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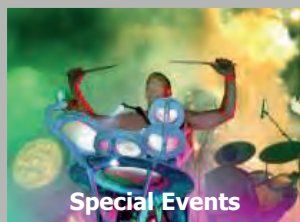
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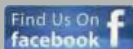
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# CATS



Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber based on  
'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats' by T. S. Eliot

With

Christopher Tierney   Cerys Wilkin  
Tom Nicoll   Ben Collins   Yasmin Sharp  
Daisy Greenwood   Isobel Pearce   Tasha Gooderham  
Sophie Hill   Scott Dingwall   Lily Downes   Ella Bradley   Emily McNeill  
Ben Rolph   Ryan Wuyts   Fraser McLauchlan   William Hackett   Hattie Phillips  
Ciaran Brewer   Georgina Hackett   Clara Alden-Smith   Emily Birt  
Cloe Block   Sophia Chapman   Faith Ebdon  
Anna Escott   Poppy Fisher   Jacie Holden  
Jenni Hunt   Mia Nichols   Hannah Ireland  
Charli Piper   Louisa Turnbull

Director  
Khianna Howard

Choreographer  
Shelley Moore

Musical Director  
Susannah Edom

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# Graham Green – President

Welcome to our 2018 production of the award winning CATS!



Everyone has worked extremely hard on this show whether it be cast, costume, makeup or the production team, we hope the effort will shine through.

A special mention to our Director and Choreographer, Rhianna Howard and Shelley Moore, both of whom are past cast members of WOW! This is the first show in which they have tackled these high profile roles. I raise my hat to them, they have proved themselves to be the cat's whiskers!

In the words of Old Deuteronomy, "You've learned enough to take the view that cats are very much like you. You've seen us both at work and games and learnt about our proper names, our habits and our habitat but how would you address a cat?"

I would like to thank you, our audience, for supporting us and wish you a safe journey home.

## Cast Biographies



**Christopher Tierney - 18**

Munkustrap

**First WOW! Show:**

Grease

**Favourite Musical:**

A Bronx Tale

**Dream Musical Role:**

Elder Cunningham in The Book of Mormon

**Plans for the Future:**

West End or Broadway - anywhere that will have me!

**Favourite Moment in CATS:**

Either the tap routine in 'Old Gumbie Cat' or 'Skimbleshanks The Railway Cat'

**Favourite CATS Character:**

Bombalurina



**Cerys Wilkin - 18**

Grizabella

**First WOW! Show:**

CATS

**Past Roles:**

Cosette in Les Misérables, Scaramouche in We Will Rock You, Audrey in Little Shop of

Horrors, Jan in Grease and Tuptim in The King & I

**Favourite Musical:**

Sweeney Todd

**Dream Musical Role:**

Kim in Miss Saigon

**Favourite CATS Character:**

Jennyanydots

**Training:**

A Levels inc. Performing Arts



**Tom Nicoll - 15**

Old Deuteronomy

**First WOW! Show:**

Grease

**Favourite WOW! Memory:**

Playing the name game!

**Favourite Musical:**

School of Rock

**Dream Musical Role:**

Frank Abagnale Jr in Catch Me If You Can

**Plans for the Future:**

To be a Cryptographer

**Favourite CATS Character:**

Skimbleshanks

**Favourite Song in CATS:**

Bustopher Jones



**Ben Collins - 16**  
 Rum Tum Tugger  
 First WOW! Show:  
 CATS

**Past Roles:**  
 Joseph in Joseph and the  
 Amazing Technicolour  
 Dreamcoat, Prince Eric in The  
 Little Mermaid Jr, Danny Zuko  
 in Grease

**Favourite Musical:**  
 Les Misérables

**Dream Musical Role:**  
 Seymour in Little Shop of  
 Horrors

**Favourite CATS Character:**  
 Skimbleshanks

**Yasmin Sharp - 17**  
 Bombalurina  
 First WOW! Show:  
 Loserville

**Favourite Musical:**  
 Jesus Christ Superstar  
**Dream Musical Role:**  
 Whatshername in American  
 Idiot

**Training:**

BTEC Level 3 in Musical  
 Theatre

**Plans for the future:**  
 Currently auditioning at  
 drama schools to study a  
 degree in Musical Theatre  
**Favourite Song in CATS:**  
 Macavity - it's super sassy!

