

KATSACT

performing arts

Presents:

Jack And the Beanstalk



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KatsAct was founded by Katherine Males (now Foxworthy), in January 2013 and is now run by a committee (including Katherine), who are all focussed on making KatsAct a success!

We have so far continued the initial focus on enabling professionals to keep practising, whilst encouraging amateurs to be involved in productions with other like-minded people, but have also branched out into Showreel production, short films (SOLD) and events.

2016 has been another exciting year with our very successful production of Annie as the highlight, with further high demand for our Showreel production, along with the continuing work on our first short film, SOLD, plus with increasing interest in KatsAct being involved in different themed events.

The company aim continues to be to put on productions (both theatre and film), that are affordable to all and to encourage people from all backgrounds to get involved. We are particularly proud of the new members who join with each new production and of the progress that they seem to make in a very short period of time.

There are still the two main parts to KatsAct. The Kats (Kids Amateur Theatre School) and the Act (Adult Community Theatre). Although with the new and exciting projects on the horizon this could expand in future!

KatsAct will continue to grow and develop and we hope to both end 2016 on a high and look to 2017 for further exciting shows and projects.

We thank you for your continued support.



Want to get involved? Contact us via email at KatsAct@hotmail.com. We are always looking for individuals to get involved, whether that is as an actor, crew member, director, fund raiser, or any other role you feel you can help with!

Creative Team

Director and Costumier Gabbi Cruse



Gabbi is delighted to be directing both this year's pantos, Jack and the Beanstalk and the children's Christmas Is Forever. After assisting Kat with last year's Cinderella and Annie in the summer, Gabbi would like to thank all of the cast and crew for their support, help and effort during rehearsals - without them we wouldn't have a show!

Production and Stage Manager Karl Foxworthy



Karl joined KatsAct as a member of the backstage crew for One Girl One Dream. After enjoying his experience he continued to work as a member of the backstage crew but also took the role of Assistant Stage Manager for Christmas in Tash Town.

Since then he stepped up to Production Manager for the KatsAct pantomime Cinderella, Stage Manager for Annie and is delighted to be Production and Stage Managing the two KatsAct Christmas Pantos!

Creative Producer Katherine Males (Foxworthy)



Katherine has directed all of KatsAct's previous productions and has enjoyed taking more of a back seat after the success of the latest production Annie. Katherine has been so impressed with the hard work and dedication everyone has put in to this production. Watching the characters come to life in rehearsals and seeing the crew hard at work designing the set has been a joy. The story of Jack and the Beanstalk is well known and brought to life by local talent. We hope you thoroughly enjoy the production.

Assistant Director Heather Lawther-Pratt



Heather became part of KatsAct in our last production of Annie, playing Grace. Since then she has become heavily involved with the KatsAct Kids in particular. She has helped with the singing and chorus numbers within the show, not to mention her fabulous fairy!

Assistant Director Gemma Cavini



Gemma has been a member of KatsAct for many years, having performed in the shows and helped with KatsAct Kids. She has helped with the chorus numbers and the singing in the show, along with her fantastically comical portrayal of the creepy Slime!

Jack and the Beanstalk

The Story

The townspeople have been living in fear of the Giant over the years, but when the Durden can't pay, his henchman Slime takes what he fancies. Will Jack save Miranda from the evil Giant? Will Fairy help Jack along the way? Will Jack defeat the Giant once and for all?



Scenes



Act 1

Scene 1
Above the Clouds

Scene 2
The Town Centre

Scene 3
On the Way to Market

Scene 4
The Market Fair

Scene 5
On the Way Home

Scene 6
Dame Durden's Cottage

Scene 7
Dame Durden's Garden

Act 2

Scene 1
At the Top of the Beanstalk

Scene 2
On the Way to Giant's Castle

Scene 3
The Giant's Kitchen

Scene 4
Back to the Beanstalk

Scene 5
On the Way Home

Scene 6
Dame Durden's Garden

Scene 7
Before the Wedding

Scene 8
The Wedding at Goodnight
Hall

Cast List

A faint, stylized background illustration. At the top, a castle with multiple towers and flags sits on a large, fluffy white cloud. Below the cloud, a thick, winding beanstalk with large green leaves and a small basket at the top rises from a patch of ground at the bottom left, extending towards the center of the page.

