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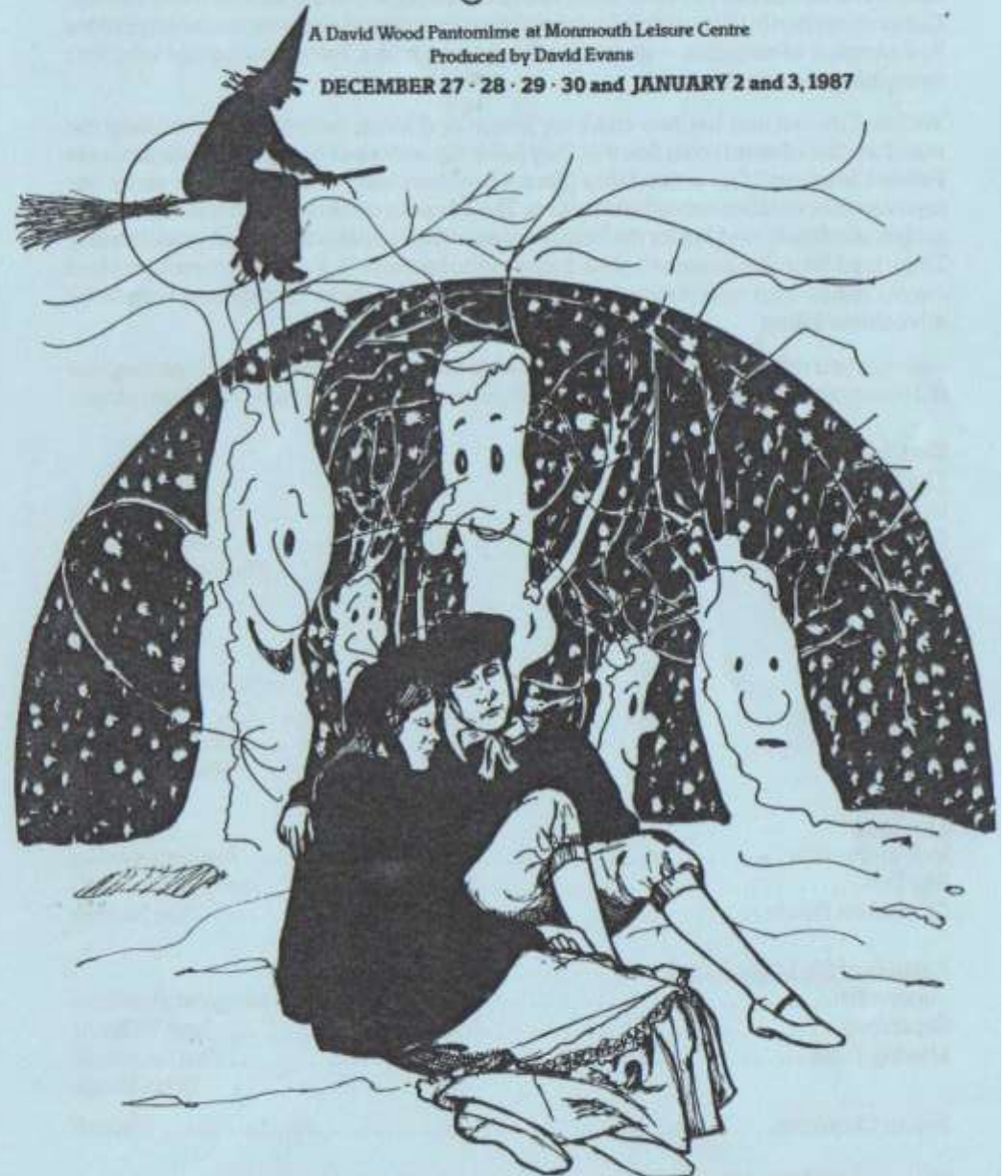
*Look out for our
Easter production*

OFF
CENTRE
THEATRE presents

BABES IN THE MAGIC WOOD

A David Wood Pantomime at Monmouth Leisure Centre
Produced by David Evans

DECEMBER 27 · 28 · 29 · 30 and JANUARY 2 and 3, 1987



PROGRAMME

Pantomime is as much a British tradition at Christmas time as mince pies and carol singers. It was a treat for Victorian families, and has been a festive outing for every subsequent generation. Characteristically based on the conflict of good and evil, all the best-loved stories have heroes and villains, unwitting accomplices, and scatty Dames. Our story, written by David Wood, retains all those traditional elements and also sprinkles in a number of surprises – ghosts, walking trees, and a Fairy Godmother who isn't everything she appears to be.