**Daisy Greenwood - 17**  
 Demeter

**First WOW! Show:**  
 Loserville

**Favourite Musical:**  
 In The Heights

**Dream Musical Role:**  
 Veronica in Heathers

**Training:**

Currently studying Musical  
 Theatre at Colchester  
 Institute. Also trains at  
 Tomorrow's Talent and at  
 Musical Theatre Masterclass  
 with Michael Xavier

**Favourite Song in CATS:**  
 Macavity the Mystery Cat

**Isobel Pearce - 16**  
 Jellylorum

**First WOW! Show:**  
 Half a Sixpence

**Past Roles:**  
 Davina in Loserville

**Favourite Musical:**  
 42nd Street

**Favourite Song in CATS:**  
 Old Gumbie Cat

**What Cat would you be?:**

I would be a Sphynx cat  
 because they look a bit like a  
 rat but they are nice once you  
 get to know them!



**Tasha Gooderham - 17**  
 Victoria

**First WOW! Show:**  
 Half a Sixpence

**Past Roles:**  
 Helen in Half a Sixpence

**Training:**

Currently studying a BTEC  
 Diploma in Musical Theatre.  
 Also Grades 2-6 in Singing and  
 Grade 3 in Classical Singing

**Favourite Musical:**  
 Kinky Boots

**Plans for the Future:**

I am auditioning for drama  
 schools and hope to study a  
 degree in Musical Theatre

**Sophie Hill - 14**  
 Mr. Mistoffelees  
 First WOW! Show:  
 CATS

**Favourite Musical:**  
 Billy Elliot or 42nd Street

**Hobbies:**

Dance, singing, acting and art

**Training:**

Currently attend White Court  
 Dance Unlimited

**Plans for the Future:**

To go to Dance College  
**Favourite Song in CATS:**  
 Memory

**Favourite CATS Character:**  
 Mr Mistoffelees!

**Scott Dingwall - 18**  
 Quaxo

**First WOW! Show:**  
 CATS

**Dream Musical Role:**  
 Jack in Newsies

**Hobbies:**

Football

**Training:**

Currently studying a BTEC  
 Diploma in Musical Theatre  
**Plans for the Future:**  
 To continue training at Drama  
 School

**Favourite Song in CATS:**  
 The Naming of Cats

**Lily Downes - 18**  
 Jennyanydots

**First WOW! Show:**  
 CATS

**Favourite Musical:**  
 American Idiot

**Dream Musical Role:**

Mrs Lovett in Sweeney Todd

**Plans for the Future:**

I'm currently applying to  
 drama schools to study a  
 degree in Acting

**Favourite Song in CATS:**  
 Skimbleshanks the Railway  
 Cat

**Favourite CATS Character:**  
 Jennyanydots (Obviously!)



Ella Bradley - 11

Jemima

First WOW! Show:  
CATS

Past Roles:

Gretl in The Sound of Music,  
Bielke in Fiddler on the Roof,  
Penny in Babes in the Wood

Favourite Musical:

Les Misérables

Dream Musical Role:

Annie in Annie

Hobbies:

Singing, hockey, netball, clarinet  
and swimming

Training:

Grade 4 Singing and Grade 3  
Clarinet



Emily McNeill - 13

Rumpleteazer/Dance Captain

First WOW! Show:  
Loserville

Favourite WOW! Memory:

Getting my roles in CATS!

