TRON Theatre

Tron Theatre Company presents



Directed by SALLY REID

Designed by KENNY MILLER

Musical Director & Composer ROSS BROWN

PROGRAMME

WED 29 NOV 2023 -Sun 7 Jan 2024

Cast List

Young Aggie/Ghost of Christmas Present/CompanyKatie Barnett	
Tiny Tim/Marley/Company	Kyle Gardiner
Gloria/Ghost of Christmas Future/Company	Jamie Marie Leary
Aganeza Scrooge	Louise McCarthy
Cratchit/Ghost of Christmas Past/Company	Julie Wilson Nimmo
Hope/Understudy/Company	Star Penders

Creative Team

Writer	Johnny McKnight
Director	Sally Reid
Designer	Kenny Miller
Musical Director & Composer	Ross Brown
Lighting Designer	Benny Goodman
Choreographer	Eva Forrester
Wardrobe Supervisor	Heather Grace Currie
Stage Manager	Suzanne Goldberg
Deputy Stage Manager	Gillian Richards
	Rebecca Gorman & Reegan Graham
Wardrobe Assistants	Izzy Mercier & Beth Allnutt
Production Manager	Laura Skinner
	Mark Hughes
Technical Stage Manager	Jason McQuaide
Venue Technician	Alex Hatfield
Sound Technician	Amir Sherhan
Lighting Technician	Odhran Duigan
BSL Interpreters	Catherine King & Yvonne Strain
Audio Describers	Lynn Mulvena & Hazel-Ann Crawford
	Zoe Halliday
Print Design	Jamhot
	Boxdog Inc.
Production Photography	Eoin Carey
	Pretty Scenic

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Panto Jokes

What is Aganeza Scrooge's favourite food?

A humbug-er

What did Tiny Tim end up with when he ate the Christmas decorations?

Tinsilitis

Who is Cratchit's favourite Christmas singer?

Elf-is Presley

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KATIE BARNETT - YOUNG AGGIE / GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT / COMPANY

Katie graduated from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in 2016 with a B.A. in Musical Theatre. She is delighted to be back at the Tron after playing the Wicked Witch in last year's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

Recent credits include: My Doric Diary (Tour); A Midsummer Night's Dream and Much Ado About Nothing (Bard in the Botanics); Our Ladies of Perpetual Succour (The Duke of York's Theatre); Hi, My Name is Ben (Dundee Rep); Rapunzel, My Left/Right Foot - The Musical and SHIFT (National Theatre of Scotland); Hay Fever (Citizens Theatre/Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh); Rapunzel, Sleepin' Cutie, Chick Whittington and Weans in the Wood (Macrobert Arts Centre); Outside In, Edge of the World, Supply and A Bit of a Dick Whittington (Òran Mór).

When Katie is not performing, she is a singing teacher.

ROSS BROWN - MUSICAL DIRECTOR & COMPOSER

Ross graduated from the University of Glasgow with an M.A. in Music and works as a Composer, Musical Director and Sound Designer.

Credits include: UCI World Cycling Championships; *The Steamie - OVO Hydro* & 30th Anniversary Tour (Neil Laidlaw); *Generation Dance* (Scottish Ballet/ YDance); *Safe To Be Me* and *Vessel* (Scottish Ballet); *Breath Cycle II* (Scottish Opera); *Submarine Time Machine* and *Tin Forest* (National Theatre of Scotland); *The Steamie, Deathtrap, Witness For The Prosecution* and *And Then There Were Nane* (Dundee Rep); *A New Life* (Òran Mór/Traverse Theatre); *Nae Expectations, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, The Dead Letter Detectives, Pushing It, Olive The Other Reindeer, Cinderfella, Trajectories, Mammy Goose, Ma, Pa and the Little Mouths, Chimera, Alice In Weegieland, The Snaw Queen, Sleeping Betty, Ghosts, Miracle on 34 Parnie Street, Three Sisters, A Present State, Ulysses, Aganeza Scrooge and Edwin Morgan's Dreams - And Other Nightmares* (Tron Theatre); *Divided City* (Citizens Theatre); *And The Beat Goes On* (Random Accomplice/ Perth Theatre); *Our Country's Good* (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland); *Doras Dùinte* (Theatre Gu Leòr/Mull Theatre); *Harold & Maude, A Steady Rain* and *Lady M: His Fiend-Like Queen* (Theatre Jezebel); *Clockwork* (Visible Fictions); *In An Alien Landscape, The Man Who Lived Twice* and *Mother Courage* (Birds of Paradise Theatre Company). Other companies Ross has worked with include: Sleeping Warrior, Pavilion Theatre, scottish Youth Theatre, British Youth Music Theatre, Platform, Impact Arts, MT4UTH-Belfast, OYCI, Glasgow City Council and the BBC.

