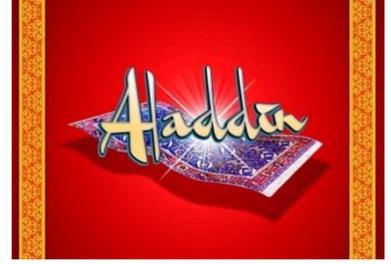
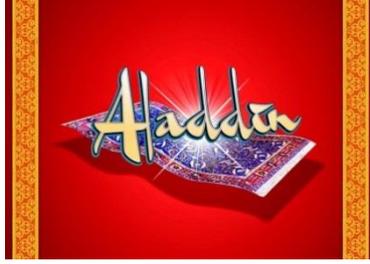
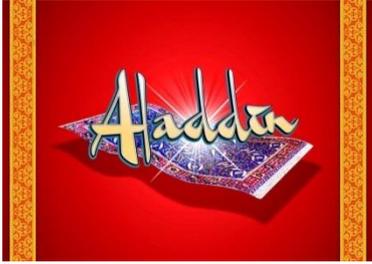




Kilmardinny Players



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Kilmardinny Players present Aladdin by James Barry in Kilmardinny House Arts Centre from Wednesday 14 November to Friday 16 November at 7.30 pm and then on Saturday 17 November at 2 pm

Aladdin falls for Princess Jasmine, but needs to find a fortune to convince her father of the match. He strikes lucky with a lamp and a genie, but he has to contend with the wicked Abanazer.

I am delighted to announce the cast of our principals for our second pantomime as follows:

Principals' Cast of Aladdin in order of appearance

Peddler	Suzi Bagley
Abanazer	Paul Cockcroft
Slave of the Ring	Lisa Colquhoun
Wishee Washee	Eleanor Gordon
Aladdin	Jenny Ryall
Girl/Ghost	Jane MacConnacher
Widow Twankey	Pamela Cowan
Flung Dung	Emma Reid
Princess Jasmine	Carol Dobson
Genie	Martin Fairgrieve

AUDITIONS

Thank you to those who came to auditions. Not everyone could be a principal this time around but we need members for ensemble singing, dancing, and walk on parts and also for backstage essential crew. We are working on the script to include singing, dancing and ensemble scenes – so you can put yourselves forward for what you fancy once we know our full requirements for each scene.



A special welcome to two new members – Carol and Pamela. Both come with great previous experience and will be assets to our group and both gave outstanding auditions. I wish also to welcome back Martin Fairgrieve who will be my co director and our Genie and costume maker for this production as well as busying himself making up our quiz for 7 September. We have already had a fun night trying on costumes – some of which we have already and some Martin has made in the past and some he got at the Citz sale and we are now assessing how many other costumes we need to make so that we can get great photos to promote our production. Here is a sneak preview of some initial costume fittings:



Please note rehearsals will begin on Thursday 16 August with a planning meeting on 13 August. We will be having an SCDA workshop on Staging our Panto with Carole on Thursday 6 September and all KP members will be welcome to attend. We are currently waiting for confirmation of venues for our rehearsals and more information will follow in our next newsletter. *Christina, director*

Thanks to Paul for his article below about Pantomimes! Ours is thoroughly 21st century practice endorsing cross gender casting!





What makes a
Pantomime?



A true
Pantomime
should have...

Stock Characters

Dame (man dressed as middle aged or elderly woman but not a drag queen),
Villain (the 'baddie' - usually male but?),
Heroine (virtuous but resourceful),
Principal Boy / Hero (tradition of being played by a woman is in decline)
Comedian (doesn't get the girl [ah!!!!!!!!!!!!]) but tells lots of jokes about it).

Plot



Adapted from **Fairy Stories**.
The **Villain plots** wicked deeds.
The **Hero plots** back.
The **Villain is redeemed** (or defeated).
Love Conquers All
(ends with wedding of Heroine / Principal Boy + perhaps others?)



Devices

Cross dressing (men dressed as women and vice versa. Then there's the horse...)
Direct address to the audience (breaking the 4th wall)
"Look behind you", "Oh no it isn't" (and variations on the theme)
Popular songs (adapted for topical or local references)

Double entendre (particularly from the sexually knowing Dame)
Walk Down at finale



Optional Devices (one or more of these)

Call and response – audience participation
Bring on a child (or embarrass the hell out of an adult)
Bad Jokes, Puns, Comic Asides
Community Singalong
Slapstick Comedy
Pantomime Horse (rare these days, sadly)
Dancing
Going into the audience and improvising



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Mid summer meal out: Liz is proposing she arranges another wee meal out for us and Craig sent out a survey monkey to get a suitable date for this social event during the summer break. The best date was: **Friday 27 July**. Please email Liz direct if you want to come to this meal which will possibly be held in Cyan in Milngavie if it is open. Email: lizzie.12@hotmail.co.uk



Big Quiz Night: We always enjoy this fun social fundraiser for the group and so Martin and David are creating another one for us on **Friday 7 September** – in Milngavie Town Hall at 7.30 pm and more details of the quiz to follow. As prices for lets for all halls are increasing on 1 August we need to promote this fundraiser and get as many people to come along as possible so speak to family and friends and get them to save the date. Let me know if you are coming and how many tickets you want.



Message from Jane, chair person:

Hi All,

I hope you are enjoying this amazing weather we are having! For those of us that have to work, there is always the weekends to catch up on that sun bathing!

By now you will all be aware that Aladdin Principals have been cast and we are beginning to make preparations with various costume fittings already! It's full steam ahead with this adventure!



Thank you to all members who have already agreed to help backstage or in the ensemble. If you have not offered your help yet to Christina and Martin, please do so as soon as you can as we need all hands on board to make this a success!

Hope to see you all at the Summer meal out and then at our Big Quiz night.

And finally, please consider writing a short article for our next newsletter!