
SDC
Sanderstead Dramatic Club's
83rd Traditional Family Pantomime
Hansel & Gretel
Souvenir Programme £1.50
7th- 14th January 2023
All Saints Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead

Hansel & Gretel

Welcome to our Pantomime Hansel & Gretel.

The tale first emerged in the late Middle Ages in Germany and underwent various additions and variations before becoming the well-known version recorded by the Brothers Grimm where the eponymous children are abandoned in a forest, and fall into the hands of a witch who lives in a house made of gingerbread. The witch intends to fatten Hansel before eventually eating him, but Gretel pushes her into her own oven and the children escape.

Our show follows the fairy tale but alongside the story characters, we also meet many traditional Pantomime characters, such as Lotti, the former countess, who wants to return to the castle by romancing the new count who is trying to collect rent from Hansel & Gretel's parents, as well as preventing his daughter from associating with a humble woodsman, all with the help/hindrance of his inefficient bailiffs.

And of course no pantomime would be complete without a good fairy who battles the witch and ensures the show reaches a happy ending.

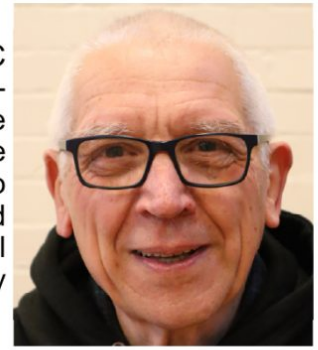
So settle back for two hours of traditional Pantomime and we hope that you will enjoy the show as much as we have enjoyed presenting it for you.



Hansel & Gretel in January 1979

The production team

John Desbottes (Director)
John has been involved in many SDC productions over the years, both on and off-stage, and this year has eschewed the greasepaint to once again return to the Director's chair. John is pleased not to have to learn lines and musical numbers this year, and more importantly, working with his wonderful cast has made the whole experience a really happy one.





Mandy Grace (Choreographer)
Mandy Grace appeared in SDC Pantomimes from 1996 to 1999 in the senior chorus. She is now Principal of the *Dance with Grace* School of dancing in New Addington and we welcome her and the children again to Sanderstead.

Philippa Lucas (Musical Director)
This is Philippa's fourth pantomime with SDC and the third as MD. Recently, she appeared as Helga in the Oxted Players version of Allo Allo and is now back behind the piano for Hansel and Gretel. She has really enjoyed working with John and Mandy, the panto cast and her band of BRIT music students. Enjoy the show!





Chorus

Jemma Rapley
Emily Clarke-Irons
Savannah Milliner
Madison Dauris
Olivia Dauris
Isabelle Waite

Team Hansel	Team Gretel
Olivia Catley	Ima Bokjo
Sarah Wood	Sophie Oziminski

Chorus & Children are from *Dance with Grace*

Children's Teams

'Team Hansel'

Cianna Kennedy
Layla Barden
Lacey Barden
Emily Hartfield
Amber Hartfield
Amelia Frost
Darci-Rae Stenning-Newbon

Team Hansel appear on
7th (matinee), 8th (evening),
11th, 13th, 14th (evening)





'Team Gretel'

Labella Milliner
Rosey Killick
Maya Thompson
Charlotte Bateman
Ruby Marchant
Renee Williams
Katie Dauris

Team Gretel appear on
7th (evening), 8th (matinee),
10th, 12th, 13h (matinee)

THE CAST

Hansel	–	Nicola Catley
Gretel	–	Connie Goswell
Nutz	–	Gordon Drayson
Boltz	–	Dave Sawyer
Hexa	–	Dot Reid
Sylvana	–	Jess Grace
Lotti	–	Ian Caldecourt
Rudi	–	Ernie McGirr
Gisela	–	Catherine Gardner
Count Maximillian	–	Richard Peachey
Peter	–	Charlene Edwards
Heidi	–	Jess Bailey



ACT 1

1. The Village Square
2. Here, There and Everywhere
3. Lotti's Cottage
4. On the way to the Woods
5. The Beer Garden

ACT 2

6. A Woodland Clearing
7. A Path in the Woods
8. Outside the Gingerbread House
9. The Gingerbread House
10. Back Home
11. The Castle Ballroom



The cast



Nicola Catley—Hansel

Nicola started at SDC in the children's chorus before moving to senior chorus. This is her first year as part of the cast and she is very excited to be playing the part of Hansel

Connie Goswell—Gretel

This is Connie's first pantomime with SDC, though she has performed in a few amateur shows before with previous drama group, most recently with PQA. She feels incredibly lucky to have the role of Gretel and has had loads of fun with the cast. Connie is very excited to get on stage and perform the songs.