KYLE GARDINER - TINY TIM/MARLEY/COMPANY

Kyle is a graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's B.A. Acting course and is delighted to be spending Christmas at the Tron for *Aganeza Scrooge*.

Previous visits to the Pantosphere include: *Maw Goose* (Macrobert Arts Centre); *Mother Goose* (Byre Theatre) and *Snow White and the Seven Dames* (Perth Theatre).

Other theatre credits include: *Moorcroft* (Tron Theatre/National Theatre of Scotland Tour); *Mr Moonlight, Mooning* (Òran Mór); *Is That You, Santa?* (Macrobert Arts Centre); *The Panopticon* (National Theatre of Scotland) and *Hel* (Traverse Theatre).

Television and radio credits include: *Traces 2* (Alibi); *Leaving* and *An Eye for a Killing* (BBC Radio Scotland); *The 5000* (BBC Radio 4); *Questions for Quiz Shows* and *The Blackwood* (BBC Radio North/Edinburgh Fringe).

BENNY GOODMAN - LIGHTING DESIGNER

Benny Goodman is a freelance lighting designer and creative collaborator, based in Glasgow and London. He has worked in theatres across the UK and Europe on a variety of projects and productions, and is a creative collaborator with theatre company, Wonder Fools.

Selected credits include: 4 Walls and The Palace of Varieties (Derby Theatre); La Performance (Tron Theatre/IVT Paris); A Midsummer Night's Dream (Orange Tree Theatre); Hamlet (Saint Stephen's Theatre); Nae Expectations, hang, The Tempest and The Mistress Contract (Tron Theatre); Sense of Centre (Dance Base); Julius Caesar (Company of Wolves/Scottish Tour); Learning From The Future (OGR Torino); Meet Jan Black (Ayr Gaiety); Maim and Heroines (Theatre Gu Leòr); I Can Go Anywhere (Traverse Theatre); The Drift (National Theatre of Scotland); The Afflicted (Summerhall); Country Music (Omnibus Theatre); 549: Scots of the Spanish Civil War (Wonder Fools/UK Tour); Daddy Drag (Assembly Roxy); Where We Are: The Mosque (Arcola Theatre, London); Sorella Mia (The Place, London); Disarming Reverberations (St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh); Humbug (Tramway, Glasgow); Snow Queen (Associate - Dundee Rep Theatre); Like Animals (SUPERFAN); Ayanfe Opera (Bridewell Theatre, London); Lampedusa (Citizens Theatre) and Circle of Fifths (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland/Cockpit Theatre, London).

For more on his work visit bennygoodman.co



EVA FORRESTER - CHOREOGRAPHER

Eva has been working as a choreographer in the UK for the past fifteen years. In her early years she performed with the Black Eyed Peas, Justin Timberlake and Kylie. She was a dancer at Disneyland Paris, performing daily in the parades. She was also an ensemble dancer for Costa Cruise lines.

Eva has now dedicated her career to teaching. She works in high schools in Glasgow teaching National 5, Higher and HNC level dance. She loves inspiring young children and enabling them to discover their love for the arts.

Eva works for a variety of performing arts schools and is the resident choreographer for iNTER Performing Arts Academy. Choreography credits include: Legally Blonde, Hairspray, Little Shop of Horrors, We Will Rock You, The Addams Family, School of Rock and All Shook Up.

JAMIE MARIE LEARY - GLORIA/GHOST OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE/COMPANY

Jamie is a Bajan/Scottish actress who trained at Langside College in the south side of Glasgow. Since graduating in 2014, Jamie has worked regularly in Scottish theatre. However, for the past few years she has been adding to a growing list of television credits including appearances in BBC One comedy drama *Ralph & Katie* and in *River City*.

Theatre credits include: *Nae Expectations* (Tron Theatre); *Anna Karenina* (Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh/Bristol Old Vic); *Expensive Sh*t* (Soho Theatre/ Traverse Theatre); *The Celtic Story* (Bublico Productions); *Class Act: Silver* and *Breakfast Plays: B!RTH* (Traverse Theatre); *Locker Room Talk* (Traverse Theatre/Latitude Festival); *Stand By* (Utter Theatre/Byre Theatre); *549: Scots of the Spanish Civil War* (Wonder Fools); *Cinderella* and *A Christmas Carol* (Citizens Theatre); and *Holding/Holding On* (National Theatre of Scotland).

Television credits include: *Ralph & Katie, River City, Casualty* and *The Nest* (BBC); and *Traces* (Alibi/BBC).

Film credits include: *Hen-Do* (BFI); *Car Sick* (Particular Films); *Shepherd* (GC Films); *Super November* (14c Studios); and *Where Do We Go From Here* (Worrying Drake).