Past Roles:

Pepper in Annie, Dancer in  
Pirates of Penzance, Orphan  
in Oliver! and Chorus in  
Loserville

Dream Musical Role:

Glinda in Wicked

Favourite CATS Character:

Rum Tum Tugger

First Memory of CATS:

Watching the show on DVD, I  
was spellbound from the start



Ben Rolph - 15

Mungojerrie/Dance Captain

First WOW! Show:  
Grease

Favourite WOW! Memory:

Being in Grease with my  
older brother

Dream Musical Role:

Marius in Les Misérables

Hobbies:

Parkour, playing drums, video  
games

Plans for the Future:

To be a personal trainer

Favourite Song in CATS:

Mungojerrie and  
Rumpleteazer



Ryan Wuyts - 13

Asparagus/Gus

First WOW! Show:  
CATS

Favourite Musical:

Hamilton or Avenue Q

Dream Musical Role:

Tobias Ragg in Sweeney Todd

Hobbies:

Sailing

Favourite WOW! Memory:

Performing in the 2017

Summer School Showcase

What Cat would you be?

A Siamese Cat

Favourite Song in CATS:

Macavity



Fraser McLauchlan - 13

Skimbleshanks

First WOW! Show:  
Half a Sixpence

Past Roles:

Pugsley in The Addams Family,  
Chorus in Half a Sixpence and  
Huey Phillips in Loserville

Favourite CATS Character:

The Rum Tum Tugger because  
he's a curious cat

Favourite Song in CATS:

Mungojerrie and  
Rumpleteazer

First Memory of CATS:

Learning the dance for the  
opening number



William Hackett - 13

Bustopher Jones

First WOW! Show:  
Loserville

Past Roles:

Wayne in Loserville

Favourite Musical:

School of Rock

Dream Musical Role:

Dewey Finn in School of Rock

Hobbies:

Singing and playing guitar

Favourite Song in CATS:

The Jellicle Ball

Plans for the Future:

To study music at college as I  
would like to be a musician



Hattie Phillips - 12

Plato/Macavity

First WOW! Show:  
CATS

Favourite WOW! Memory:

My first workshop in the  
summer. Everyone was really  
nice and friendly.

Favourite Musical:

Les Misérables

Dream Musical Role:

Miss Honey in Matilda

Hobbies:

Piano, origami and baking

Favourite Moment in CATS:

The tap dancing in Old  
Gumbie Cat



Ciaran Brewer - 21

Rumpus Cat

First WOW! Show:  
Half a Sixpence

Favourite Musical:

Dear Evan Hansen

Hobbies:

Script writing and making  
videos for YouTube

Plans for the Future:

Going into acting

Dream Musical Role:

Donkey in Shrek the Musical

Favourite song in CATS:

The Rum Tum Tugger

Favourite CATS character:

Rumpus Cat





Georgina Hackett - 13

Cassandra

First WOW! Show:

CATS

Favourite WOW! Memory:

Meeting everyone at the first audition

Favourite Musical:

Matilda

Hobbies:

Cheerleading and performing arts

Plans for the future:

When I leave school I'd like to study performing arts and hopefully have a career in it

Favourite Song in CATS:

Macavity



Clara Alden-Smith - 13

Ferox

First WOW! Show:

CATS

Past Roles:

Brigitta in The Sound of Music

Favourite Musical:

Annie

Dream Musical Role:

Nancy in Oliver!

Favourite song in CATS:

The Rum Tum Tugger - I love the dance and it's really fun to be in!

Favourite CATS Character:

Bombalurina - she is very glamorous and has great songs to sing



Emily Birt - 16

Carbuckety

First WOW! Show:

Our House

Favourite WOW! Memory:

My first show with WOW! -

Our House

Favourite Musical:

In The Heights

Hobbies:

I enjoy chilling with my own cat (who has helped me with characterisation!)

Plans for the future:

One day I hope to run a kitten factory, surrounded by cute cats for the rest of my days....