Gordon Drayson—Nutz

Gordon is very pleased to be involved in this years pantomime, making sure that all the villagers pay their rent on time. After directing, writing and performing in last years "Goldilocks" he has found the "rest" very welcome this year. As a full time magician, the panto is his way to relax after a busy Christmas entertaining at parties and events, and he hopes he will bring a smile to your faces during the show.

Dave Sawyer—Boltz

After returning last year Dave is back again this time as part of the dodgy duo Nutz & Boltz.

Will they succeed, who knows. I'm sure all will be revealed.





Dot Reid—Hexa

It's that time again for Dot to appear in the panto rather than work behind the scenes. Once again she's playing the baddy but this time has a lovely cottage in the woods to live in.

Jess Grace—Sylvana

After many years in the chorus, children and senior, this is Jess' first year as part of the cast. She is very excited to play the part of the good fairy...showcasing her angelic nature.





Ian Caldecourt - Dame Lotti

Ian's 3rd panto with SDC and his second donning the frocks! He has played Dame on countless occasions in South London and also in Westerham, Kent. He loves the interaction with the audience so don't be afraid to give him a cheer! He recently played Officer Crabtree in Allo Allo at The Barn Oxted, so from Good Moaning to have a Good Evening.

Thanks David Phipps Davis for the loan of the Dame dresses

Ernie McGirr—Rudi

Ernie enjoys performing in Panto's and musicals which he has also done in the Middle East and Holland. He is delighted to be working with such an enthusiastic and friendly group of people. From last year's Daddy Bear Ernie has given up his furry costume to become an Inn Keeper, however the name of the Inn is a closely guarded secret.

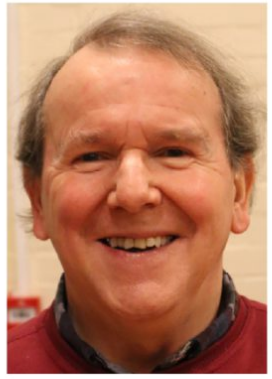




Catherine Gardner—Gisela

After 3 years away to have her own family, Catherine returns to the stage again, this time taking on someone else's family as Gisela, Hansel and Gretal's step mother. Catherine is looking forward to playing a baddie of sorts when put under Hexa's spell!

Richard Peachey—Count Maximillian



This is Richard's first panto with Sanderstead Dramatic Club, although he has appeared in many over the past 40 years playing all types of characters. In that time he has also performed in almost all the acting genres from Shakespeare and farce to musicals and opera. He has thoroughly enjoyed being back on stage with this wonderful cast, and as a "villain", albeit a rather soft one!!

Favourite roles have included Manuel in Fawlty Towers, Rene Artois in Allo Allo, Otto Frank in The Diary of Anne Frank, Dr. Einstein in Arsenic & Old Lace, Ali Hakim in Oklahoma and Mr. Bennet in Pride & Prejudice.



Charlene Edwards—Peter

Charlene has been performing with SDC for many years now, since she was in the junior chorus in fact. This year she is back in the boots as Peter ready to confront the evil witch.



Jess Bailey—Heidi

Jess has been dancing with Dance with Grace since she was 5 and performing with SDC since a young age in the junior chorus. Since this she has branched out to larger pantomime productions. Jess is excited to back for another year in cast and is very excited to play the role of Heidi!

Behind the Curtain

Written & Directed by		John Desbottes
Choreography		Mandy Grace
Musical Director		Philippa Lucas
Musicians	Bass Guitar:	Cara Joshi
	Guitar:	Sam Wilkinson
	Drums:	Fin Millard
Costumes		Catherine Roberts & Andrew Roberts
Set Design & Painting		Chris Bryan, Frankie Garton-Adams & Andrew Nicholson assisted by members of the Club
Stage Manager		Karen Weeks
Prompt		Theo Spring
Assistant Stage Manager		Andrew Nicholson
Lighting		Josh Webster & Tim Crump
Sound		Tim Crump
Front of House Manager		Barry Nicholson
Front cover & poster artwork		Gordon Drayson

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The Children's Society

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The Society works with and for children and young people across the nation, putting their needs at the heart of everything it does, focusing on those most in need – children and young people pushed to the edge of society, those whose needs are not met by government services or other agencies:

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- Children in trouble with the law
- Young refugees
- Disabled children

The Society is seeking more charity box-holders – a small box in your home for collecting those excess coins weighing down your pocket or purse, which is emptied once a year.

