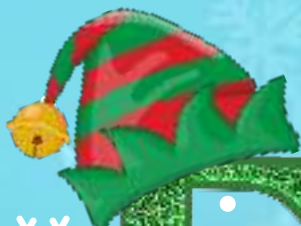


2024

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Presents



ELF

The Musical



**29th-30th November
and
6th - 7th December**

Book by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin

Music by Matthew Sklar

Lyrics by Chad Beguelin

Based upon the New Line Cinema Film written by David Berenbaum

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

In 2015, I first heard the cast recording of *Elf The Musical* and saw the West End production. I couldn't get the songs out of my head or wipe the big cheesy grin off my face. I knew then that one day I wanted to direct it with Barnstormers. The film *Elf* is a Christmas classic, and bringing this musical version to life has been both a challenge and a joy. For me, this show is more than just a lighthearted holiday story—it's about the hope, joy, and magic the festive season can bring, and the way one person's infectious spirit and energy can inspire transformation in those around them.



This production has been an exciting journey, and I've had more conversations about baubles, tinsel, and Christmas cheer than I could have ever imagined! I'm so thankful to everyone who's contributed their time, energy, and creativity to make this show happen. Special thanks to Karen and her props team for sourcing more props than we've ever had before; to Christine, Angie, and Philip for the magical costumes; to Jen and Claire for bringing my wacky choreography ideas to life in amazing ways; to Russell, my husband, for being an incredibly patient sounding board; and to our Producer, Keith, for making it possible to fulfil my dream of bringing children into the cast. Every show is a huge team effort and each of you, whether mentioned here or elsewhere, has exceeded my expectations and made this possible. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

And to our cast - I want to thank you not just for your hard work, but for your support in trusting in my vision for this show. You've fully embraced the comedy, heart, and spirit of *Elf* and brought the show to life with incredible energy and warmth. From our first rehearsals in June to now, I've watched you create a world filled with laughter, sparkle, and festive fun. As Buddy says, "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear"—and I'm thrilled with what we've all accomplished together.

And to you, our wonderful audience - thank you for sharing in the magic of *Elf* with us. We hope you enjoy the show as much as we've enjoyed creating it. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

Louisa Taylor



FROM THE MUSICAL DIRECTOR

It has been an absolute joy to bring *Elf The Musical* to life here with Barnstormers. This delightful show is full of catchy tunes, many of which have been stuck in my head since June, and high-energy numbers, which capture both the Christmas spirit and the story's light-hearted humour. The music of *Elf* - from jazzy, toe-tapping numbers to heartfelt ballads - has a way of uplifting those that hear it (I hope), mirroring the joy and warmth we associate with this time of year.



Our talented band has brought this score to life beautifully, adding sparkle and depth to every scene. I am incredibly grateful for their skill, dedication, and patience throughout this process. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Louisa, and to our choreography team, who have collectively been such a joy to collaborate with; their creativity and passion for this project have been inspiring and a constant source of motivation.

Finally, to the cast - thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication. It's been incredible to see you grow as individuals and a group through the show's journey. Your energy and effort shine through every moment, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've created together.

Thank you to everyone involved for making this production of *Elf* truly special. So now it's over to our audience.... Enjoy the show!

Russell Taylor

FROM THE CHOREOGRAPHERS

Barnstormers are a team of the most dedicated and welcoming group of people who truly adore everything about theatre. They embraced the challenges of the choreography for *Elf* with open arms and a smile every step of the way. This incredible cast have eagerly taken on everything each of us have thrown at them in terms of choreography, from tinsel to glitter, skipping ropes to hula hoops, and other little surprises! They have enthusiastically said yes at every opportunity and then worked tirelessly to bring our sparkly ideas to life.



Musical theatre comprises three fundamental elements: acting, singing, and dancing. Not every actor needs to be a dancer, but every dancer must be able to act, and that requires a great deal of hard work and dedication. Combining this with the energetic and lively nature of this particular show is a monumental challenge. The story of *Elf* revolves heavily around the quest to revive the dwindling Christmas spirit, and it has been amazing to attempt to do justice to that theme with such incredible dance numbers to choreograph. Louisa, the show's director, gave us the freedom to capture every single bit of that sparkly spirit, and it is precisely the spirit of each and every person involved that has made this possible.

It has been an absolute pleasure to contribute to the Christmas mayhem, and we sincerely hope that you will sit back and enjoy as we embark on this joyous journey to spread that Christmas cheer - toe tapping heavily encouraged!

Claire Hewitt, Jennifer McLean and Louisa Taylor

SYNOPSIS

Elf The Musical is a heartwarming and comedic adaptation of the beloved holiday film. The story follows Buddy, a human raised by elves at the North Pole, who discovers he is not an elf after all. Determined to find his true identity, Buddy travels to New York City, where he navigates the bustling world of humans with childlike innocence and enthusiasm.

