

a pantomime by Gerry Rowbottom

Cinderella



Lambeg|players

50th Anniversary

Cinderella

chairman's message

Welcome to the Lambeg Players' production of "Cinderella". This year we celebrate our 50th Anniversary and have pulled out all the stops to make this our best Pantomime ever. In early September, the production team of Colin Boyd and Paul Bennington carried out 'auditions' with the cast, gave out the roles, ordered the Set Crew, and the Back Stage Team, the Costume Team and more importantly, Barbara the 'Tea Lady', to get cracking, do some work and get the show on the road. Rehearsals started with all the usual ranting, raving, shouting and cajoling with Colin and Paul in the background making notes, mixing up their lines, and causing mayhem... as every good pantomime should.

Although Laura was not able to be part of the customary production team trio this year, we are indebted to her for producing the children's number and lending her assistance at casting and the early rehearsals.

We are delighted to be back in the Island Centre again, thus enabling us to increase the size of the Cast, as we dearly wanted some of our past members to join us in this very special year for the Lambeg Players. There's nothing like getting the old and the new to join forces to make this panto memorable for all.

A first for the Players is the live music performed by Kevin, Michael and their very talented band, and I have to publicly thank them for all their patience throughout rehearsals, musical rewrites etc, putting up with us all and for just being there!

As most will know, the Lambeg Players are very much family orientated. Not only do they work as a team but they never ask for, or expect any thanks for all the hard work put into any production. However, it would be remiss of me not to mention the sterling work carried out by Mark and his Set Building team, who are only given the 'bare necessities' and have never yet failed to come up trumps as you will agree, I'm sure, when you see this year's set.

Then there is the Costume Team, Catherine and her band of workers 'needling' away like little beavers from September onwards, designing and making the costumes, fittings, alterations, and the occasional 'I'm not wearing that'! But in the end making

everyone happy. Her reaction? 'Sure, that's what it's all about'. Just like Catherine, we have someone else we couldn't do without: our beloved Barbara who, every week, slips into rehearsals, makes the TEA for the break and slips out as quietly as she came... Thank you ALL.

I just want to say a BIG, BIG, THANK YOU, on behalf of all the casts, past and present, to the actors of 50 years ago who had the idea to start a drama group and for all the enjoyment it has brought to everyone who has seen them perform. The fun and fellowship has been wonderful and my wish is may it go on for another 50 years and more.

So sit back, relax and enjoy tonight's show with all the delights of Cinderella and friends. A very happy and peaceful new year to everyone, and to the LAMBEG PLAYERS...

Happy Anniversary!

Jackie Brown
CHAIRMAN



Producers: Colin Boyd and Paul Bennington

message from our president

I am very pleased to be invited to contribute to the Programme for this Pantomime and my first words are to every member of the cast, and to say "very well done".

I have been in and out during the long rehearsal period and have enjoyed seeing the improvements week by week. Now you have the audience and, in there, your friends, relations, and strangers, all here to see you.

To you, the audience: "thank you for coming". I can tell you in advance you are going to see a first class show performed by a dedicated group of amateur performers who have enjoyed the rehearsals. Now I hope you will experience some of that enjoyment and be transported to distant lands in music and song and then go home just that wee bit happier for having been there.

May I say thank you for your help in a little known part of our operations. You have helped us raise more than £50,000 for various charities over the past 50 years. I am hopeful that we will continue to help others while we bring you enjoyment.

Many thanks and enjoy the show.



RJC Boyd OBE
PRESIDENT LAMBEG PLAYERS



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synopsis of the plot

Poor Cinderella is mistreated by her stepmother and her two big sisters. She is made to do all the skivvy and has no social life. Things look up when along comes the handsome Prince Charming and an invitation to the Grand Ball. Alas, Cinderella has no finery and the taxis are all busy. Never worry, her Fairy Godmother saves the day, at least until the clock strikes midnight and disaster happens.

Will good triumph over evil?

Will Prince Charming solve the mystery of the slipper?

See how the story unfolds - or maybe you know already?

