

PRESS RELEASE

STAGE DOOR ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCES

‘BEAUTY AND THE BEAST’

AS THEIR THIRD PORTY PANTO

Following their smash-hit productions of *Cinderella* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*, Stage Door Entertainment is thrilled to announce their third panto – *Beauty and the Beast*. This enchanting tale of love, magic, and redemption will be brought to life, featuring all the comedy, music, and fun that Porty Panto fans have come to expect.

Angus, Prince of Summer, is cursed by the chilly Beira, Queen of Winter, and only true love can break the spell. Can brave Bella save Angus and Porty before it's too late? Join Bella and her pals at Portobello Town Hall to find out, and meet a host of colourful characters along the way.

Packed with much-loved music, plenty of silliness and surprises, and hilarious comedy to keep everyone smiling, this is the perfect festive outing for children, parents, and grandparents alike! Whether you're cheering the heroes or booing the baddies, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

So, grab your tickets and make magical memories together this Christmas!

Stage Door Entertainment is delighted to welcome an exciting new cast this year. Sarah Alexandra Brown stars as Bella, with Grant MacIver as the Beast. Christine Mills will play the dastardly villain, Beira, while Christopher Craig plays the beloved and quirky Laird Murdo, Bella's father. Taking the audience through the show is Will-O'-the-Wisp, played by Erin Robertson, and adding the classic panto comedy are the hilarious duo of Bonnie Scone and Tattie Scone, played by Alec Westwood and Ross Jamieson, respectively.

Beauty and the Beast will also feature a talented group of young dancers aged 8-14 from across the Lothians, who will join the professional cast at each performance.

Mark Kydd joins the team this year as writer and director, with a magical script of family-friendly fun. **Tommie Travers** returns as Musical Director, with **Aidan O'Brien** as Choreographer and **Lisa Goldie** as Production Manager.

Tommie Travers and **Aidan O'Brien** shared their excitement about their third Porty Panto: “After the overwhelming success of our previous pantos, we’re thrilled to be back at Portobello Town Hall with another show the whole family can enjoy. *Beauty and the Beast* is a timeless classic, and we’re excited to bring it to life with all the joy, humour, and festive cheer that the Portobello community has come to expect. This will be a real Christmas treat for audiences of all ages!”

‘Beauty and the Beast’ runs at Portobello Town Hall from **Friday 5th December to Sunday 28th December 2025**. Performance times vary.

Tickets for this magical family production are on sale at www.portypanto.com

Dates & Times:

Friday 5th Dec - 7pm
Sat 6th Dec - 2pm & 7pm
Sun 7th Dec - 7.30pm

Tues 9th Dec - 7pm (Press Night)

Fri 12th Dec - 2pm & 7pm
Sat 13th Dec - 2pm & 7pm
Sun 14th Dec - 5pm
Fri 19th Dec - 2pm & 7pm
Sat 20th Dec - 2pm & 7pm
Sun 21st Dec - 5pm
Mon 22nd Dec - 2pm
Tue 23rd Dec - 2pm
Wed 24th Dec - 2pm
Sat 27th Dec - 2pm & 7pm
Sun 28th Dec - 5pm

Running Time: 2 hours, including one 20-minute interval.

Ticket Pricing

Adult: £24.00
Concession: £22.00
Child: £18.00
Disabled & Companion: £24.00 (ticket gives access to 2 people)

Babes in Arms Policy:

Children under 2 years old do not require a ticket. However, if you wish for them to have a seat, please buy a children's ticket when booking. Otherwise, they do not require a ticket.

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Quotes from previous pantomimes

“A joyous night out for anyone, Portobello’s panto this year is one to experience. Full of fun, laughter and unexpected moments, it really will put you in that Christmassy mood.”

- Theatre Scotland

“[Stage Door Entertainment] ensures a pep and constant flow of motion throughout the show, meaning it never lets up but still allows for touching and tender moments.”

- Corr Blimey

“Performed with a remarkably clear sense of passion and drive, Stage Door Entertainment’s *Cinderella* revives the magic of the Portobello Town Hall for new generations of panto fans with a truly heartfelt, humorous, and frankly – great value-for-money experience.”

- Corr Blimey

“There is a lot to be said for a quality professional show in a local venue that keeps its ticket prices as affordable as possible. The town is all the better for this company!”

- ScotsGay Arts