Widow Crockett and her two children, Simon and Mary, keep the town toyshop the merchandise of which is so fine that they have the honour of being "by appointment to Father Christmas". Our action takes place a few days before Christmas and, sadly, our toymakers have fallen behind with orders. Their need to catch up is further thwarted by a couple of robbers, and but for the help of some of the toys themselves, all would be lost. There is additional assistance from a donkey who has been ill-treated by the robbers and events finally lead everybody into the Magic Wood, where strange and wonderful adventures follow.

We hope you will enjoy our presentation, and go away with the same Christmas magic as did those other families over one hundred years ago. A Happy New Year from us all.

Cast, in order of appearance

The Babes

Simple Simon	.....	Sherren McCabe
Contrary Mary	.....	Diane Sillman
Fairy Godmother	.....	Margaret Townrow
Widow Crockett	.....	John Smith

The Robbers

Nick	.....	Stuart MacFarlane
Pick	.....	Brian Phillips
The Donkey	.....	Grant Ramboux David G. Evans

The Toys

Jack-in-the-Box	.....	Amanda Gower
Rag Doll	.....	Jenny Abbott-Smith
Clockwork Panda	.....	Sue Stocker

Keepers of the Magic Wood

Superwitch	.....	Margaret Townrow
Supermog	June Williams
Moving Trees	Kim Ramboux Tricia Harris

Father Christmas	Himself
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Shoppers and Carol Singers

Joan Miller, Fiona Woods, Debbie Cull, David Evans, Sarah Blow, Louise Evans, Samantha MacFarlane, Holly Evans, Ben Williams, Rhys Williams.

Monmouth School of Dance – Fairies, Puppets, Dolls, Elves, Soldiers, Skeletons
Maggie Stanger, Sharon Gardiner, June Williams, Emily Carey, Mary Sully, Carol Brain, Gayle Stevens, Jessica Eveleigh, Holly Evans, Samantha MacFarlane, Sarah Blow, Melissa Blow, Louise Evans, Lucy Elliott, Victoria Jarvis, Caroline Bright, Chloe Jones, Ruth Beck, Rachel Beck, Sarah Davies, Rachel Davies, Lorraine Holt, Judith Holt, Emma Croft, Chrissy Blumer, Karen Gooch, Natalie Gooch, Carrie Greene, Gemma Greene, Eileen Clark, Alison Landers, Caroline Willcocks, Emma Dutton, Rachel Peggington, Rachel Shaw, Charlotte Hancocks, Katie Blyth, Rhys Williams, Ben Williams.

Musical Director – Piano & Synthesizer	.....	Anne MacFarlane
Clarinet	.....	Lee Romer
Guitar	Peter Smith
Percussion	Roger Grey

Choreography	Margaret Townrow
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Set design and painting	Dave Williams John Smith Dave Evans Sherren McCabe
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Lighting	Andrew Buck Vanessa Buck
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Sceneshifters	Dave Williams Stuart Woods Andrew Jones
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Costumes	Sue Evans Sandra Dunn Margaret Lewis Dancers 'Mums'
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Front of House	Members of Off Centre Theatre
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Prompter	Colwyn Sillman
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Properties	Mel Chivers
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Produced and Directed by David Evans

PROLOGUE A grassy bank

ACT I

Scene 1	Town Square
Scene 2	Inside Widow Crockett's Toyshop
Scene 3	Town Square
Scene 4	Inside Widow Crockett's Toyshop
Scene 5	Outside the Town

ACT II

Scene 1	The Magic Wood
Scene 2	The Glade of the Walking Trees
Scene 3	Outside Superwitch's Supercottage
Scene 4	Inside Superwitch's Supercottage
Scene 5	Inside Widow Crockett's Toyshop