ACT ONE

Scene 1 Market Square

Scene 2 Baron's Reception Room

Scene 3 Ugly Sisters' Bedroom

Scene 4 The Kitchen

ACT TWO

Scene 1 The Ballroom

Scene 2 The Highway

Scene 3 Baronial Hall

Scene 4 The Palace

the cast

Cinderella	Kathryn Torbet
Buttons	Ian Bennington
Prince Charming	Lisa McCormick
Dandini	Paula Brown
Grizelda	Moore Brown
Ramona	Wilnor Tennant
Baroness	Karen Webb
Baron	Winston Kerr
Major Domo	Neil Lynas
Queen	Therese Boomer
King	Jonathan Moore
Edna Bucket	Sarah Beattie
Fairy Godmother	Jacqueline Clarke
Margaret	Emily Pentland
Sheriff of Nottingham	Paul Bennington
Trainee Fairy Godmother	Colin Boyd
First/Second Villager	Amy Bennington
First/Second Villager	Christina Bennington
First/Second Villager	Simon Harris
First/Second Villager	Matthew Good
Ghost	Therese Boomer
Cinderella's Coach Operative	Andrew Bennington

Villagers, Courtiers and Children

John Bennington, Karen Bennington, Peter Bennington, Patrick Boomer, Andrew Brown, Charlotte Boyd, Anna Bruce, Ellen Bruce, Joshua Colquhoun, Rachel Connor, Emma Dickson, Lindsay Freeman, Matthew Good, Simon Harris, Mark McCurdy, Katherine McCurdy, Alex McAleenon, Curtis Moorehead, Travis Moorehead, Charlotte McGrath, Natalie Orr, Sarah Trimble, Caroline Webb, Rachael Williams, Victoria Williams

Backstage Team

Producers Paul Bennington, Colin Boyd

Stage Manager Eddy Kerr

Lighting Dermott McCurdy

Sound Kevin Sage

Costume Catherine Bennington, Emily Pentland

Costume Assistants Roberta Bennington, Joan Brown
Fiona Dickson, Nicola Brown

Spotlight Henry Brown, Peter Harrison

Choreography Emily Pentland

Special Effects Charlie Brown

Set Design Alan Marshall

Set Construction Mark McLarnon (Team Leader)
Colin Agar, Graham Boyce, John Clarke, Alistair Dickson
Phil Grimes, Matthew Grimes, Christine Williams

Set Painter Tristin Barry

Backstage/Front of House Team Colin Agar, Graham Boyce
Andrew Bennington, Sam Boyd, Andrew Brown
Charlie Brown, Jackie Brown, Sandra Brown, Timothy Brown
Barbara Carson, Tom Carson, John Clarke, Peter Cummings
Alistair Dickson, Phil Grimes, Matthew Grimes, Ross Hamill
Peter Harrison, Angela McCurdy, Mark McLarnon
Christine Williams, Joan Williams

Business Manager/Front of House Manager Henry Brown

Orchestra

Michael McCormick Keyboards
Kevin Sage Guitar/Keyboards
Des Sage Bass Guitar
Conor Sage Guitar
Phillip Hynds Drums



As always the producers are really funny, not short tempered and irritable.



Charlie pats his pet Irish Wolfhound during one of the dance routines.



Going through the 'loco-motions'.



All eyes on Emily except Natalie whose eyes are on the camera!



'Don't invade my space you pushy choreographer'.



Christina and Amy again mastering the art of 'underplaying'.

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the full cast





The entire company and some future talent who sneaked into the photograph.

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We couldn't keep these delicious recipes to ourselves, it just wouldn't be fair

Starter

Genesis Crafty honey & yogurt wheaten layered with fresh prawns, cherry tomatoes & mixed pepper salsa.

Ingredients:

Genesis Crafty honey & yogurt wheaten
Fresh prawns (6 per person)
Salsa: 8 cherry tomatoes, assorted peppers
juice of 1/2 a lime, salt & pepper

Cut your wheaten bread to the size you require, then butter three layers high, so don't cut too big. Dice all the ingredients (except the prawns) to 1/2 cm cubes and mix well together with your squeezed lime, salt and pepper. Starting with the salsa, place your ingredients on the base piece of wheaten and present your prawns on top. Repeat in layers to the height you require.

A delicious starter or a little treat in the evening.

Lunch

Genesis Crafty sunflower seed and apricot wheaten with fresh herb cream cheese, gourmet sliced ham with oven dried tomatoes.

Ingredients:

Genesis sunflower seed and apricot wheaten
Butter
Cream cheese with fresh herbs i.e. dill, chives
Thinly sliced good quality ham
Cherry tomatoes (oven dried the evening before) - simply slice in half, drizzle olive oil, season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with chopped fresh thyme and rosemary. Dry out over night in a cool oven about 110-120°C.

