design:** Louis Sullivan

**Lighting Operation:** Andy Tysoe **Front of House:** Greta Parker

**Box Office:** David George

## THANKS TO

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Pleiades Lodge, Totnes 710

Stirling Paatz

All the volunteers front & back of house & anyone who  
Has helped in any way!

