



**TRON**  
THEATRE

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Tron Theatre Company presents

# **YA BEAUTY & THE BEAST**

**(PREVIEWS: SAT 28 + SUN 29 NOVEMBER)**  
TUE 1 DEC 2009 – SUN 3 JAN 2010

**PRESS NIGHT: WED 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 7.30PM**  
Dress Code: Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses

Wonderfully quirky, with its own unique brand of Scottish humour and pizzazz, this Christmas the hugely talented team behind *Eating Beauty* and *Mother Bruce* bring you their latest Tron Theatre twist on a traditional fairytale, *Ya Beauty & the Beast*.

**Will big evil baddie Barfolemew Beastie (boo!) find a wife before Pansy McNaughty's last petals fall off? Will our motley crew make it through the Slippery Slimy Swamp to the Tunnocks Tea Cake Big Top in time for the Recyclable Circus Competition? Will the *Greatest Secret in the Pantosphere* be revealed? And will Mary Hill ever be up for the Panto-thrill?**

*Ya Beauty and The Beast* has once again been written by the dynamic duo of **Gordon Dougall** and **Fletcher Mathers**. This is Gordon's 20<sup>th</sup> year working on the Tron panto (his first was as music director on Peter and Penny's Panto written by Alex Norton) and his tenth Tron panto as a writing partner and director.

Scotland's very own theatrical chameleon **Andrew Clark**, recently praised for his Iago in *Othello* at the Citizens', steps into high heels and outrageous frocks as former beauty queen Bunty Beautox. **George Drennan** and **Natalie Toyne** return from *Mother Bruce* to play the villainous Barfolemew Beastie and Katie the Kangaroo respectively, while **Derek McGhie** proves to be an alarming Price Charming. Finally, **Sally Reid** will play panto-hating Mary Hill who just wants to be in a Christmas Show rather than slumming it in the Pantosphere.

With riotous designs by **Kenny Miller**, outrageous original songs and jokes as old as the Tron steeple, come and join Bunty and her chums down-under in Tron Bay for an ecologically sound tale of secrets, jealousy and cream buns. Ya Beauty!

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## Notes to Editors

### CAST

Bunty Beautox	Andrew Clark
Mary Hill	Sally Reid
Prince Charming	Derek McGhie
Barfolemew Beastie	George Drennan
Katie the Kangaroo	Natalie Toyne
Understudy	Fiona Wood
Understudy	Darren Brownlie

### CREATIVE TEAM

Director	Gordon Dougall
Writers	Gordon Dougall & Fletcher Mathers
Designer	Kenny Miller
Lighting Designer	Paul Sorely
Choreographer	Darren Brownlie
Musical Director	Sally Clay

### BIOGRAPHIES

#### Andrew Clark

Theatre credits include: *Othello*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Peter Pan*, *Hamlet*, *The Bevellers* and *No Mean City* (Citizens' Theatre); *The Last Witch*, *Hoors* and *The Ching Room* (Traverse); *Tam O'Shanter* (Perth Theatre); *Something Wicked this Way Comes*, *Miss Julie* and *Gobbo* (National Theatre of Scotland); *Anthony & Cleopatra* (Oran Mor); *Measure for Measure* (Clwyd Theatr Cymru); *Translations* (Arches Theatre Company); *Tamburlaine Must Die* (Tron Theatre); *Vernon God Little* (Young Vic); *Pinocchio* and *Tartuffe* (Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh) and *Roam* (Grid Iron).

Film and television includes: *Peter Manuel: The End of Evil*, *Taggart*, *Rebus* and *High Times* (SMG TV); *Sea of Souls* (BBC) and *The Da Vinci Code* (Rose Line Productions).

#### George Drennan

Theatre credits include: *A Drop in the Ocean*, *Flowers of the River*, *Godzilla vs MechaGodzilla*, *Rumplestiltskin* and *Nighthawks* (Oran Mor); *Man of La Mancha* (Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh); *Wolves in the Walls* (National Theatre of Scotland); *Damages* (Rapture); *Weans in the Wood*, *Aladdie*, *Cinderella* and *Mother Bruce* (Tron Theatre). Film and television includes: *Rab C Nesbitt Christmas Special 2008* and *Legit* (The Comedy Unit); *Taggart* (SMG); *Winning Streak* (BBC); *The Flying Scotsman* (Douglas McKinnon), *Winning Streak* (Mark Delornay) and *The Marriage Counsellor* (Raymond Friel/ Derek Boyle).