Cloe Block - 19

Alonzo

First WOW! Show:

CATS

Favourite WOW! Memory:

Getting to know all the cast members and directing team

Favourite Musical:

The Phantom of the Opera

Dream Musical Role:

Christine Daaé in The Phantom of the Opera

Favourite Moment in CATS:

The opening - everyone has a featured part and gets to show off their character

Favourite CATS Character:

Victoria - she's so elegant



Sophia Chapman - 13

Bella

First WOW! Show:

CATS

Favourite Musical:

Wicked

Dream Musical Role:

Sandy in Grease

Hobbies:

Dance, athletics, netball

Plans for the Future:

I'd love to perform in the West End but if not, I'd like to go into design or psychology

Favourite CATS Character:

Rum Tum Tugger

What Cat would you be?

An American Curl



Faith Ebdon - 11

Provocal

First WOW! Show:

CATS

Favourite Musical:

School of Rock

Favourite WOW! Memory:

Being lifted in the air for the first time in the opening

Training:

Grade 3 in Ballet and Modern and Grade 2 in Tap. Also takes classes in Lyrical, Gymnastics and Contemporary at Complete Dance

Plans for the Future:

To do more shows with WOW!



Anna Escott - 15

Veternum

First WOW! Show:

CATS

Hobbies:

Dance, art and music

Training:

Currently studying for GCSEs and dancing at Pixie Lott's Italia Conti

Plans for the Future:

I have applied to performing arts college for next year but one day I'd like to move to America to be an actress

What Cat would you be?

A fluffy lap cat as I like lots of fuss and cuddles!



Poppy Fisher - 14

Tantomile

First WOW! Show:

Half a Sixpence

Past Roles:

Marta in The Sound of Music,

Chorus in Oliver!, Half a

Sixpence and Loserville

Favourite Musical:

Les Misérables

Dream Musical Role:

Eponine in Les Misérables

Plans for the Future:

To go into acting or be a paediatric doctor

Favourite Moment in CATS:

The Jellicle Ball dance as it is such an enjoyable number



Jacie Holden - 11

Tumblebrutus

First WOW! Show:

CATS

Favourite WOW! Memory:

When I found out I got a part in CATS!

Favourite Musical:

Les Misérables,

Hobbies:

Gymnastics, dancing and netball

Favourite Song from CATS:

The Rum Tum Tugger

Favourite CATS Character:

Mister Mistoffelees

What Cat would you be?

A Puma!



Jenni Hunt - 15

Electra

First WOW! Show:

Grease

Favourite WOW! Memory:

The last night of Our House because it was my favourite

WOW! show

Favourite Musical:

42nd Street

Dream Musical Role:

Penny in Hairspray

Training:

LAMDA Acting & Musical Theatre exams. Currently studying GCSE Drama & BTEC Dance

Favourite Moment in CATS:

The Jellicle Ball



Hannah Ireland - 13

Coricopat

First WOW! Show:

CATS

Favourite Musical:

Heathers

Hobbies:

Reading, special FX make up, listening to music

Favourite Song in CATS:

Macavity

Favourite CATS Character:

Jemima

What Cat would you be:

A Munchkin cat as they are so small and fluffy!



Mia Nichols - 13

Exotica

First WOW! Show:

Half a Sixpence

Past Roles:

Young Anne in Half a Sixpence

Favourite Musical:

A Chorus Line

Favourite Song in CATS:

Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats

Favourite CATS Memory:

Having my make up done for the first time

Favourite CATS Character:

Mr Mistoffelees because he rescues Old Deuteronomy



Charli Piper - 14

Admetus

First WOW! Show:

Loserville

Favourite Musical:

Heathers

Dream Musical Role:

Heather McNamara in

Heathers

Hobbies:

Reading, writing and acting

Plans for the future:

To get a degree in both criminology and psychology

Favourite Song in CATS:

Grizabella the Glamour Cat

Favourite CATS Character:

Mungojerrie



Louisa Turnbull - 16

Etcetera

First WOW! Show:

Half a Sixpence

Favourite WOW! Memory:

Summer School 2016

Favourite Musical:

