

# THE STORYTELLERS THEATRE COMPANY

Est. 1985

Touring

Schools

Performances

That are in

"A Class

Of Their Own!"

Touring Sept 2002 - July 2003

Telephone 01254 59590

## THE STORYTELLERS THEATRE COMPANY

Formed by Pendle Productions in 1985

We are a Theatre Company who tours adaptations of classics to all types of venues. The Company, is directed by the founder, Timothy Lince, whose international work has included, three years as a commissioned script and musical Writer/Director for the B.B.C., Artistic Director of Manitu Arts Centre in Toronto and numerous Major Musical and Theatrical tours throughout the U.K.

"From performances in Schools, to Theatres, Arts Centres and Libraries throughout the length and breadth of the Land". 1998 saw two productions being filmed for Central and Border Television and in 1999 we produced a World Premiere adaptation of "James and The Giant Peach". 2000 saw new shows "Alice Through The Looking Glass" and "Tom Sawyer" launched. So successful was the musical of "Alice" that it is back on tour this year by popular request. 2001 saw the arrival of "Martha The Magical Cat", with spectacular costumes, set and reviews to match. "Martha" has proved a 'box office smash' and has turned into a 'theatrical phenomenon'. "Martha The Cat's Magical Christmas" was launched for the winter season. In April 2002 we opened the third Martha show, "Martha the Cat's Great Big Adventure" and this production tours until November. We tour Nationally from the Highlands of Scotland to Jersey, and our name has become synonymous with touring 'quality' performances that will remain in your memory for ever.

Each show is brought to life by two actors using costumes, scenery, props, song and the special ingredient that has become synonymous with our performance style, a sense of fun! Productions last between one and one and a half hours in length (Check at time of booking) and are fully self contained. We require a performance space of no less than 18' by 16', two power sockets, and an audience to entertain.

**TELEPHONE 01254 59590**  
TO MAKE A BOOKING OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

On occasions we may have late availabilities for shows which we can offer at a reduced cost, if you wish to be contacted about these please email:- [theatre@pendle.u-net.com](mailto:theatre@pendle.u-net.com) with your email and School address details.

### COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS SHOWS

"The standard of production was once again excellent. I am looking forward to the next instalment in Martha's Story"  
Renee Gillan, South Ayrshire Council

"Children spellbound as stories come to life".  
Bath Evening Chronicle

"I must congratulate you on the success of 'Peter Pan'. You made quite an impact on the audience".  
County Librarian, Lancashire County Council.

"Thank you for your inspirational performance of the Railway Children"  
The Old Town Hall Theatre, Hemel Hempstead

"Thanks for making our Book Week go so well. We had nearly 3000 children attend".  
Alison Forest, Highland Regional Council.

"Thank you for the wonderful performance of 'Alice in Wonderland'. I was totally entranced by the world you managed to so quickly create on stage".  
Sarah Champion, Rotherham Arts Centre.

"The performance of 'Tom Sawyer', without reservation, was the best production I have seen in over 30 years".  
Head Teacher, Longmoor Lane C.P. Liverpool.

"Thank you for the wonderful performances of 'Peter Pan',  
Sharon Sperling, Kent County Council

I wish to thank you for an excellent, entertaining and well interpreted story of James and the Giant Peach.

Mrs J Lloyd, Bolsover Library, Derbyshire.

"Your Actors were a delight to have in school and the performance that they gave was truly stunning."  
Nancy Farrar, Headteacher, Gorseybrigg Infant School.

"The energy and professionalism of your actors is to be congratulated".  
Stickney Primary School, Boston.

The Secret is out- It is a Great Show! The Secret Garden proved to be totally compelling to all who saw it last week at the Brewhouse Theatre, Taunton.  
John Hagan, Taunton Times

ON TOUR SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2002

## MARTHA THE CAT'S GREAT BIG ADVENTURE

by T.J. Lince



With spectacular set and costumes, this remarkable new musical follows the fascinating adventures of Martha the Magical Cat and her friends.



