

*Spring Grove Fringe*

# *Dick Whittington*



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*Reg. Charity No. 1150982*

# Dick Whittington

Written and directed by Adrian Treloar

## **Spoiler alert**

This is a pantomime!

Women will wear trousers

Men will make up as buxom temptresses

The Baddies will be 'behind you!'

The Goodies will get more than they expect or deserve

The Fairies will facilitate

The Principal Boy will prance in boots

The Dame will demand ... your submission

The Rats will rise – but only for a little while

Politicians will be pelted

The Boys will ... well! ... be boys

## **Dreams**

We all have dreams.

Alderman Patrick Fitzwarren dreams of leaving his nine-to-five drudge and embarking on a lucrative business trip to Morocco

His daughter Alice dreams of joining him, to escape an expensive boarding school education and the foppish boys in London

Idle Jack, whose time in a failing orphanage has given him low expectations, dreams of a hearty meal of dog food and a drink from a puddle

Dick dreams of making his fortune in London, where the streets were paved with gold until Government austerity measures took effect

The Sultan dreams of being able to satisfy his many wives, of ridding his palace of rats and his head of custard

Lucy Lastic dreams of ... well, this is a family show, in all its fifty shades

Tommy, with a relatively unevolved cat brain, dreams of a good night out and party-time

King Rat dreams of destroying the human race and of a fur coat made of cat

Bow Belles dreams of using her magic ringing wand to help our hero

***Will you help her dreams too, please?***

# Cast

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Dick Whittington            | Daisy Jones                              |
| Idle Jack                   | Val Boyle                                |
| Tommy                       | Olivia Hamilton                          |
| Alderman Patrick Fitzwarren | Lynn Charlton                            |
| Alice Fitzwarren            | Karina Ramnarain                         |
| Dame Lucy Lastic            | David Hamilton                           |
| Fairy Bow Belles            | Linda Rhead                              |
| King Rat                    | Jenny Robson                             |
| Nat the Rat                 | Bethany Birley                           |
| The Rat Foreman             | Laurie South                             |
| Captain Nelson              | Scott Milligan                           |
| Half Nelson                 | Tony Tresigne                            |
| The Sultan                  | Chris Brookes                            |
| The Sultan's Vizier         | Allan Lloyd                              |
| The Sultan's Eunuch         | Jonathan Nail                            |
| The Sultan's Announcer      | Ricardo Lucari                           |
| Flatulana                   | Jerry Ryan                               |
| Halitosa                    | Jonathan Nail                            |
| Policemen, Guards           | Julia Becker, Amanda Shaw                |
| Delivery Boys               | Julius Nail, Henry Ryan, William Ryan    |
| Politicians                 | Jerry Ryan, Jeremy Barnes, Gavin Chaplin |

## The rats

Edwin Treloar, Pia Prabhavalkar, Maia Savvari,  
Daisy Durham, Dexter Gill, Katy Lynch,  
Evie Barnes, Ruby Shaikh, Grace Brookes,  
Marnie Jenkins, Bailey Duncan, Felicia Marijka,  
Elouise who says Aargh

## The Arabian Dancers

Poppy John, Arrey Harmony, Rebecca Best,  
Elouise Marijka, Millie Wong

## Production

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Prompt                        | Pat Lines  |
| Assistants and Technicians    | Nigel Duffin, Helen Dawson, Tessa Kind,<br>Gavin Chaplin, Peter 'Tubs' Case, Silvain Defi,<br>Mark the Spark, Natalie Kay, Howard Farmer |
| Costumes                      | Jo Need, Sandy Gavshon   |
| Choreography                  | Suzanne Jones  |
| Child Wrangler and Box Office | Tessa Kind   |
| Bar                           | Mike Charlton  |
| Being Amanda Shaw             | Amanda Shaw  |

## Richard Whittington

Those who are captivated by Daisy's Dick in this performance will sympathise with many in our audience who had been anticipating Richard Whittington taking the title rôle. Darling Richard's 'untimely' death in 1423 necessitated re-casting.

Richard was born in the 1350s in the Forest of Dean. He was sent to the City of London to learn the trade of mercer and became a successful trader in silks and velvets, much of which he sold to the Royal court. He was also a money-lender, including to the King.

In June 1397, Richard II made Whittington Lord Mayor of London. He had negotiated with the King a deal in which the city bought back its liberties and was elected mayor by a grateful populace in the October. He was elected mayor again in 1406—during 1407 he was simultaneously Mayor in both London and Calais—and in 1419.

In 1416, he became an MP. Henry V employed him to supervise the expenditure to complete Westminster Abbey.

A long dispute with the Company of Brewers over standard prices and measures of ale was won by Whittington.

***Cheers to you, Dick!!***



*RW in rehearsal*