Hamilton

Dream Musical Role:

Elphaba in Wicked

Hobbies:

Filming, reading and editing

Plans for the Future:

To go to York University and train to become a director in film or theatre

Favourite CATS Character:

Gus - I love his story



# Creative Team



## Rhianna Howard - Director

Rhianna is a past member of WOW! and performed in a number of productions, playing roles such as, 'Sharpay' in *High School Musical*, 'Factory Girl 4' in *Les Misérables* and, more recently, 'Jan' in *Grease*. After graduating from university and moving back to Witham, Rhianna immersed herself in local amateur theatre once again. She has been a committee member for WOW! since 2014 and performed in shows with WAOS and Witham Music Theatre including playing 'Roz' in *9 to 5*, 'Regina' in *Rock of Ages* and 'Linda' in *The Wedding Singer*. She also works for the Mercury Theatre in Marketing. In 2016 Rhianna completed a directing course at NODA Summer School. She has since directed WOW!'s *20th Anniversary Concert* and assistant directed

on *Rock of Ages* (WMT) and *Loserville* (WOW!). CATS is Rhianna's first full production as director and she wants to thank the incredible creative team, cast, production team and everyone that assists behind the scenes for their support and belief in her. CATS has always had a special place in Rhianna's heart since being devastated when her Year 6 school trip to see it was cancelled, her Dad then bought her the DVD which she played on repeat - much to her parents' delight/annoyance...



## Susannah Edom - Musical Director

Susannah lives near Witham and is Executive Head of Newland Springs Primary School, CEO of Attain Multi Academy Trust and Director of the Chelmsford Teaching Schools Alliance. Susannah works regularly with Barnardo's as conductor for their Young Supporters' Concerts at the Royal Albert Hall, Royal Festival Hall, Barbican and at Wembley. She is also involved with the annual national choral competition as an adjudicator. She continues to work with young people and adults regularly both as a conductor, pianist and adjudicator and is an official accompanist for the Chelmsford Music Festival.

Susannah studied music at Bulmershe College, Reading receiving piano tuition under Eric Parkin and singing in the internationally renowned Girls Choir under Gwyn Arch. She also worked as a choral specialist at the County Music School which led to involvement in the National Festival of Music for Youth and the Aldeburgh Festival as conductor.

Susannah has wide experience of musical theatre as Musical Director of societies locally. Susannah particularly enjoys working with the talented youngsters in WOW! and wishes them a wonderful production of CATS.



## Shelley Moore - Choreographer

This is Shelley's first time choreographing a full show, having previously been assistant choreographer for WOW!'s *20th Anniversary Concert*. Shelley has studied both RAD and ISTD dance syllabuses for 23 years, she has achieved advanced levels in ballet, tap and modern theatre. Shelley's first show with WOW! was *High School Musical*, she went on to appear in *Les Misérables* (WOW!), and played a dancing ancestor in *The Addams Family* (WAOS). When not performing with WOW!/WAOS Shelley has assisted with hair, makeup, wigs and costumes for almost every show for the last 8 years. Outside of the society Shelley performs with her local dance school and until recently with an over 18s dance troupe across the country. She has worked

as a performer in EuroDisney, and currently manages Aspire Dance Academy. Shelley has enjoyed choreographing her first show with WOW! and is exceptionally proud of all the cast have achieved.

# Act 1

Prologue: Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats	Full Company
The Naming of Cats	Full Company
The Old Gumbie Cat	Jennyanydots, Munkustrap, Bombalurina, Demeter, Jellylorum
The Rum Tum Tugger	Rum Tum Tugger and Company
Grizabella: The Glamour Cat	Grizabella, Demeter, Bombalurina
Bustopher Jones	Bustopher Jones, Jennyanydots, Jellylorum, Bombalurina and Company
Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer	Mungojerrie, Rumpleteazer
Old Deuteronomy	Munkustrap, Rum Tum Tugger, Old Deuteronomy and Company
The Awefull Battle of the Pekes and the Pollicles	Munkustrap, Rumpus Cat and Company
The Song of the Jellicles and the Jellicle Ball	Full Company
Memory (Prelude)	Grizabella