To assemble, take wheaten and butter well. Generously spread on your cream cheese, then take your thinly sliced ham, roll it and place on top. To finish, take your tomatoes and place on top of ham and sprinkle with black pepper.

A very tasty and satisfying lunch.

Dessert

Genesis Crafty raspberry and white chocolate scones with poached red fruits and white chocolate custard.

Ingredients:

Genesis raspberry and white chocolate scones
8 strawberries
200g blackberries
200g raspberries
50g sugar
1pt of homemade custard
100g of grated white chocolate

Butter your scones and place on a plate. Take all your chosen fruits, stew lightly in a little sugar and pour over your scone. Heat your custard, then add your grated white chocolate and whisk well and pour over the top.

A luxurious hot dessert which will delight your guests.



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cast biographies



Cinderella - Kathryn Torbet

This is Kathy's first performance with the Lambeg Players, though she has played the role of Cinderella twice before. (but never like this!). Born in Cardiff, she brings some of the Welsh national characteristics to the role (singing, not rugby or coal mining!). She has put so much effort into the show that she is currently "resting" from her other role as a teacher. Multi-talented, she combines motherhood with skiing and scuba diving.



Buttons - Ian Bennington

Ian began his association with amateur drama at school playing "Tom Sawyer", "Oliver", "Nicholas Nickleby" and the narrator in "Joseph". Since joining Lambeg in 1988 he has played a host of comedy characters in pantomimes and plays with the company and has produced three Sam Cree plays. This year he guested with Belfast Operatic as Edgar Beane in Titanic and will be in the Opera House again in their production of "Fiddler on the Roof". This year he has taken the liberty of writing additions to the script, so the funny jokes are his and those that fail were in the original script!



Prince Charming - Lisa McCormick

After a number of years (and 3 children) Lisa has returned to tread the boards with the Lambeg Players and has brought her family with her. She has starred in many previous pantomimes, often in "male" roles, so we once again have introduced an identity crisis into Lisa's life. She lists karaoke as one of her interests, so we can't wait for the post-panto party.



Dandini - Paula Brown

Paula has taken leading roles with the Lambeg Players, in both panto and play, in recent years. Notable parts have included Mrs J in "The Mating Season" and Freda Ferguson in "Stop it Nurse". Her professional skills as a stenographer with UTV and the Court Service have helped her with wordy lines. Paula is another member of the cast whose early performances were in Gang Show. She is actively involved in youth work with the Salvation Army.



Grizelda - Moore Brown

Moore, another Gang Show veteran, has featured in Lambeg pantos for many years and has taken on many roles ranging from dame to benevolent baron. This year he has been rescued from King Neptune's ocean deep and transformed into an Ugly Sister. He has also had parts in the plays with highly acclaimed performances as Harold, he of the weak bladder, in "Stop it Nurse" and as Uncle Fred in "The Mating Season". (We have to say he was good as he looks after our money and we do not want to lose the annual BBQ by his swimming pool!)



Major Domo - Neil Lynas

Neil made his debut with the Lambeg Players last year in "Robinson Crusoe" as he attempted to resurrect an acting career given birth during his school days at Portadown College. The new life continued with a role in "Strictly for the Birds" and this year's panto. His professional life in PR has been very helpful to the Players in this our anniversary year. He lists amongst his hobbies: singing (!), art collecting and dog walking.



Ramona - Wilnor Tennant

Wilnor made his debut with the Lambeg Players last year as tropical island king Chief Yum Tum and returns this time in the contrasting role of one of the Ugly Sisters. He has an extensive dramatic CV which he added to this summer as Stanley Monteith in Sam Cree's "Strictly

for the Birds". He has worked with many Christian drama groups both acting and directing and has taken productions all over Ireland and as far away as Kenya, Romania and Canada. He has taken part in several previous pantos with Arts Care and written a number of plays.



Baroness - Karen Webb

Karen made her debut with the Lambeg Players last year, successfully fulfilling one of her lifelong ambitions. Once again she has been given a formidable role as Cinderella's stepmother. She also featured as Lily in last summer's production of "Strictly for the Birds".

Karen is the co-owner of a puppet company – Kaz & Co – which has toured throughout Ireland performing in schools and youth organisations. Karen runs a creative arts group for children which last year performed a musical in Lagan Island Theatre, Lisburn. She has found it much harder to work with the adults of the Lambeg Players!