In the city, Buddy encounters various challenges, including a skeptical father, a love interest named Jovie, and the harsh realities of adult life. As he spreads Christmas cheer and attempts to reunite with his father, Buddy's unwavering spirit and belief in the magic of the season inspire those around him. Through catchy songs, dazzling choreography, and a message about the importance of family and kindness, *Elf The Musical* captures the joy of the holidays and the importance of believing in oneself.

BUCKET COLLECTION



At the end of each performance, we hold a bucket collection in support of a nominated charity.

For our recent production of *Legally Blonde*, we were proud to support Macmillan Cancer Support, raising an incredible £347. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Next, following *Elf The Musical*, our collection will benefit The Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal. This wonderful initiative provides gifts and donations to bring the joy of Christmas to children whose families might otherwise struggle to provide presents.

We'll be supporting the Brighton Congress Hall Salvation Army, who will use the funds to help local families in the Brighton area.

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Crew

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Musical Director: Russell Taylor

Choreographers: Clare Hewitt, Jennifer McLean and Louisa Taylor

Prompt: Karen Knight

Lighting: JJ Nolan, Marcus Card and Olga Vovk

Lighting Construction: Alex Harrington, Russell Taylor, Sam Clarke and Seb Harrington

Lighting Programming: Alex Harrington and Russell Taylor

Sound Installation: Shaun Hann and Peter Webb

Sound Operating: Craig Flint, Shaun Hann and Michael Gibbs

Sound Programming: Craig Flint

Wardrobe: Christine Ashby, Angie Webb and Philip Davis

Backstage Manager: Karen Ashby

Backstage Crew: Nick Herriott

Props/Scenery: Karen Ashby, Tony Betts, Jenny Robinson, Laura Barrett, Lucy Cadman, Imogen Fox, Sandra Dry, Becky Friend, Stuart Friend and Andrea Tullett

Make-up Team: Lucy Cadman and Imogen Fox

Webmasters: Alex Harrington and Seb Harrington

Chaperones: Roni Graham, Kate Ward, Jaime Bainbridge, Ann-Marie Barker-Davis, Becky Friend, Jennifer McLean and Courtney Nash

Box Office: Sue Harrington and Seb Harrington

Programme: Natalie Harrington

Photography and Media: Paul Harrington, Natalie Harrington and Anna Kharchenko

Front of House: Paula Bates, Jenny Robinson, Paul Harrington, Lesley Mitchell, Alan Imms, Sue Sawyer, David Sawyer, Tamzin Renno, Catherine Hann, Caroline Dewar and Rev Karen Bell

Special thanks to Derek McLean for his help with special effects for Elf and Seaford Musical Theatre for the loan of props

Band

Keyboard: Russell Taylor

Drums: Alex Harrington

Bass: Peter Webb

Trumpet 1: Steve Morris

Trumpet 2: Jenny Barwell, Andy Wooler

Trombone: Pascale Calcutt

Reed 1: Paul Williams

Reed 2: Chris Cheetham



Production Team

Producer: Keith Fox

Cast Representative: Becky Higgs

Church Liaison Officer: Caroline Dewar

Treasurer: Paula Bates

Production Team Members: Christine Ashby, Imogen Fox and Natalie Harrington



Tonight's show is dedicated to the memory of two members of the Barnstormers family.

Yvonne Allen, was an active member of Barnstormers for several years both on and off stage, even writing her own pantos for us to perform.

And to **Deznie Imms**, a long-time supporter of Barnstormers, helping with front of house and an enthusiastic audience member

Though they are no longer with us, their memories live on in the work we do, and they will always be a part of our community.

This one's for you, Yvonne and Deznie. You will be missed.







SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act One

Prelude: Santa's Living Room

Scene 1: Santa's Workshop

'Happy All The Time' *Santa, Mrs Claus, Elves and Buddy*

Scene 2: Santa's Workshop

Scene 3: North Pole

'Not Happy All The Time' *Buddy*

Scene 4: Buddy's Journey to NYC

'World's Greatest Dad' *Buddy and Ensemble*

Scene 5: Greenway Press Office

'In The Way' *Debs, Walter, Emily, Michael and Employees*

Scene 6: Macy's Department Store

'Sparklejollytwinklejingley' *Buddy, Manager and Ensemble*

Scene 7: The Hobbs Family's Living Room

'I Believe In You' *Emily and Michael*

Scene 8: The Hobbs Family's Living Room (Next Day)

'In The Way (Reprise)' *Emily and Walter*

Scene 9: Greenway Press Office

'Just Like Him' *Buddy, Walter, Deb and Employees*

Scene 10: 5th Avenue, Rockefeller Center Skating Rink

'A Christmas Song' *Buddy, Jovie and Ensemble*

Scene 11: Walter's Office

Scene 12: December 23rd, New York Street

'World's Greatest Dad (Reprise)' *Buddy*

Act Two

Prologue: Santa's Living Room and New York City

Scene 1: Chung Fu Palace, Christmas Eve
'Nobody Cares About Santa' *Fake Santas, Manager, Buddy and Waitresses*