Jack Durden – Laura Joyce
Miranda – Becky Bennett
Dame Durden – Julian Griffin
Squire – James ‘Booga’ Price
Simon – Gabbi Cruse
Harriet – Katie Barton
Fairy Green Bean – Heather Lawther-Pratt
Slime – Gemma Cavini
Giant Blunderbore – Neil Arthur
Daisy – Laura Saxon & Tom Sandford
Understudy – Katherine Foxworthy

Supporting Cast

Dancers

Sophie Allen
Abbie Robinson-Sandford

Towns Folk

Leon Barrett
Rebecca Wisdom
Sophie Allen
Abbie Robinson-Sandford
Grace Byrne
Matthew Warlow
Aaliyah Rudder-Albon

Principle Cast

Jack Durden

Laura Joyce



Laura Joyce - previously appearing in Katsact for productions as a sound technician, takes to the stage to portray Jack in this years panto.

Laura has appeared in other productions on stage as the "last resort" - a last minute understudy who can learn entire shows in just under four hours.

Alongside being an understudy, Laura has appeared in amateur productions of Westside Story (Anybods), Metamorphosis (The Three Lodgers), Oh what a lovely war (Comic Drill Sergeant) and Blood Brothers (Young Linda).

Tv and film include:

The Riot (Featured Rioter) - Directed by Ngozi Nguma Short film award winner.

Don't blink - (Sara) - University of Bristol Advertising.

Anyone Can - (Guitar player) - University of Bristol Advertising.

Miranda

Becky Bennett



Becky is brand new to KatsAct but no stranger to the stage! This panto is Becky's first foray in stage acting since starring in school productions in the late 90's and early 2000's. Since then she spent her late teens training full time in ballet and contemporary dance, went on to work a season as a Butlins Redcoat and has spent many years since singing in pubs and clubs. She is now seasoned professional performer in the cabaret and jazz field, known widely as international burlesque showgirl Briar Rouge.

Dame Durden

Julian Griffin



Julian Griffin is a 30 year old who currently resides in Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire. Julian studied Drama for GCSE but only started performing 3 years ago, playing the role of Ted in a previous KatsAct production, My Sister's Investigation. He has since participated in every KatsAct show, often treading the boards dressed as a woman. When not working as a Store Manager Julian enjoys watching films/sports, reading, listening to music and song writing. He wishes to thank all his fellow cast members and production crew for making, not just this show, but every KatsAct show so enjoyable. He hopes you all enjoy watching the show as much as he has working on it.

Squire

James 'Booga' Price



This will be James' first performance with KatsAct, however he has performed with Katherine Males (Foxworthy) on other shows!

James has been performing for many years from school plays to local theatre and charity pantomimes.

His previous performances include a tour of Conscience, The House that Rocked Blood, Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat, Oliver, Men in Tights, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Wizard of Cod!

Simon

Gabbi Cruse



Gabbi ready again with her acting chops in panto after being the charming Prince in last year's Cinderella. Less regal and charming but much much more silliness. It's been great fun working with the cast and hard working crew. We hope you clap along and laugh at all my rubbish cracker jokes! Remember to shout!

Harriet

Katie Barton



Katie has trained professionally at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts, but has been acting since she was a child. She has appeared on stage and screen for the BBC. Her most recent roles include Mari in 'The Rise and Fall of Little Voice' (The Court Theatre, Tring), Isabella in the indie feature film 'Buses', Alice in 'Through the Looking Glass' by Piers Chater Robinson and Vivienne in 'Legally Blonde' at the Grove Theatre. Katie is thrilled to work with KatsAct for the first time and excited to perform so close to home!

Fairy Green Bean

Heather Lawther-Pratt



This will be Heather's second performance with KatsAct following her appearance in Annie, however she has performed with Kat when they were both part of Fusion. Heather has been performing for many years from a young age, with performances including Into The Wood, Annie, Whistle Down The Wind, Oliver, Children of Eden, We will Rock you, 13, Parade, Joseph, West Side Story, Vagina Monologues, The Full Monty and Footloose where she played Vi Moore and most recently Fame where she played Miss Sherman.

Slime

Gemma Cavini



Gemma is a seasoned professional theatre and live actor, having performed in 2 previous KatsAct shows, and this Halloween she has worked as a Scare Actor for Hide and Shriek's Halloween event based in Southend, her home town. She is looking forward to playing a panto villain this year as she has never been a villain in a theatre show before. She wishes the rest of the cast good luck and Merry Christmas to all of the audiences!

Giant

Neil Arthur



Neil has been a member of KatsAct for two years, appearing last year as an ugly sister in Cinderella. He has been acting since he was sixteen, in pantomimes, amateur stage performances as well as parts in televisions Brookside and Brokers Man with Kevin Whately.