# Act 2

The Moments of Happiness

Gus: The Theatre Cat

Skimbleshanks: The Railway Cat

Macavity: The Mystery Cat

Macavity Fight

Mr. Mistoffelees

Memory

The Journey to the Heavieside Layer

The Addressing of Cats

Finale/Bows

Old Deuteronomy, Jemima

Gus, Jellylorum

Skimbleshanks and Company

Demeter, Bombalurina and Company

Macavity, Munkustrap and Company

Mr. Mistoffelees, Rum Tum Tugger and Company

Grizabella, Jemima

Full Company

Old Deuteronomy and Company

Full Company



# Cast

Christopher Tierney  
Cerys Wilkin  
Tom Nicoll  
Ben Collins  
Yasmin Sharp  
Daisy Greenwood  
Isobel Pearce  
Tasha Gooderham  
Sophie Hill  
Scott Dingwall  
Lily Downes  
Ella Bradley  
Emily McNeill  
Ben Rolph  
Ryan Wuyts  
Fraser McLauchlan  
William Hackett  
Hattie Phillips  
Ciaran Brewer  
Georgina Hackett  
Clara Alden-Smith  
Emily Birt  
Cloe Block  
Sophia Chapman  
Faith Ebdon  
Anna Escott  
Poppy Fisher  
Jacie Holden  
Jenni Hunt  
Hannah Ireland  
Mia Nichols  
Charli Piper  
Louisa Turnbull

Munkustrap  
Grizabella  
Old Deuteronomy  
Rum Tum Tugger  
Bombalurina  
Demeter  
Jellylorum  
Victoria  
Mr. Mistoffelees  
Quaxo  
Jennyanydots  
Jemima  
Rumpleteazer  
Mungojerrie  
Asparagus/Gus  
Skimbleshanks  
Bustopher Jones  
Plato/Macavity  
Rumpus Cat  
Cassandra  
Ferox  
Carbuckety  
Alonzo  
Bella  
Provincial  
Vernum  
Tantomile  
Tumblebrutus  
Electra  
Coricopat  
Exotica  
Admetus  
Etcetera

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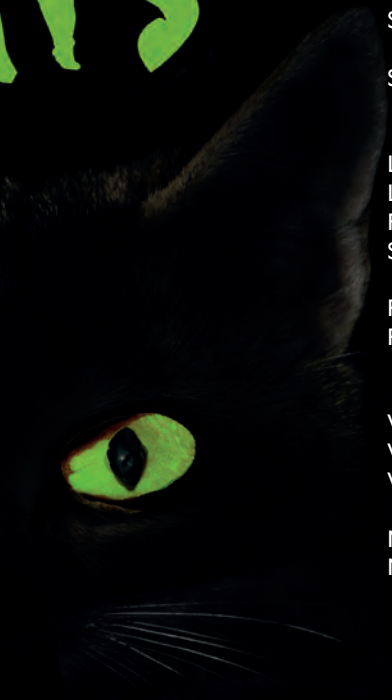


# Ba

Susannah Edom  
Leah Cave, Emma Nash, Paula Pemb  
Paul Codling  
James Stirling  
Philip Langstone  
Nick Tate  
Mike Appleton/Graeme Atkinson  
Sandy Tate  
Jessie Threadgold



# Production Team



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Musical Director  
Keys  
Drums/Percussion  
Guitar  
Bass  
Cello  
French Horn  
Clarinet  
Flute

