



ST. FAITH'S PLAYERS PRESENT

# Aaddin

By Ben Crocker



**Wed 27th, Thur 28th and Fri 29th November 2024**

**Brentford School For Girls, 5 Boston Manor Rd, Brentford TW8 0PF**

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## **Sandra Dickinson – Patron St Faith’s Players**

Hi everyone and welcome to St Faith’s Pantomime for 2024, Aladdin,

Theatre is really like an iceberg - the actual performances are the work of months of effort and teamwork to make sure that the curtains can open on opening night. Costumes have to be made, sequins must be sewn, magic lamps must be polished, lighting must be planned, singers must be coached, dance moves must be practised, posters must be printed, and so on; an invisible mountain of effort. All of this requires talent and dedication and one of the best things about local theatre is that it is all done for the love of taking part, being a member of a team and learning new skills.

Tonight, while you thrill to the adventures of Aladdin and Princess Jasmine, take a moment to enjoy the work of everyone behind the scenes who want you to have the best time possible and, if you would like to find out more about how you can be part of the magic, talk to anyone from St Faith’s Players after the show and we’ll be thrilled to tell you more.

Love, Sandra

## **Introduction from the Director – Alan Ward**

Welcome to St Faith’s Players production of the Ben Crocker pantomime, Aladdin. We are thrilled to be able to perform this fun packed show in the heart of our local community here at Brentford School for Girls, so sit back and enjoy all the traditional aspects of panto. Boo and hiss the villainous Abanazer; help Widow Twankey find her lucky 50p; help Wishee Washee tame his naughty panda, Nobby, and encourage Aladdin as he pursues his dreams and falls in love with the beautiful Princess Jasmine.

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## From the Chair of St Faith's Players – Penny Vincent

A very warm welcome to our production of Aladdin. We're very excited to be in a new venue this year - thank you so much to Brentford School for Girls - and we hope you have a really fun-filled evening. Thank you so much for coming.

Now in our 47 th year, we draw upon the talent and enthusiasm of the wonderful Brentford community. Since we started performing in St Faith's Church Hall in 1977, hundreds of people have taken to the boards, built sets, painted scenery, sewn costumes and taken on a myriad of other roles to produce shows which have brilliantly entertained our audiences as well as ourselves. We put on at least two productions each year, as well as holding murder mystery and fundraising evenings and other local community events.

If any of these things sound fun and you'd like to join us, we welcome new members (from age 5 upwards). We're a friendly bunch and offer many opportunities for people to get involved. If you don't fancy acting, why not help backstage? You can do make up, costumes, scenery, props, lighting, sound or stage management. No experience is necessary and enthusiasm is the key. Please see our website for more information. [www.st-faiths-players.org.uk](http://www.st-faiths-players.org.uk)

## JPM Scenery Sponsors St Faith's Players

In January we were pleased to agree a sponsorship arrangement with John McDonnell Director of JPM Scenery, a bespoke event set & stage design company.

John was a member of the group for many years and we are grateful for all his continuing support.



JPM SCENERY  
*Set & Stage*



For Aladdin John has supplied the steel deck extension and given the use of his van to transport the set. His generous financial donations allow us to purchase materials for our set and without his help our spring production of The Titfield Thunderbolt would not have been possible.

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## **Alan Ward – Director**

I'm thrilled to be directing the talented SFP company once again. I have been directing pantomimes, musicals and straight plays for very many years, from a cast of one to a cast of over 150, and I'm delighted that we have several new members on stage this year. Performing and presenting a pantomime is a real team effort, and my thanks go to everyone involved.



## **Joshua Fulcher - Musical Director**

Josh is a final-year student at the London College of Music (LCM), specialising in music performance with a major in classical piano. His broad experience includes performing as a soloist, accompanist, rehearsal pianist, orchestral musician, and tutor in piano and music theory. A passionate advocate for musical theatre, Josh has been involved in numerous productions, both as a performer - his stage credits include notable roles in Phantom of the Opera and West Side Story - and as musical director for a range of productions. Most recently, he served as Assistant Musical Director for LCM's production of Stephen Sondheim's Anyone Can Whistle. This follows years of experience in musical direction, during which he has contributed to both the educational and professional aspects of the musical theatre world.



## **Anne Dennis – Choreographer**

I qualified as a teacher with the International Dance Teachers Association over 40 years ago. My former students have appeared in West End shows including Oliver, Annie and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. I have also choreographed several Gang Shows and productions with the Celebration Theatre Company and The Young Set, among others. I joined SFP in 2021 with Jack and the Beanstalk, and stayed for Dick Barton, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and Sleeping Beauty. I am pleased to be back in the theatre again choreographing for this great company and fantastic cast.