More recently he has been in productions called 'My Lot' and 'House of Secrets', along with a music video called 'Monster' for the American band Indian Lakes.

Neil also appeared in KatsAct's very own short film called SOLD, that is currently in it's production stage.

Daisy

Laura Saxon (Front)
Tom Sandford (Back)



Laura Saxon is a 22 year old actress from Stevenage, Hertfordshire. She has trained at the Sylvia Young Theatre School and the Celebrity Talent Academy, where she was scouted by two Canadian scouts to attend and compete at the International Presentation of Performers convention in Los Angeles. Since then she has starred in a number of theatre productions including Cinderella and Through A Child's Eyes. She has also starred in many short films and television shows.

Last year Laura played Dandini in the Kats Act pantomime Cinderella, this year she's looking forward to moo-ving onto the role of Daisy.



Tom is 27 years old and has previously been involved in school productions and a few minor acting roles. This is his first role with KatsAct and is looking forward to the show and gaining experience!

Supporting Cast



Sophie Allen

Sophie (13) has appeared in many KatsAct shows, and had the leading roll in the very successful show " The Magic Library " Sophie has appeared at the Gordon Craig Theatre in the musical Annie Get Your Gun, playing Jessie as well as performing street dance in front of a packed house.

Sophie is looking forward to performing again for KatsAct and wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.



Abbie Robinson-Sandford

Abbie is a 'nerdy' 14 year old and acting has been a massive part of her life since she was 5. She's been on stage for most of her years doing shows such as 'Tangled', 'The Wizard Of Oz', KatsAct's 'Annie' and she hopes to be on stage for many years to come.



Matthew "Charlie" Warlow

Matt started at KatsAct in September this year and this is his first performance with the group. Previously he has acted in school productions most recently in Treasure Island.



Grace Byrne

Grace is 13 and trains at the Box of Frogs Theatre Academy every Sunday. Grace is currently working towards her LAMDA Grade 4 acting qualification and passed her LAMDA Grade 3 with a distinction of 92/100. Grace appeared as Frances Perks in the West End Olivier award winning production of 'The Railway Children' in 2014/15 at the Kings Cross Theatre. She is due to appear again in the show in Nov/Dec 2016. She has appeared as 'Annie' in the recent KatsAct production at Henlow Theatre, a role that she adored. She has also appeared in a production of 'HONK the musical' at St. Albans Theatre earlier this year, in the role of Penny. Other amateur productions include 'West End at Home' at the Gordon Craig Theatre, 'Wicked' and 'Grease', in which she played DJ, Vince Fontaine.



Leon Barrett

Leon is 30 and has always been interested in acting since primary school right through to secondary drama, then on to performing arts in college. he has been in a few extra roles on TV such as 10 hours live on Nicolodeon, education living allowance commercial, CITV, The Bill, and danced with Joesy Darby on Saturday Night Fever on 5.

Leon is blessed with a natural gift for acting. in everyday life he has been a Lifeguard, Lecturer, business owner, aspiring entrepreneur and now and aspiring Film Director.



Aaliyah Rudder-Albon

Aaliyah is 12 years old and has just started secondary school. If she could compare herself to anyone famous it would be a mix between girl group member "sporty spice" and Olympian "Jessica Ennis", because she loves all things athletic and dramatic.

Aaliyah has just returned to KatsAct after missing the last couple of shows. She last performed for KatsAct in our previous pantomime Christmas in Tash Town in December 2014.



Rebecca Wisdom

Rebecca has been part of KatsAct since it started in 2013, with her appearance in the murder mystery My Sister's Investigation. She has also appeared in the KatsAct production of The Magic Library and more recently Annie. She is very excited to be part of this year's Christmas pantomime!

The Crew



Director

Gabbi Cruse

Assistant Directors

Heather Lawther-Pratt

Gemma Cavini

Production & Stage Manager

Karl Foxworthy

Costumier

Gabbi Cruse

Technical Manager &

Chris Cook

Lighting/Sound

Lighting Assistants

Jonathan & Arthur

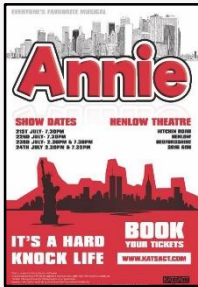
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Daniel Weiss

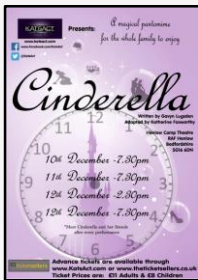
Special Thanks:

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Previous Productions



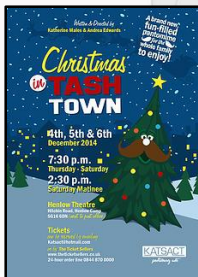
In the depths of the 1930's, Annie is a fiery young orphan girl who must live in a miserable orphanage run by the tyrannical Miss Hannigan. Her seemingly hopeless situation changes dramatically when she is selected to spend a short time at the residence of the wealthy munitions industrialist, Oliver Warbucks.