Director  
Choreographer  
Production Manager  
Stage Manager  
Stage Crew

## Scenery

Lighting Designer  
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Keith Radley  
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Sue Rogers  
Liz Watson  
Olivia Bentley, Matilda Bourne,  
Abi Dyll, Isabella Chapman,  
Sharon Eacott, Michelle Escott,  
Alice Mason, Shelley Moore,  
Janet Osborne Williams,  
Caitlin Ross  
Janet Osborne Williams  
Janice Hawkes  
Debbie Rolph  
Donna Goddard  
Olivia Bentley, Matilda Bourne,  
Rhianna Howard  
Matilda Bourne  
Rhianna Howard  
Ron Howe



# Plot

The show opens in an abandoned junkyard and slowly a horde of Cats begin to appear. We learn they are the Jellicle Cats and tonight marks a yearly meeting when their leader Old Deuteronomy must make the Jellicle Choice and decide which cat will ascend to the Heaviside Layer. Cats are introduced one by one and tell their stories in order to be considered as the chosen one. We end Act I with the celebration of the Jellicle Ball. An old outcast, Grizabella makes appearances throughout the show, she has a troubled past and the cats are wary of her arrival. A kitten, Jemima, sees the good in Grizabella and attempts to convince the other cats that she deserves to be forgiven. The Cats are then startled when the mysterious Macavity appears and captures Old Deuteronomy. The tribe calls on the magical Mr. Mistoffelees the famous conjuring cat who rescues Old Deuteronomy. The cats rejoice, only to be joined by Grizabella. She sings the haunting ballad, Memory, the cats warm to her and it is clear that she must be the chosen one. Old Deuteronomy makes the Jellicle Choice and she ascends to the Heaviside Layer.

## Fun Facts

When CATS first opened in the West End Andrew Lloyd Webber said the show included the worst music he had ever written!

Dame Judi Dench was originally cast as Grizabella but was replaced at the last minute by Elaine Paige as she snapped her Achilles tendon.

In 2016 it was announced that Tom Hooper (Les Misérables, The King's Speech) will direct a film adaptation of the musical for Universal Studios... Watch this space!

CATS is the 6th longest running West End Musical and the 4th longest running show in Broadway history.

CATS first opened in the West End in 1981 and on Broadway in 1982. It won 4 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards.

'Memory' was written at the last minute! With Elaine replacing Judi, and given her vocal strength they thought it better to give her a full song. ALW had a melody in mind already so Trevor Nunn (director) spoke to T.S. Eliot's widow and was given access to a collection of unfinished poems, he then joined bits and pieces together to create the show's main anthem.

Actress Marlene Daniels performed in the Broadway production for it's entire run (1982-2000). She started as a swing covering roles such as Cassandra, Demeter and Tantomile before taking on the part of Bombalurina in 1984.





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# The Helen Temperley Award

After the Saturday night performance we shall be awarding one of our cast members the Helen Temperley Memorial Award. The award was first presented in 2013 after being created in Helen's memory. The winner will be the member of WOW! who embodies the positive qualities that Helen exhibited, namely loyalty, hard work and selfless commitment while maintaining a great sense of fun and enjoyment.

## Previous Winners:

2013 - Michael Watling

2014 - Charlotte Watling

2015 - Ed Tunningley

2016 - Charlotte Tofts

2017 - Faye Broadbent

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## About Us!

Witham Operatic Workshop! is an award-winning musical youth theatre group based in Witham, Essex.

Our talented & enthusiastic performers' ages range from 11 to 21. WOW! is the junior section of

Witham Amateur Operatic Society (WAOS, registered charity number 265029) & has been performing a variety of challenging & outstanding musical theatre productions every year since 1996.

WOW! was founded by Nicholas Clough after the huge success of WAOS' Oliver! that saw over 90 children audition. He concluded that there was a demand for a theatre group for young people in Witham & set about making it a success! Nick sadly passed away in 2015 but his legacy lives on through the passion seen in all of WOW!'s members and those that work tirelessly behind the scenes. WOW! is committed to ensuring that our productions are accessible for as many young people as possible and our audition panel all agree to cast as diversely and inclusively as they can.