Scene 2: Outside Tavern on The Green
'Never Fall In Love With An Elf' *Jovie*

Scene 3: The Hobbs Family's Living Room

'There Is A Santa Claus' *Emily and Michael*

Scene 4: Walter's Office

'The Story Of Buddy' *Buddy, Walter, Greenway, Deb, Matthews, Chadwick, Emily, Michael and Employees*

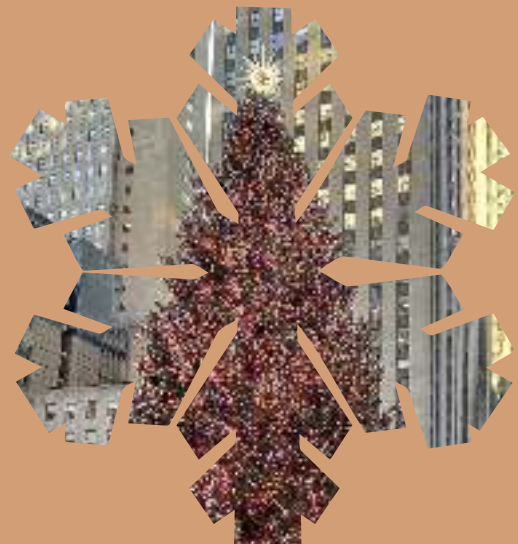
Scene 5: The Woods in Central Park
'Nobody Cares (Santa's Reprise)' *Santa and Larry Spinoli*

Scene 6: Central Park West

'A Christmas Song (Reprise)' *Jovie, Buddy, Emily, Michael, Walter and Ensemble*

Epilogue: North Pole

'Finale' *Buddy, Jovie, Walter, Emily, Michael, Santa, Mrs Claus and Ensemble*



PREVIOUS SHOWS

2024 - Legally Blonde
2023 - A Night with Barnstormers
2022 - Anything Goes/ Cinderella
2021 - Best of Barnstormers 20th Anniversary Show
2020 - Kipps - The New Half A Sixpence Musical
2019 - Calamity Jane
2018 - Sister Act/ Snow White
2017 - Barnstormers Big Night Out
2016 - Kiss Me Kate/ Aladdin and Four Weddings and a Lamp
2015 - The Pajama Game/ Sleeping Beauty - The Panto
2014 - Godspell/ Barnstormers Does Broadway
2013 - Crazy for You/ A Christmas Carol
2012 - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat/ Titanic
2011 - Beauty and the Beast/ Snow White and the Seven Little Men
2010 - Thoroughly Modern Millie/ Dick Patchington
2009 - Just So/ A Night at the Movies
2008 - Fiddler on the Roof/ Cinderella and Friends
2007 - Anything Goes/ Barnstorming
2006 - Seussical/ Aladdin
2005 - Honk/ Sing-along Joseph & Godspell/ Autumn Colours
2004 - The Wiz/ Winter Warmer
2003 - Godspell/ Harvest Concert
2002 - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - Sussex Tour
2001 - Robin Hood (as Panto Crew)/ Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
2000 - The Adventures of Alice (as Panto Crew)
1999 - Snoozy Floozy (Sleeping Beauty) (as Panto Crew)
1998 - Aladdin (as Panto Crew)
1997 - Jack and the Beanstalk (as Panto Crew)
1995 - Snow White and lots of Dwarfs (as Panto Crew)
1994 - Follow the Star (as Panto Crew)
1992 - Cinderella (as Panto Crew)



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EARLY**
JOVIE



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FOX**
WALTER HOBBS



**SANDRA
DRY**
EMILY HOBBS



**JOSEPH
BARKER**
MICHAEL HOBBS



**EMILIA
FRIEND**
MICHAEL HOBBS



**TONY
BETTS**
SANTA



**SHEILA
CAREY**
MRS CLAUS



**ASTRID
FOX**
DEBS



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WAITRESS



**PANOS
CHRISTOFI**
MATTHEWS



**MATTHEW
SHOOMAN**
GREENWAY



**ANASTASIIA
BOHDANOVA**
MACY'S MANAGER



**SIAN
PREECE**
CHARLIE



**JOSIE
PUTTOCK-WEST**
SHAWANDA



**NATALIE
HARRINGTON**
SAM



**MARK
LAMBERT**
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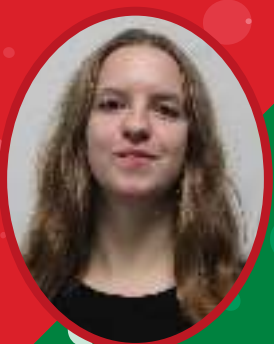
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FAKE SANTA #1



**MILLY
CLARKE**
FAKE SANTA #2



**LUCY
CADMAN**
POLICE OFFICER/
FAKE SANTA #3



**KATERYNA
VOIEVODA**
MACY'S
SALESWOMAN



**EMMA
COLLARD**
WAITRESS



**ANDREW
DARLINGTON**
POLICE OFFICER



**LUCA
MEMOLI**
HOTDOG
VENDOR/DOORMAN



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