The Cinderella story is well known...

With a wicked stepmother and two jealous stepsisters who keep her enslaved and in rags, Cinderella stands no chance of attending the royal ball. Then her fairy godmother appears and magically transforms her reality into a dream come true.

Cinderella is given the KatsAct treatment for this year's pantomime, with lots and lots of laughs and plenty of enjoyment for all the family!



Welcome to Tash Town! Once a happy place.. Now the town folk are forced to wear moustaches on their face! Another new law, made by their mean Mayor, Jack. The town folk must get some help to get them back on track!

You see, there's some naughtiness lurking, a bad plan under way So come and help defeat it in our new Panto Play!

We've a divalicious Fairy to help everyone along, And plenty of fun, music, laughter and a good ol' sing song! And we can't forget the Elves, or our uniquely named new Dames! So don't forget your 'taches to join in with our fun and games!

Older Productions



My Sisters Investigation is a new play written and directed by Katherine Males, . Set in the present day, we see an investigation unfold after Nathan's Sister Ren disappears.

Nathan's friends band together to help find Ren but struggle finding the answers to the question... Where is Ren?

A story that is guaranteed to have you laughing one minute and on the edge of your seats the next,



The Magic Library written and directed by Katherine Males & Andrea Edwards, tells the tale of a little girl called Anna who makes her wishes come true by mistake.

Anna is one of a number of children who have the misfortune of living in Higg's Foster Home, run by the evil Miss Higgs. Whilst locked in a library Anna says "I wish, I wish, I wish these stories were real!" and with a crash, whoosh and cackle, cleaning the library becomes the last thing on her mind.

With Characters causing havoc and Miss Higgs due back any minute, Anna has to find a way to return everyone back to their stories and save the story world!



Viola is a girl with a mission - she wants to change the world by helping other people.

After moving to the big city with her mum, viola searches for people to help!

But she soon realises she can't help everyone, so moves her focus to the people around her!

Viola tries to help her mum become an honest person and gets her a job in a flower shop.

She tries to help her teacher, her sister and the others around her!

But things don't run as smoothly as she would like!

Can Viola make her dream of changing the world come true, by helping those around her be happy?

Future Productions

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WRITTEN BY DAVE CORBETT



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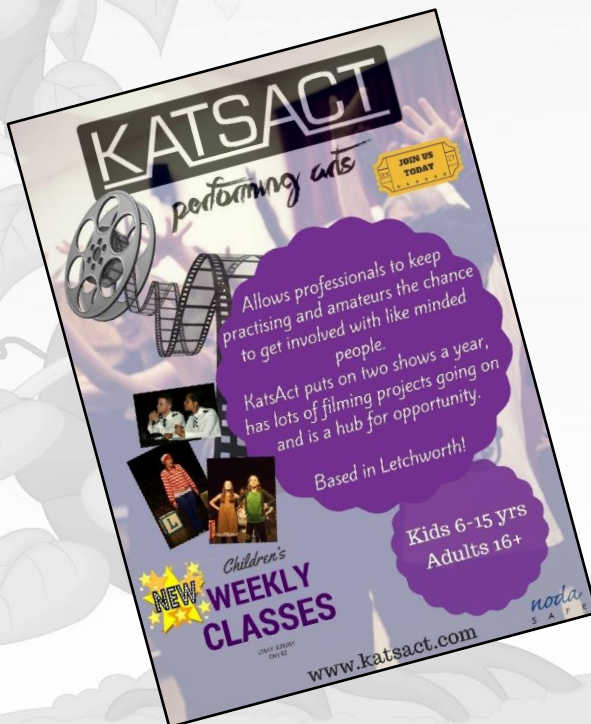
Get Involved

Enjoyed the show? Want to be involved in future KatsAct projects and productions?

Get in touch!

We are always looking for new members, whether it is adults or children for the shows, backstage and technical crew or even people who are interested in the committee roles helping to run KatsAct.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please drop us an email at katsact@hotmail.com and we'll arrange to have a chat and see how we can get you involved!





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