We perform one full length show a year & we hope you will join us for our 2019 offering 'Thoroughly Modern Millie!'. Prospective members are warmly welcomed at our spring & summer workshops, our summer school weeks in August & for auditions in September each year. If you'd like any further information please contact Hilary Watling (contact details on the back cover).

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## National Operatic & Dramatic Association

WOW! is proud to be affiliated with NODA. Founded in 1899, NODA is the leading representative body for amateur theatre in the UK. The Association has a membership of approximately 2400 amateur theatre groups and over 2000 individual members staging musicals, operas, plays, concerts and pantomimes in a wide variety of venues ranging from the country's leading professional theatres to village halls. NODA Aims: To give a shared voice to amateur theatre; to help societies and individuals achieve the highest standard of best practice and performance; to provide leadership and advice to enable amateur theatre to tackle the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. WOW! was recently awarded the Best Youth Musical Award 2016 for 'Half a Sixpence' (District 11, NODA East) and Dexter Montgomery who played Chitterlow won the Best Young Performer award.

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## North Essex Theatre Guild

WOW! is also a long standing member of NETG. NETG aim to help amateur dramatic groups in Essex by adjudicating shows to give professional comments on the quality of local shows. They also stage a One Act Play festival to encourage group integration and host an annual Awards evening to credit exceptional performances throughout the year.

The last awards evening took place in September and WOW! received 7 nominations for our 2017 show 'Loserville'. On the night Harry Tunningley was joint winner of the Best Young Actor Award for his portrayal of Lucas Lloyd in Loserville, Not Dead Fred/Concorde in Spamalot (WAOS) and Cookie in Return to the Forbidden Planet (WAOS).



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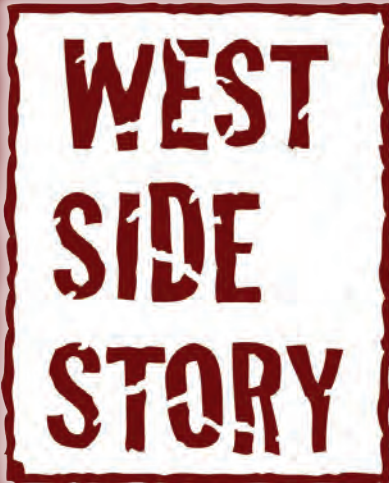
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- St John Ambulance service for being on hand at all shows to provide assistance when needed

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## Previous Productions

1996 - Joseph and the Amazing  
Technicolor Dreamcoat

1997 - West Side Story

1998 - Annie

1999 - The Boy Friend

2000 - 42nd Street

2001 - The Wiz

2002 - Bugsy Malone

2003 - Oliver!

2004 - Crazy For You

2005 - Little Shop of Horrors

2006 - Fame

2007 - A Knight to Remember

2008 - High School Musical

2009 - Les Misérables

2010 - Hot Mikado

2011 - West Side Story

2012 - Footloose

2013 - The Boy Friend

2014 - Grease

2015 - Our House

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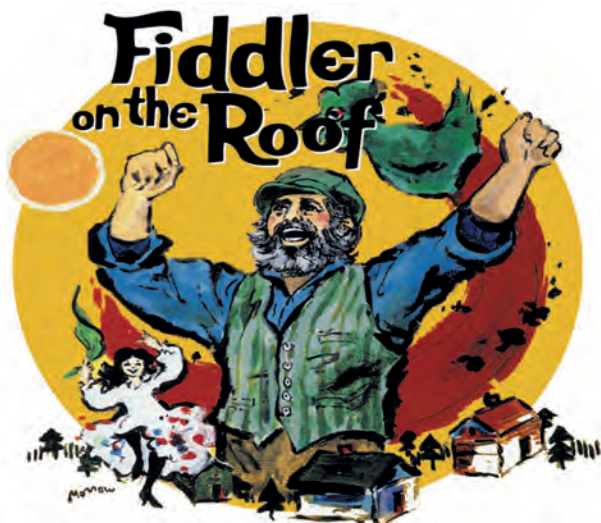
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