LOUISE MCCARTHY - AGANEZA SCROOGE

Theatre credits include: Orphans the Musical (National Theatre of Scotland). The Steamie (SSE Hydro); Mamma Mia in London's West End (Prince of Wales Theatre); Yer Granny, Men Should Weep and My Left/Right Foot - The Musical (National Theatre of Scotland); Cuttin' A Rug (Citizens Theatre), for which she was nominated as best actress at the 2017 CATS Awards; Much Ado About Nothing (Bard In the Botanics); Three Sisters, Peter Panto and the Incredible Stinkerbell, Sleeping Betty, The Snaw Queen and The Alchemist (Tron Theatre); The Trouble with Double and Role Shift (Òran Mór); Jaqueranda and Sleeping Beauty (Perth Theatre); Bingo! The Musical (Stellar Quines); Jack & the Beanstalk (Armadillo for Qudos); The DOLLS Abroad, The DOLLS Dragged Up, The DOLLS Rerr Terr and The DOLLS Back Wi A Bang (UK and Scottish Tour).

Television credits include: Queen of the New Year (BBC); The Scotts, Stevens & McCarthy, Scot Squad, Only An Excuse and Scot Squad spin-off series Squire & McGill (BBC Scotland/The Comedy Unit); Stacey Stone and Raptures (CBBC); Sketchland and What's Funny About the Indyref (BBC Scotland); Two Doors Down (BBC); In Plain Sight (ITV Drama) and Aldi Midgets Advert (ITV).

Film credits include: Amanda in *Wild Rose* (Film 4, British Film Institute) written by Nicole Taylor and directed by Tom Harper.

JOHNNY MCKNIGHT - WRITER

Johnny McKnight is an award-winning writer, director, educator, dramaturg and performer. His theatre work includes the accoladed *Wendy Hoose*, *The Joke, The Incredible Adventures of See Thru Sam* and *A Perfect Stroke*. He has been described as the 'vanguard of post-modernist panto', with twentysix productions and a slew of nominations for these works. He is currently Associate Artist at National Theatre of Scotland. Recent writing credits include: *No Love Songs* (Dundee Rep), *Meet Me At The Knob* (Òran Mór), *101 Dalmatians* (Regent's Park Theatre) and *Rubble* for Scottish Opera. His recent episode of *River City 20th Anniversary Special* won the Royal Television Award (Scotland) for Best Drama. Johnny's first panto for Tron Theatre Company was *Aganeza Scrooge* and he is delighted to have been given the chance to rework and reimagine it for the same venue a decade later.

KENNY MILLER - DESIGNER

Kenny Miller is a freelance designer and director who was for many years Head of Design/Associate Director at the Citizens Theatre, Glasgow.

He has worked in Theatre and Opera both nationally and internationally, designing and directing for many companies such as: Royal Court Theatre, London; Royal Shakespeare Company; Oxford Stage Company; Hampstead Theatre; Theatre Royal Stratford East; Palace Theatre Watford; Greenwich Theatre; Bush Theatre; Donmar Warehouse; Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh; Oldham Coliseum Theatre and Dundee Rep Theatre.

He has won three Critics' Awards for Theatre in Scotland: *Scrooge* (Best Production); *Smoking With Lulu* (Best Technical) and *A Little Bit of Ruff* (Best Ensemble). He has also won the Manchester Evening News Award for *10 Rillington Place* (Best Designed Production).



Recent credits as Designer: Ropunzer and The Thi Porest (National Fineatic of Scotland); The Bookies, Smile and Deathtrop (Dundee Rep); The Cherry Orchard, The Weir and Bird (Royal Exchange Manchester); A Doll's House and Romeo and Juliet (Sherman Cymru); Macbeth and Blithe Spirit (Perth Theatre); Crocodile Rock and A New Life (Sleeping Warrior Theatre Company national tour); Blanche & Butch (also directed), In An Alien Landscape and The Man Who Lived Twice (Birds of Paradise Theatre Company and national tour); In Super Destroyed Unicorn Christmas Party (Raw Material Arts): The Unicorn Dance Party and Unicorn Christmas Party (Raw Material Arts); The DOLLS Abroad and The DOLLS – Dragged Up (national tour); The Wonderful

Wizard of Oz, The Motherfucker with the Hat, Mammy Goose, Miracle on 34 Parnie Street, Cannibal Women of Mars, Aganeza Scrooge, Plume, Mister Merlin's Pure Magic Panto, Staircase, Flo White, Valhalla!, Casablanca: The Gin Joint Cut, Ya Beauty and the Beast, Betrayed, From the West Bank and Address Unknown (Tron Theatre); Cuttin A Rug and Marilyn (Citizens Theatre and Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh); Slug and Clockwork, an adaptation of an original work by Phillip Pullman, co-produced with Scottish Opera (Visible Fictions); Douglas Maxwell's new musical *The Bookie* (Cumbernauld Theatre and national tour); *Doubt: A Parable*, the UK premiere of *Autobahn* (also co-directed) and *Lady M: His Fiend-Like* Queen (Theatre Jezebel/Tron Theatre); Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off and Our Teacher's A Troll (National Theatre of Scotland); Proof and Tam O'Shanter (Perth Theatre); The Steamie (national tour, OVO Hydro and Dundee Rep) and Born Bad (Scottish Youth Theatre).