Scruffy the dog's owner has gone on holiday and Mrs Snodross has offered to look after him. But all is not well! Mrs Snodross's sister has been taken ill so she decides to pay her a visit to help run 'Cockle Shells' the Seaside Guest house, taking Martha and Scruffy along with her. Mr Antonio the Pizza shop owner goes to do the catering and Mrs Jones the Florist the table arrangements. Once at the Seaside Martha and Scruffy spend much of their time on the beach, playing in the sand and watching the fishermen who cast their long lines out to sea. But more exciting than this is the Circus that has come to town.

Martha finds that not all children treat her with the respect that she deserves. Find out how Martha earns the respect of the local children and how she loses one of her nine lives! All this and more will be answered in this Magical production of Martha the Cat's Great Big Adventure. This show is 1hr 25 minutes in length. **This production has a strong Anti-bullying message and can be linked to work already being carried out by your school.**

## ALICE'S ADVENTURES THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



Alice is back, with more mad cap adventures, this time, 'through the looking glass'. Meet Tweedledum and Tweedledee, Humpty Dumpty and the Lion and the Unicorn and a host of other characters that will

have you laughing, clapping and singing all at the same time. All the Red Queen speaks is nonsense, and The Storytellers Theatre Company bring Lewis Carroll's master piece of literature to life in an understandable fun filled fashion. With memorable songs, fantastic costumes and set, a sense of fun,



comedy, dance routines and a lot more besides, this show is bound to please all audiences, young and old alike. This performance is 1 hr 20 mins in length.





**ALSO TOURING IN OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2002**



# Alice in Wonderland

Imagine falling down a rabbit hole and experiencing all the delights of a world where things appear by magic and really are quite as mad as they seem. This musical adaptation is sure to delight and have you dancing in the aisles. From Alice's first meeting with the Mad Hatter to her last encounter with the Queen of Hearts this (one hour ten minute) performance is sure to have you either on the edge of your seats or jumping for Joy. Meet all the fantastic characters in Wonderland; You too, can join Alice at the Mad Hatters Tea Party and find out the real reason why nobody does the washing up!



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# WIND IN THE WILLOWS

This delightful musical adaptation follows Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger in their entrancing tale of life on the River Bank. From Ratty's picnic with Mole to the troublesome Mr. Toad and his love for driving Motor Cars, this production is sure to enthrall and entertain. Why does Toad get locked in prison? And how does he escape? Kenneth Grahame's wonderful tale is brought to life, in glorious Technicolour, right before your very eyes. Packed to the brim with comedy, music and the thing that has become synonymous with our Storytelling technique, a sense of fun this one hour fifteen minute performance will have you wanting to see more. Does Toad ever return to Toad Hall? Or is he destined to a life with out his country home? To answer all these questions and more, just book your place on our tour schedule.



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## PERFORMANCE COSTS

Costs for shows in 2002 £210 + V.A.T for one show booked

£370 + V.A.T. For two performances in one day

**No Travel fee charged!**

Costs for shows in 2003 £230 + V.A.T for one show booked

£400 + V.A.T. For two performances in one day

**No Travel fee charged!**

Bookings are now being taken for Autumn and Christmas 2002 And for performances in the year 2003.

**TEL. 01254 59590 NOW !**

## TERMS

Payment on the day of performance is preferable, but we will accept Local Authority Payment on receipt of an Order Number when booking.

