



Introductory Notes

Please watch our online video, it'll tell you about our ideas for the show; and about our auditions which will be held for everyone wanting to join the cast.

Video Introduction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xS1OaxS9KoU>

The production team this year consists of:

John Dowell
Amy Hansford
Juliet Lennox
Steve Young
Kevin Amies

Co-Director
Co-Director
Choreographer
Stage Manager
Producer

Once the video has been broadcast, John will stay available on our Facebook page to answer any questions you might have.

The Story

The award winning Dreams n Wishes Team return to The Venue MK to present...the world's favourite pantomime!

It's the traditional rags to riches story of Cinderella, who lives a life of drudgery with her step-family, who bully her and have all the fun. Until one day, a visit from her Fairy Godmother turns her life upside down! There's magic in the air as Cinderella is transformed; she goes to a ball, meets a handsome prince and falls in love. And as we know, dreams and wishes really do come true in fairy tales. Oh yes they do!

The Dates

The show will be performed at **The Venue MK, Walton High, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes**, on the following dates. Please note that all cast must attend the Dress Rehearsal and Technical Rehearsal and all 16 public performances. The dates are:-

Day	Date	Time	Notes
Monday	13 th December 2021	All day	Get in (Crew Only)
Tuesday	14 th December 2021	All day	Get in (Crew Only)
Wednesday	15 th December 2021	All day	Get in & Tech (6pm)
Thursday	16 th December 2021	7.00pm	Dress 1
Friday	17 th December 2021	7.00pm	Dress 2
Saturday	18 th December 2021	1.15pm & 6.15pm	2 shows
Sunday	19 th December 2021	1.15pm & 6.15pm	2 shows
Monday	20 th December 2021	7.15pm	1 show
Tuesday	21 st December 2021	7.15pm	1 show
Wednesday	22 nd December 2021	7.15pm	1 show
Monday (Bank Hol)	27 th December 2021	1.15pm & 6.15pm	2 shows
Tuesday (Bank Hol)	28 th December 2021	1.15pm & 6.15pm	2 shows
Wednesday	29 th December 2021	7.15pm	1 show
Thursday	30 th December 2021	7.15pm	1 show
Saturday	1 st January 2022	3.15pm	1 show
Sunday	2 nd January 2022	1.15pm 6.15pm	2 show
Total	16 performances (10 evenings & 6 matinees).		

The Rehearsals

- ★ Main Rehearsals for the show will start with the entire cast on **Wednesday 15th September 2021**. A full schedule will be issued at that time.
- ★ Rehearsals will normally be held on **Thursday evenings for the entire company (Principals and Chorus)** and there will be **an additional rehearsal evening for Principals and Ensemble as required on Wednesdays**. We are starting rehearsals later than normal this year and may need Sunday afternoon rehearsals too. We usually have them for the last month of the rehearsal run and if we need more we will try to keep it to a minimum.
- ★ All rehearsals will take place at the **Giles Brook School, Holborn Cres, Tattenhoe, Milton Keynes MK4 3GB** (unless told otherwise) and will begin **promptly** at 7.30pm, finishing at 10.00pm.
- ★ To ensure that this show is of the high standard expected of MKAOS, cast members are expected to attend all rehearsals as required. If you do not regularly attend rehearsals, you may be asked to leave the cast.

Casting

- ★ The final show script is usually refined over the 6-8 week period between auditions and rehearsals to suit those who are cast. For example, the dialogue written for traditional male Ugly Sisters would be completely different to that for silly girly stepsisters. The period between the auditions and the start of rehearsals has been cut short this year out of necessity as a result of the pandemic restrictions. Consequently, we don't have the usual luxury of that time for tweaking the script. Therefore certain roles - those whose dialogue is directly influenced by who plays them - have been precast. Those roles are:- The Fairy Godmother, The Stepmother, Buttons and stepsister Santizia.

The Auditions

- ★ The audition panel will include John Dowell [Co-Director], Amy Hansford [Co-Director], Juliet Lennox [Choreographer], Kevin Amies [Producer], Martin Putman [Society President].
- ★ Auditions will be held on **Sunday 12th September 2021** at **Giles Brook School, Holborn Cres, Tattenhoe, Milton Keynes MK4 3GB**. There will be a group movement audition for

everyone who wants to be in the show plus singing auditions for the chorus and principal auditions for individual roles.

- ★ If you cannot attend on the day of the auditions, please let us know ASAP. You will be asked to submit a video audition.
- ★ EVERYONE must complete and return an audition form to the advertised address by the end of (midnight) on **Friday 3rd September 2021**. You will then be notified of the time for your audition(s) by phone or email. You can download an audition form from our website.
- ★ **Audition pieces:** Audition pieces, including principal dialogue, song lyrics and song backing tracks can be downloaded from our websites: www.mkaos.co.uk or www.dreamsnwishes.co.uk.
- ★ Remember; the auditions are your one chance to show the audition panel what you are capable of, so please learn your song and script so that you make the best possible impression!
- ★ **The cast list:** this will be posted on our website www.mkaos.co.uk or www.dreamsnwishes.co.uk. Let us know if you don't have access to a computer and we'll make alternative arrangements.

The Show Subscription

- ★ You don't have to pay anything to audition. The Show Subscription will include Membership to the Society for the period of the Show. The Subscription is £20.00 for Youth Membership and £25.00 for Adults.
- ★ All fees must be paid by the end of September at the very latest.
- ★ Scripts will be available to buy. Copies will cost £5.00 each. All principals will require a script.

The Other Stuff

If you would prefer not to be on stage but would like to be involved in the production in some other way then there are plenty of areas where we need your help.

★ **Marketing and Publicity**

With over 5000 tickets to sell, we need to be noticed around Milton Keynes! If you would like to get involved with helping to get our voices heard through MK then please speak to the Show Producer.

★ **COVID 19 Procedures**

To mitigate risk, we will need everyone involved in this production to be double vaccinated and there will be no persons under 18 years old involved in this show. We will also require you to fully comply with the enhanced procedures that will be in place throughout the rehearsal and production run. This will include the requirement for all cast/crew obtaining a negative Lateral Flow Test (self administered) result prior to attending each rehearsal and performance.

★ **Front of House**

If you don't want to appear on stage but still fancy helping out then we'd love to hear from you. We need plenty of people to sell sweets, programmes and merchandise and to show the audience to their seats. If you are interested in helping front of house please contact Kevin Amies - **Tel:** 01604 861985 or **Email:** kevin@dreamsnwishes.co.uk