#### Derek McGhie

Theatre credits include: *On a Knife Edge* (Borderline); *Loot* (Byre Theatre); *Sinbad* (Team Entertainment); *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs* (Qdos); *The Bigot* and *Still a Bigot* (Glasgow Pavilion); *Mother Goose* (Perth Repertory); *Tale O'Tam* (Scottish Opera for All) and *Trainspotting* (York Theatre Royal). Film and television includes: *Still Game* (BBC); *Meet the Magoons* (Channel 4); *Velvet Soup* (BBC2) and *Jason Cosbie Presents* (Kolil Films).

#### Sally Reid

Theatre credits include: *The Ducky* and *The Wall* (Borderline); *Beauty & the Beast* (Dundee Rep); *Sunset Song* (His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen); *Antigone* and *Weans in the Wood* (Tron Theatre); *Katie Morag* (Byre Theatre); *Home*, *Project Macbeth* and *The Crucible* (National Theatre of Scotland); *Emmanuelle & Dick* and *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?* (Citizens' Theatre).

#### Natalie Toyne

Theatre credits include: *Little Johnny's Big Gay Musical* (Random Accomplice); *Mother Bruce* (Tron Theatre); *Bubble McBea*, *Auntie Janet Saves the Planet* and *Big Hairy Hamish* (Scottish Opera); *Swing in the Park* (Scarborough Spa Orchestra); *De Stijl* (Ensemble Thing); *A Most Excellent Old Time Music Hall*

(The Celebrated Gaslight Gaieties); *Far from the Madding Crowd* and *Once Upon a Time in New Jersey* (Cardiff International Music Theatre Festival).

### Fiona Wood

Theatre credits include: *Les Miserables*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Caledonia*, *Snow White*, *Pop V's Swing* and *Cinderella* (Glasgow Academy of Musical Theatre Arts).

### Darren Brownlie

Darren has recently worked as Assistant Choreographer on the *Im Bru* and *STV Jobs* adverts and assisted in the choreography of last year's panto at the Citizens' Theatre, *The Wizard of Oz*. Musical theatre credits include: *The Jonah Boy*, *Zanna-Don't* and *Singing and Swinging* (RSAMD). Film and television credits include: *Meet the Magoons* (Channel 4), *Love me Tender* (Mind the Gap for the BBC) and *The James Gang* (Polygram).

### Listings:

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Tron Theatre Company presents

### Ya Beauty & the Beast

(See Schedule & Ticket Prices Below)

Main Auditorium

Tron Theatre

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It's Christmas time in Tron Bay, home of barmy old beauty Bunty Beautox's Boarding House and everyone's going ballistic. The Pantosphere's biggest secret is about to be revealed and big bad beardy Barfolemew Beastie (boo!) is bent on bagging a bride. Boys and girls, brace yourselves: it's Bunty v The Beast.

DATE	10am	1pm	2:30pm	5pm	7:30pm	8pm
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov					X preview	
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov		X preview		X preview		
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	X				X	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec		X			X	
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	X				X	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	X				X	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec			X		X	
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec		X		X		
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	X				X	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec		X			X	
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	X				X	
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	X				X	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec			X		X	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec		X		X		
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	X				X	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec		X			X	
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	X				X	
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	X				X	
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec			X		X	
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec		X		X		
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec				X		X

Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec			X		X		
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec		X		X			
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show	
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec			X		X		
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec		X		X			
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec			X		X		
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec			X		X		
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec			X		X		
Thur 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec		X		X			
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show	No show	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan					X		
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		X		X			

<b>Pricing</b>	
<b>Peak</b>	£16.50/£9.00 (Family 2 adults + 2 children £46.00)
<b>Off-Peak</b>	£12.00/£8.00 (Family 2 adults + 2 children £36.00)
<b>Midweek Daytime</b>	£7.50 (Schools £7.00)
<b>Preview</b>	£9.00