# CHRISTMAS TOURS

**NORTHERN TOURS, Lancs, West Yorks, Merseyside, Manchester**

**ALICE'S ADVENTURES THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL**

**THE SNOW QUEEN**

**PETER PAN**

4 shows to choose from in the N.W



**LONDON, Home Counties, Herts and Essex**

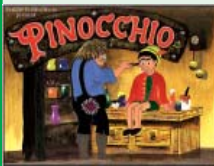
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**South Yorks, Derbyshire, Lincs, Leicestershire**

**PINOCCHIO**



This show from "The Storytellers Theatre Company" is bright, colourful and full to the brim with toe tapping action. This one hour and ten minute long performance is sure to captivate all who listen and watch. Our production introduces Pinocchio as a lump of wood, and with his transformation into a walking talking puppet, takes us from Geppetto's wood shed, on through the wooden boys many adventures. With song, music, puppets, scenery and costume 'The Storytellers' bring this delightful performance to life.

**Midlands, Staffs, Coventry and Shropshire**

**MARTHA THE CAT'S MAGICAL CHRISTMAS**



This is the second story following the fascinating adventures of Martha the Magical Cat. It is nearing Christmas and the snow that fell a few days ago still remains in the sheltered corners of the alley where the sun doesn't reach. Martha lives in the back alley behind Mrs Snodross's house and is looked after by an ever increasing numbers of friends. But something is wrong, unknown to Mrs Snodross, Mrs Jones at the Florist, Marco the Milkman and Mr Antonio the Pizza shop owner there is a burglar about. Martha unwittingly stumbles on him whilst he is at work, and on discovering what he is up to hatches a plan with Scruffy the Dog to catch the burglar red handed. This delightful new musical has all the ingredients necessary to make it a very Magical Christmas.

**Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambs**

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**North East England, Scotland and Cumbria**

**THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**



Two boys left in a room to play, discover the greatest adventure of their lives all contained within the pages of a book. An adventure of a lifetime, transported away to where Christmas is lived every day. Meet the Elves reading the smoke, and find out why we have trees in our houses at Christmas. Join the boys on their fantastic Christmas eve flight to Greenland.

**Bristol, S. West, S. Avon, Wilts and Gloucs.**

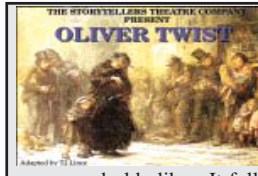
**HANSEL AND GRETEL**



This show has a comic slant and is sure to have you laughing at the Children's mother who has a waist of at least 200 inches and their rather short sighted father. With Hansel and Gretel lost in the woods, they follow the path that leads to the house made of Gingerbread. Hansel is shut in a cage and Gretel is forced to work as a slave. How do the Children escape the wicked witch? And what becomes of their mother?

**ALL CHRISTMAS TOURS 25th Nov to 24th Dec**

**ON TOUR FEBRUARY TO MAY 2003**



# OLIVER TWIST

By Charles Dickens

Our adaptation of this Classic Victorian tale has all the ingredients necessary to captivate audiences both young and old alike. It follows the fortunes of 'Oliver', a young orphan with a mysterious past on an enthralling journey from the horrors of the workhouse, to the undertakers shop and on through the back streets of London. This all time classic tale not only tells the story of 'Oliver', 'Fagin', 'Nancy' and the evil 'Bill Sykes' but also paints a picture of the Victorian underworld in London as Dickens knew it. Using a full theatre setting 'The Storytellers' re-tell the past as if it were today. Powerful and dramatic are words too light to describe this production.

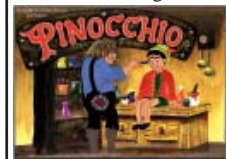


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# Tales From The Gypsy Caravan

Storytelling at it's best!

This show combines the rich tapestry of traditional Storytelling with animated performance, taking travellers stories from around the world and combining them with music and visual theatre to create a production that is sure to both entertain and enthrall.



# MARTHA THE CAT'S LUCKY ESCAPE

Martha the cat lives in a cardboard box in a back alley. This brand new production follows her fascinating adventures with her friends who live in the Community. Find out what happens to Mrs Snodross, where Mrs Jones had to spend the night, and how Martha had a lucky escape. This show has spectacular set, costumes, music and story. If you only book one production in 2003, make sure it's "Martha the Cat's Lucky Escape".

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