Queen - Therese Boomer

Therese's first venture with Lambeg Players came last year in an underwater role and was followed up with a part in the play, "Strictly for the Birds". Therese first cut her dramatic teeth in college drama. The producers are keeping their fingers crossed that no accidents befall

her again this year as they do not want a repeat "plastered" performance. In her spare time she is a supply teacher and mother of 3 boys.



Baron - Winston Kerr

This is Winston's fourth Panto with Lambeg. His previous roles have been the evil Jester Sneere in "Wee Willie Winkie", the Sheriff of Nottingham in "Babes in the Wood" and Man Friday in "Robinson Crusoe". He made his first appearance in a Lambeg play last year as Mervyn in

"The Mating Season". Previous dramatic activity has been with Salvation Army groups, usually under the direction of his sister-in-law Laura. Those of you who spotted his neat speedy footwork will be interested to know that these skills were learnt at Irish League side Distillery. Winston is also known in Lambeg Players as the "Greatest, Fastest Line Learner Ever".



King - Jonathan Moore

Jonathan is a veteran Lambeg Player, renowned for sourcing all the exotic props. He has also taken various roles in pantomimes and plays, including Lord Twit in "Wee Willie Winkie" and Robin in "The Mating Season". A chartered surveyor by profession, he has been long

regarded as the company's most eligible bachelor. (Ladies in the audience please take note!)



Edna Bucket - Sarah Beattie

Sarah has returned to the company to join our 50th birthday celebrations. She has featured previously in a number of pantomimes including "Beauty & the Beast", "Aladdin" and "Frankenstein meets Robin Hood". Play credits include "Second Honeymoon" and "Post Horn

Gallop". Outside of dramatic activities she is busy looking after two children, two dogs and one husband and working as a physio. (Hopefully we will not need her professional services during the run of the show!)

Cinderella



Fairy Godmother - Jacqueline Clarke

Jacqueline has finally succumbed and joined the rest of her family in the Lambeg Players. She hopes that this will not be a one-off performance, and that she may even be joined by her two sons in the years to come. She has extensive previous experience of the stage with a Salvation Army drama group ("The Communicators") and, before that, in the Gang Show. She will also be taking the leading role in the Ulster Community and Hospital Trust production of "Jack and the Beanstalk".



Margaret - Emily Pentland

Emily has featured in many of our productions over the years and after a break last year has returned to the cast of the pantomime. She has taken leading roles in some of our recent plays including "The Mating Season" and "Stop it Nurse". This year she has taken on the additional duties of choreography and costume.



Sheriff of Nottingham - Paul Bennington

Paul has been with the Lambeg Players for 30 years having first appeared in "Dick Whittington" in 1975, having cut his acting teeth in school plays and Gang Show. He has played various roles in pantomime ranging from the arch villain through comic robber to the dame. Paul has taken a leading role in many of Lambeg Players plays most recently as Herbie Glover in "Strictly for the Birds" produced by his brother Ian. Paul has been part of the panto production team since 1988.



Trainee Fairy Godmother - Colin Boyd

Colin has been with the Lambeg Players for over 30 years with many leading roles in both pantomime and plays. His early theatrical performances were on the stage of the Grand Opera House in the Belfast Gang Shows of the 70's and 80's and he has recently returned there in guest appearances with Belfast Operatic Company in "Kiss Kate", "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Titanic". He has also made guest appearances with Dunmurry Dramatic Society and Lisnagarvey Operatic Society. Colin's stage credits include Councillor Albert Parker in JB Priestley's "When we were married" and Benjamin Tapeworth in "Strike Happy" by Duncan Greenwood. Although he has often entertained us as the Dame, Colin's favourite panto role has been as "Fairy Liquid" in Babes in the Wood. He has been part of the panto production team, along with Laura and Paul, for over 10 years as well as producing many of Lambeg Players' plays.



Junior Chorus, back row L-R: Mark McCurdy, Alex McAleenon, Ellen Bruce, Lindsay Freeman, Patrick Boomer. Front row L-R: Emma Dickson, Charlotte Boyd, Natalie Orr, Travis Moorehead, John Bennington



Junior Chorus, back row L-R: Andrew Brown, Joshua Colquhoun, Charlotte McGrath, Simon Harris, Peter Bennington. Front row L-R: Karen Bennington, Caroline Webb, Curtis Moorehead, Katherine McCurdy.



Senior Chorus, back row L-R: Rachel Connor, Christina Bennington, Amy Bennington, Sarah Trimble. Front row L-R: Rachael Williams, Anna Bruce, Victoria Williams.