Recent credits as Designer and Director: Witness for the Prosecution and And Then There Were None (Dundee Rep); April in Paris and And The Beat Goes On (Perth Theatre); Everybody's Talking About Jamie, Grease and Legally Blonde (UK Theatre School); Olive The Other Reindeer, Cinderfella, Alice in Weegieland, Sleeping Betty and Peter Panto and The Incredible Stinkerbell (Tron Theatre); Harold and Maude and Days of Wine and Roses (Theatre Jezebel).

JULIE WILSON NIMMO - CRATCHIT/GHOST OF PANTO PAST/NURSE1

Julie trained at RSAMD. Theatre credits include: The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, Olive The Other Reindeer, Mammy Goose, Alice In Weinder of Ward On Queen, Sleeping Betty, Miracle on 34 Parnie Street and Shining Souls (Tron Theatre); Low Pay? Don't Pay! (Tron Theatre/Glasgow Life); Tutti Frutti, 365, The House of Bernarda Alba, Men Should Weep, Rapunzel and The Banshee (National Theatre of Scotland); Beautiful Burnout (Frantic Assembly); The Static and Eavesdropping (ThickSkin); This Is Memorial Device (Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh/Edinburgh Book Festival); *Double Nugget, And <u>The Beat</u>*

Goes On and News Just In (Random Accomplice); Ten Things To Do Before You Die and The Date (Òran Mór); The Corstorphine Road Nativity (Edinburgh Festival Theatre); Aladdin (King's Theatre, Glasgow); Balamory Live (DC Entertainment); The Magic Island (TAG); Mum's The Word 2 (Robert C Kelly) and Beauty and The Beast (Citizens Theatre).

Television and film credits include: Scot Squad, Still Game, Chewin' The Fat, Pulp Video, The Baldyman and Rab C Nesbitt (BBC Scotland/The Comedy Unit); Jules' and Greg's Wild Swim (Solus Productions/BBC); Olga Da Polga (Series 1 & 2, CBeebies); West Skerra Light and Long Night At Blackstone (Hopscotch/BBC Scotland); Murder Rooms, Balamory and Millie In Between (BBC); Taggart (STV); The Slab Boys (Channel 4/Skreba Films); My Life So Far (Enigma Films); Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage Wars (Mersey Films) and Fags, Mags and Bags (Radio 4).

STAR PENDERS - HOPE/UNDERSTUDY/COMPANY

Star is a Scottish actress from Largs, North Ayrshire. She is a recent graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Theatre credits include: SCOTS (Òran Mór, 54 Below: Off-Broadway, Edinburgh Fringe); Ceilidh (Noisemaker); Macbeth (An Undoing) (Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh); The Girls of Cartridge Hut No. 7 (Outspoken Arts Scotland); Spuds (Òran Mór); Aladdin and Jack and the Beanstalk (South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture).

Star is beyond excited to be spending Christmas time at the Tron and hopes everyone has a wonderful festive period.

SALLY REID - DIRECTOR

Directing credits include: *The Angry Brigade* (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland); *Smile* and *The Bookies* (Dundee Rep); 10 *Things To Do Before You Die, Outside In* and *What the Animals Say* (Òran Mór); *Call to Adventure* (National Theatre of Scotland); *2020 Stories* (Scottish Youth Theatre); *Scot Squad - Hogmanay Special* and *River City* (BBC Scotland).

Sally has also worked extensively in the Scottish theatre, television, and radio industry for many years as an actress. Theatre work as an actress includes: *Shirley Valentine* (Pitlochry Festival Theatre); *Sally* (Òran Mór); *Cinderfella* (Tron Theatre); *Low Pay? Don't Pay!* (Tron Theatre/Glasgow Life); *Wendy and Peter Pan* (Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh); *How To Disappear* (Traverse Theatre); *Rhinoceros* (EIF/Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh); *The James Plays* (National Theatre of Scotland); *Time and The Conways* (Dundee Rep); *Days of Wine and Roses* (Theatre Jezebel/Tron Theatre).

Television credits include: *Scot Squad* (8 series for BBC Scotland); *Karen Pirie* (ITV); *Annika, River City, Only An Excuse* and *Two Doors Down* (BBC Scotland).

She trained at Langside College, Glasgow and The School at Steppenwolf in Chicago where she trained in Meisner, Viewpoints and improvisation with ensemble members.

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