

COMPANY THEATRE

BABES IN THE WOODS



by Tony Currie

a 10th ANNIVERSARY
PRODUCTION

St. Michael's Hall, King Edward Avenue, Belmont

THE BABES IN THE WOODS

"Babes" was written by the late Tony Currie (probably best known to most people for his role in "Close to Home") in 1968. It has a special connection with Company Theatre in that two of our stalwarts, Cathie Sandy and Ruth Segrove, played in the original production. Director Alistair Bibby was a close associate of Currie's and produced the sound effects for the first production of "Babes", the same sound effects as are used in this show. Tony Currie wrote a number of traditional pantomimes but most of the manuscripts have disappeared. The script for "Babes" has, however, survived and with Alistair Bibby's help we hope we have produced a show which is consistent with Tony Currie's original conception of "The Babes in the Woods".

The Director

Alistair Bibby is Company's guest director for "Babes". As noted he has a special association with the show having been involved with the original production. Alistair was until about 6 years ago a long time resident of Wellington. He has spent some 30 years involved with amateur theatre in Wellington and has a particular proficiency with and interest in special effects and the more arcane aspects of stagecraft, something reflected in his many years as a professional theatre technician and stage hand. With his background and experience Alistair has been a real find for Company in its 10th anniversary year. The association hasn't always been easy for Alistair as this show has had its share of casting problems and rehearsal delays. The only outward sign of the inevitable tension these difficulties have visited on Alistair has been a steady increase in his cigarette intake! We're very grateful for his forbearance and great contribution to our 1990 programme.

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The Story in Scenes

Act One

Scene 1	The Village Green
Scene 2	Outside the Baron's Castle
Scene 3	Dame Trott's School
Scene 4	Outside the City Walls
Scene 5	The Nursery

There will be an interval of 20 minutes during which complimentary tea and coffee will be served. Confectionery and juice is available for purchase.

Act Two

Scene 1	Nottingham Goose Fair
Scene 2	Woodland Path
Scene 3	Sherwood Forest
Scene 4	Outside Robin Hood's Castle
Scene 5	Front of Tabs
Scene 6	Castle Bedroom

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by Tony Currie

Direction by Alistair Bibby

CAST

(in order of appearance)

Principals

Baron de Courcey	Neil Burgham
Matilda Trott	Gordon Currie
Robin Hood	Barbara Simpson
Maid Marion	Rachel D'Aguiar
"The Babes" - Bobbie	Michael Burns
- Betty	Rebecca Tregoweth
Ben Balmy	Caroline Lakin
Bill Bunkum	Peter Fitzgibbon
Fairy	Meg Foster

Featured Players

Town Cryer	Tony Sandy
Robin Hood's Band)	Mia Stafford-Bush
)	Bernard Harrington
)	Alistair Fletcher
Horse)	Sarah Mathieson
)	Nicki Thomas
Girl 1	Margot Darragh
Girl 2	Sarah Mathieson
Jemima	Rachel Munro
Voice	Tony Sandy
Lout 1	Mike Cole
Lout 2	Eamon Ellwood
Junior Ballet	Chelsea MacGregor,
	Susannah Muirhead,
	Amber Fletcher,
	Annabelle Taylor,
	James Coote, Alenka
	Rochford, Katie
	Campbell, Helen
	Hicks, Emma
	Blackman, Jane Adams
	Natalie Smith

Messenger

Chorus

Ruth Carter
 Sarah Coote
 Margot Darragh
 Mike Jewell
 Sarah Mathieson
 Rachel Munro
 Leanne Smith
 Natalie Smith
 Mia Stafford-Bush
 Paddy Stafford-Bush
 Nicky Thomas

PRODUCTION

Director	Alistair Bibby
Musical Director	Janice Moore
Choreographer	Moira Coote
Stage Design	Peter Segrove
Stage Manager	Tony Sandy
Assistant Stage Manager	John Palmer
Lighting Design	Peter Fitzgibbon
Wardrobe Design	Cathie Sandy
Light and Sound Operation	Mark Oswin, Scott Thomas, Martin Judge, Jason Klever
Wardrobe Creation	Cathie Sandy, Christine Bibby, Ros Clews, Barbara Simpson, Gail Fletcher
Makeup	Cathie Sandy, Julie D'Lacey
Props	Barbara Messenger
Set Construction	Everybody - but with special thanks to Tony Sandy, Peter Segrove, Doug Bourke, Neil Burgham, Eamon Ellwood, Mike Cole, Darren Sheehan
Stage Hand	Daniel Thomas
Front of House	Doug Bourke, Ruth Segrove
Photography	Sarah Calkin
Publicity	Geoff Clews, Yvonne Burgham, Neil Burgham, Barbara Simpson
Programme	Geoff Clews, Neil Burgham

Cast Notes

NEIL BURGHAM can't understand why he ever agreed to do this show but do it he does as the evil Baron. Neil is joined by GORDON CURRIE as a fine pantomime dame, Matilda Trott. Gordon has performed in Company's music halls and has produced several variety evenings for us. This is his first major role for Company. In typical modesty he has already demanded the original of the cartoon (yes, its him) which adorns this programme. BARBARA SIMPSON plays Robin Hood in her first major role for Company. As well as being our secretary she obviously enjoys wearing the trousers - at least for this season. Maid Marion is played by RACHEL D'AGUIAR, one of Company's several younger "finds" in this show, and she is joined as "juvenile leads" by MICHAEL BURNS and REBECCA TREGOWETH as "the Babes" themselves, Bobbie and Betty. Another strong performance from a youngster is delivered by CAROLINE LAKIN as Ben Balmy. She does her best to out trounce PETER FITZGIBBON as Bill Bunkum. Peter has come out of his normal closet - the lighting box - to take a role on stage. Who knows if we'll ever get him off it! Finally, we welcome MEG FOSTER back to Company's stage after a long break. Meg wishes it to be known that her costume as Fairy Ermentrude is padded - that is not all her!!

Chorus and featured players represent a range of newcomers and Company regulars. Company Theatre junior classes have grown strongly this year and we hope that a distinct younger element in this show will add to that strength.

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Company promises another year of great entertainment culminating in another of our world famous Victorian Music Halls. If you would like to join our mailing list for details of our programme please contact Ruth Segrove at 456-939.

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