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| Director .....                       | Alan Ward                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Musical Director .....               | Joshua Fulcher                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Choreographer .....                  | Anne Dennis                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Producer .....                       | Megan Trowell                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Finance and Fundraising .....        | Megan Trowell                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Stage Management .....               | Steve Davies, Jacqui Prout                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Caller .....                         | Lucy O'Brien                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Costume and Wardrobe .....           | Sue Bremner, Alison Griffiths,<br>Sue Matthews, Izzy Simonds                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Make Up .....                        | Members of St Faith's Players                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Props .....                          | Anita Davies                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Set Construction and Decoration..... | Steve Davies, James Nevison-Collar<br>Jacqui Prout, Alisha Webster-Sharman,                                                                                                                                                        |
| Backstage Crew .....                 | Steve Davies, Jacqui Prout, Alisha Webster-Sharman                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sound Design .....                   | David Fairweather with Fin O'Brien & Geoff Taylor                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Lighting Technician .....            | Hannah Padbury                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Prompt .....                         | Rachel Maclure                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Poster Design & Programme .....      | Jacqui Prout                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Photography .....                    | Henry Vincent                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Transport .....                      | JPM Scenery, Alisha Webster-Sharman                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Front of House .....                 | Matt Brown, Roo Clarke, Betty Collins,<br>Janet McNamara, Margaret Lydamore, Egis Miskinis, Carol Moran,<br>Gerardine Padbury, Jennie Shaw, William Shaw, Mark Trowell,<br>Megan Trowell, Rose Trowell, Zoe Trowell, Penny Vincent |
| Safeguarding .....                   | Maggie Lewis                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Chaperones .....                     | Janet Coles, Helen Dickinson, Monica Garau,<br>Hannah Hart, Maggie Lewis, Tina Sharman, Penny Vincent                                                                                                                              |

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## Act 1

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| Prologue | A Street In Old Peking     |
| Scene 1  | Old Peking                 |
| Scene 2  | On The Way To The Palace   |
| Scene 3  | Widow Twankey's Laundry    |
| Scene 4  | Outside The Enchanted Cave |
| Scene 5  | The Enchanted Cave         |

## Act 2

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Scene 6  | Back In Old Peking  |
| Scene 7  | Aladdin's Palace    |
| Scene 8  | The Palace No More. |
| Scene 9  | Somewhere In Egypt  |
| Scene 10 | A Desert Faraway    |
| Scene 11 | Abanazar's Lair     |
| Scene 12 | Back Home!          |
| Scene 13 | The Royal Wedding   |

### **Please turn off all mobile phones & devices**

St Faith's Players would like to thank our families, friends and neighbours for all their help.

Many thanks also to the staff at Brentford School for Girls for their assistance, and for the support given to us by JPM Scenery, Octink, William Shaw, St Luke's Hounslow East, 6th Brentford Air Scouts, Parish of Brentford, Gumley School FCJ, Production Arts department Kingston College and The Holiday Inn



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## Cast (in order of appearance)

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Abanazar .....                  | Roger Williams   |
| Aladdin .....                   | Jonathan Owen    |
| Sergeant Ping .....             | Katy Kehoe       |
| PC Pong .....                   | Angie Farmer     |
| Nobby (A panda) .....           | Kevin Whitten    |
| Wishee Washee .....             | Samantha Crosby  |
| Widow Twankey .....             | Tom O'Brien      |
| The Emperor .....               | Kirrillie Harvey |
| Princess Jasmine .....          | Celia Harvey     |
| Genie of the Lamp .....         | Louise Chastney  |
| Genie of the Ring .....         | Aimee Dickinson  |
| Blunt – Chief Executioner ..... | Molly O'Brien    |

## Supporting Cast

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Executioner's assistant – Chip Chop ..... | Mollie Dickinson  |
| Hatchett – a woodcutter .....             | Meda Miskinyte    |
| Miss Take – a teacher.....                | Jennie de Protani |
| Bob – a builder.....                      | Kate Sherwin      |
| Swish – a road sweeper .....              | Caroline Jones    |
| Pookie .....                              | Veeta Miskiniene  |
| Sukie .....                               | Sapphire Clark    |
| Lukie .....                               | Caroline Jones    |

## Laundry Girls, Cave Sprites & Policemen

Roxie Clack, Elana Clark, Alba Crosby, Darcy Crosby, Miranda Garau-Richardson, Charis Maclure, Edvinas Miskinis, Meda Miskinyte, Grace Stead.

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## **Roger Williams - Abanazar**

I started my journey with SFP in 2014, in Peter Panto, as one of the Pirates. Having played the Genie in Aladdin in 2018, this time I'm having a change by playing the baddie, Abanazar. I've also had roles in 'Allo, 'Allo, as one of the ugly sisters in Cinderella, as the villainous Slimeball in Jack and the Beanstalk, as the Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz, and as Billy the Butler in Sleeping Beauty. I'm so glad to be part of this wonderful, magical production.



## **Jonathan Owen - Aladdin**

I have been with SFP for just a year, making my debut with the group in The Titfield Thunderbolt. I have, however, studied performing arts most of my life, turning in many shows, both as director and actor. I'm excited to be playing Aladdin, as it is one of the largest parts I've ever undertaken.