Set/Backstage Team, back row L-R: Mark McLarnon, John Clarke, Christine Williams, Ross Hamill, Sam Boyd. Front row L-R: Colin Agar, Phil Grimes, Alistair Dickson, Henry Brown.



Costume Team, L-R: Catherine Bennington, Fiona Dickson, Roberta Bennington, Joan Brown and little helpers Alexandra Dickson and Nicola Brown.

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Lambeg Players and charity

For many years Lambeg Players have worked with a variety of other groups to raise funds for charity. This symbiotic relationship has raised over £50,000 in recent years. Initially we started out helping local churches by performing plays and pantomimes in their church halls. More recently we have diversified to collaborate with other charities, some of whom are listed below. The Lambeg Players have occasionally adopted our own charity, donating directly to them. Most notably, two years ago we raised over £1200 for Scouting in Malawi and last year approximately £1500 each for both the Tsunami Appeal and famine in Africa.

Charities who have worked with the Lambeg Players...

Meningitis Research
CLIC Sargent Cancer Care for Children
Missionary work with children in Africa
Fullerton House PTA
Banbridge Lions
Cystic Fibrosis Trust
Hillsborough Primary School PTA
Pond Park Primary School PTA
Meadowbridge Primary School PTA
St Hilda's Parish Church Kilmakee Mothers Union
Salvation Army
Bannside Presbyterian Church Banbridge
Scouting in Malawi
Masonic Charities (including Masonic Widows)
Sunday School Charities

Charities being supported by this year's show

Tuesday	Fullerton House PTA Children in Zambia
Wednesday	Meadowbridge Primary School PTA Masonic Charities
Thursday	Cystic Fibrosis Trust (In association with Pond Park PS PTA)
Saturday Matinee	CLIC Sargent Cancer Care for Children

In line with our practice in previous years we will be having a collection for a topical charity after the Friday and Saturday evening performances.

50 years of the Lambeg Players

To mark our anniversary we held a special praise service in Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church in November. In March we conclude the celebrations with a formal dinner to which we will be inviting some of our former members. We will shortly start rehearsing the 2006 play - which we will perform in Lisburn, Portadown and Portrush.

Lambeg Players Office Bearers 2005 –2006

Chairman	Jackie Brown
Vice Chairman	Paul Bennington
Secretary	Eddie Kerr
Social Secretary	Catherine Bennington
Membership Secretary	Winston Kerr
Treasurer	Moore Brown
Business Manager	Henry Brown

Previous Productions

1974 - Robin Hood
1975 - Dick Whittington
1976 - Aladdin
1977 - Jack and the Beanstalk/Wedding Fever
1978 - My Favourite Family
1979 - Strictly for the Birds
1980 - Cupid Wore Skirts
1981 - The Feminine Touch
1982 - Stop It Nurse
1983 - Rhyme or Reason/Married Bliss
1984 - Second Honeymoon/Dry Rot
1985 - Simple Spymen
1986 - Babes in the Wood/Dry Rot
1987 - Wee Willie Winkie
1988 - Sinbad the Sailor
1989 - Jack and the Beanstalk/When We Were Married
1990 - Cinderella/Rhyme or Reason
1991 - How the Other Half Loves/My Favourite Family
1992 - Red Riding Hood/Tons of Money
1993 - Goldilocks and the Three Bears
1994 - Beauty and the Beast/Post Horn Gallop
1995 - Aladdin/Second Honeymoon
1996 - Dick Whittington
1997 - Mother Goose/Cupid Wore Skirts
1998 - Sleeping Beauty/Widows' Paradise
1999 - Robin Hood Meets Frankenstein/When We Were Married
2000 - Cinderella/Wedding Fever
2001 - Family Fever
2002 - Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves/Strike Happy
2003 - Wee Willie Winkie/Stop It Nurse
2004 - Babes in the Wood/The Mating Season
2005 - Robinson Crusoe/Strictly for the Birds

Cinderella

pantomime word search

R	E	G	N	I	M	R	A	H	C	E	C	N	I	R	P
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See if you can find the following words hidden in the square above:

Robinson	Dandini	Crusoe	Slipper
Cinderella	Grizelda	Baron	Pumpkin
Wee Willie Winkie	Aladdin	Lambeg	Xmas
Dick Whittington	Jack	The Babes	
Buttons	Beanstalk	Ramona	
Fifty Years	Sinbad	Prince Charming	