If you are interested in helping the Society's fundraising in this way, or wish to make a donation, please contact Lynda Talbot on 020 8657 7584 or come to our box opening and coffee morning on Saturday 5th February (10am–12 noon) at All Saints Church Hall.

Sanderstead Dramatic Club is supporting the work of the Children's Society again this year by donating ticket vouchers for the performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, money raised from these tickets goes to the society.

20p from the price of this programme will be donated to the Lily Foundation



The Lily Foundation

The Lily Foundation was founded in 2007 by Liz Curtis in memory of her daughter Lily, who died from mitochondrial disease at eight months old.

Finding little in the way of specialist knowledge or support available to help her through her ordeal, Liz set out to provide answers for herself and others in her situation.

What began as an informal network of family and friends quickly grew into a national charity which today supports over 300 families.

Run by a small team of dedicated staff backed by a medical board drawn from the UK's top centres for mitochondrial research, the Lily Foundation forms a vital link between patients, doctors and medical science bodies.

Mitochondrial disease is a complex condition that affects people medically in a wide variety of ways. Every mito family will have different needs and different – often very difficult – choices to make.

Visit **www.thelilyfoundation.org.uk** Charity No: 1122071

SDC PANTOMIMES

1932 Aladdin
1933 Babes in The Beeches
1934 Jack and the Beanstalk
1935 The Sleeping Beauty
1936 Dick Whittington
1937 Babes in the Wood
1938 Aladdin
1939 Jack and Jill
1940 - 1946 WWII no productions
1947 The Tailor of Gloucester
1948 The Sleeping Beauty
1949 Jack and the Beanstalk
1950 Dick Whittington
1951 Cinderella
1952 Robinson Crusoe
1953 Mother Goose
1954 Aladdin
1955 Babes in the Wood
1956 Puss in Boots
1957 Red Riding Hood
1958 The Tailor of Gloucester
1959 Jack and the Beanstalk
1960 Sinbad the Sailor
1961 Little Bo Peep
1962 Cinderella
1963 Mother Goose
1964 Goody Two-Shoes
1965 Aladdin
1966 Old King Cole
1967 Hansel and Gretel
1968 Goldilocks and the Three Bears
1969 Queen of Hearts
1970 Robinson Crusoe
1971 Puss in Boots
1972 Mother Hubbard
1973 Dick Whittington
1974 Aladdin
1975 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
1976 Humpty Dumpty
1978 Cinderella
1979 Hansel and Gretel
1980 Sinbad the Sailor
1981 Sleeping Beauty
1982 Jack and the Beanstalk
1983 Dick Whittington
1984 Aladdin
1985 Robin Hood
1986 Wizard of Oz
1987 Robinson Crusoe
1988 Goldilocks and the Three Bears
1989 Mother Goose
1990 Dick Whittington
1991 Aladdin
1992 Cinderella
1993 Babes in the Wood
1994 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
1995 Hickory Dickory Dock
1996 Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
1997 Robinson Crusoe
1998 Jack and the Beanstalk
1999 Dick Whittington
2001 Cinderella
2002 Aladdin
2003 Puss in Boots
2004 Humpty Dumpty
2005 Red Riding Hood
2006 Pied Piper of Hamelin
2007 The Sleeping Beauty
2008 Dick Whittington
2009 Jack & The Beanstalk
2010 Princess Crystal's Magical Dream
2011 Robin Hood
2012 Cinderella
2013 Robinson Crusoe
2014 Aladdin
2015 Snow White
2016 The Three Musketeers
2017 Jack & the Beanstalk
2018 Red Riding Hood
2019 Cinderella
2020 Sinbad the Sailor
2021 Goldilocks and the three bears

Sanderstead Dramatic Club

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Our next production will be a play in the summer

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