## **Katy Kehoe - Sergeant Ping**

This is my third performance with SFP, my first being in Sleeping Beauty as Fairy Peaceful and my second in The Titfield Thunderbolt as Mr Clegg and Mrs Bottomley. I am excited to be playing a stickler for the rules, Sergeant Ping, and can't wait for the boos and laughs with my sidekick, PC Pong.



## **Angie Farmer - PC Pong**

I have supported SFP for over 20 years and enjoyed all their productions. My friends among the cast and crew always appeared to have fun whilst rehearsing and preparing for the shows, and for many years I have wanted join them and 'have a go' but could not commit to the rehearsals while working full time. As I retired earlier this year it seemed the perfect opportunity for me to audition to see if I could get a small part! I had to read some script and sing a song - no one mentioned there would be dancing as PC Pong!!

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## **Kevin Whitten - Nobby**

I have been with SFP since 2019 and have appeared in everything we have put on since then. I played four different characters in Dick Barton and lumbered about as the Giant in Jack and the Beanstalk. I very much enjoyed playing Vernon Crump (the baddie!) in The Titfield Thunderbolt, this year's spring production. I won't be saying anything in this show, but I'm looking forward to my character getting involved in some on-stage naughtiness!



## **Samantha Crosby – Wishee Washee**

I first appeared in pantomime back in 1992, joining the chorus for Cinderella. From there, I took on principal roles in Dick Whittington and Aladdin. I went on to train at theatre schools and worked in TV shows before breaking to start a family. Now, my two daughters are pursuing careers on the stage and joining me in this year's panto. I am thrilled to be returning to the stage with SFP and can't wait to immerse myself in the magic of pantomime again.



## **Tom O'Brien – Widow Twankey**

I am delighted (and perhaps a little daunted!) to be playing the legendary Widow Twankey in this year's production of Aladdin, and am thrilled to bring my own twist to this beloved panto character. This is my first time as a principal, since I was in the chorus last year, and although it's been tough to learn lines, dances and get used to the costumes I can honestly say that it's been great fun made all the better by the great cast and crew.



## **Kirrillie Harvey – The Emperor**

I'm thrilled to be joining SFP for the second time. I loved playing Mr Blakeworth in the hilarious Titfield Thunderbolt earlier this year, and it is such fun singing and dancing with the wonderful extended panto cast. It's a real treat to play the Emperor and be a very silly father to my daughter, the beautiful Princess Jasmine.

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## **Celia Harvey – Princess Jasmine**

This is my first production with SFP and I am honoured to be a part of the most wonderful and welcoming group. I have been watching their shows for years now and I am so excited finally to take part, especially since I get to play Princess Jasmine. Everyone is a joy to work with and it's amazing to perform alongside such talented and committed people (my favourite is Nobby the Panda).



## **Louise Chastney – Genie of the Lamp**

This is my third panto with SFP and I'm loving every minute of it. I've enjoyed adding a cheeky edge to the Genie of the Lamp role and hope it brings another layer of excitement to the show. Having lived in the Middle-East, Aladdin is one of my favourite shows as it feels like familiar territory (even though this is the Peking version). I hope you, the audience, will enjoy the show as much as I've enjoyed doing it.



## **Aimee Dickinson – Genie of the Ring**

I have previously done a lot of shows with a stage school group, but this is my fifth panto with SFP and the second in a principal role. I am thrilled to work with both returning and new members of the group as well as my younger sister, Mollie. Rehearsals have been hard work but fun and I am excited to see it all come together.

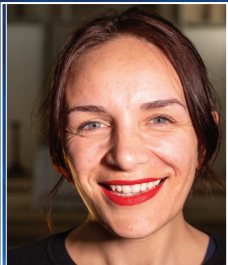


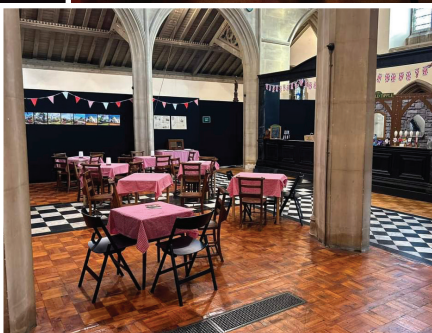
## **Molly O'Brien - Blunt**

I have been a member of SFP since I was 5 years old. Every year I've grown in confidence and this year I wanted to take on a larger role. When I read the script Blunt, the executioner, seemed like the perfect choice! I have made some great friends in the group and I hope everyone enjoys our show.

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## Supporting Cast Members





## DON'T FORGET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are available in the foyer.

The prize draw will take place during the final performance on Friday and winners will be contacted. We have some fabulous prizes, and we thank all the following for their very generous donations.

**Big Bus Tours, Body One, Carolyn Fallek, City Bouldering White City, Ding Dong Dim Sum, Gail's Bakery Brentford, Headliners Comedy, Hewson's Bookshop Brentford, La Rosetta, MMag's Petite Fleur, Naked Grain, Osterley Park and House, Oxygen Activeplay Acton, Sam's Waterside, Syon House and Gardens, The Magicians Table, The Weir**