

## Welwyn Thaliens – A Short History

Formed in 1929 from a merger with two other amateur societies, the Barnstormers (drama) and the Operatic Society (music). The Old Welwyn Theatre in Parkway, later the Embassy Cinema, was the first venue. Most of the early shows were Gilbert and Sullivan productions. Dame Flora Robson, an early and active supporter, can still be remembered sweeping down the aisles. In those days ticket prices were 2/4d to 5/9d and a special London train, the 10.52 pm, was put on to take patrons back to the city. The society's first producer was A W Richardson and it wasn't long before musical shows and 'straight' plays poured out in succession while the reputation of the Thaliens grew. A large scale production of *St Joan* was reported favourably at length in the Daily Telegraph no less. Festival triumphs took the society as far as America, where the 'Lord Howard De Warden Cup' was won with *Not This Man* by Sidney Box. The Thaliens were also first at the Letchworth Festival. Before closing down for the duration in 1939 they presented the world premiere of *Castles in the Air* written for the society by Sidney Box and Montgomery Tully with music by May H Brahe. This South American romance starred Mildred Thompson in her debut as a dark haired senorita. After the war, in 1947, the Thaliens were back in business with *The Gondoliers* and continued filling the Welwyn Theatre until in 1962 when, after a successful opening performance of *Carousel*, a fire broke out and the stage was destroyed. The members pulled together and the remaining performances were completed at a local school. When the Hawthorne theatre opened the Society moved in and have been performing happily there with many a good production ever since.

## Performing is Fun

**Don't delay – Join today** We meet on Monday and Thursday evenings at the new Thaliens Hall directly opposite B&Q in Bridge Road East. For further details contact our wonderful membership secretary Gill Shaw Tel: 01707 334929



Welwyn Thaliens present

# Fun-Filled Family Pantomime

# Sleeping Beauty

By Ben Crocker

## 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm (Saturday Matinee 2.30pm)

Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/thaliens](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thaliens)  
Box Office Number: 0333 666 3366 (£1.50 telephone booking fee)

Tickets: £12.00 Adult and £9.00 Concession  
(Under 16's and Senior Citizens)

Venue: Thalian Hall, 64 – 68 Bridge Road East,  
Welwyn Garden City. AL7 1JU

Registered Charity No: 254707 Affiliated to NODA

## PATRON

Dr D Goss

## PRESIDENT

Mr P Dunham

## LIFE MEMBERS

Mr Malcolm Biggs	Mrs Menna Biggs	Mr Peter Dunham
Mrs Marjorie Coles	Mrs Angela Dunham	Mr Brian King MBE
Mrs Joan Watts	Mrs Vanessa Baker	Mrs Amanda Sayers

## VICE PRESIDENTS

Mr B. King MBE	Mrs J. F. Watts	Mrs E. Fox
Mr & Mrs C. Douglas	Mrs F. McLoughlin	Mr D. O'Sullivan
Mr & Mrs M. Burns	Mr & Mrs J. McGuinness	Mr D. Lockwood
Mr & Mrs E. Egan	Mr T. McLaggerty	Mr S. Mahoney
Mr M. Malney	Mr J. Girling	Mr G. McGrath
Mr C. Redican	Mr M. Oliphant	Mr & Mrs G. Kite
Mrs J. Kite		

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman:</b>	Vincent Clemmens
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Angela Dunham
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Angela Monaghan
<b>Secretary:</b>	Alison Downes
<b>Committee:</b>	Peter Dunham, Amanda Sayers, Tammy Wall, Tim Spink & Avril Robinson

**Membership Secretary:** Gillian Shaw

## Show Characters

Maureen Davies  
Simon Latter  
Louise Bateman  
Tim Spink  
Tammy Wall  
Barny Shergold  
Peter Sayers  
Ray Beckman  
Elle-Louise Berrie  
Brian King  
Vincent Clemmens  
Martin Lester  
Gillian Shaw  
Angela Monaghan

*Aunt Eller*  
*Curly McClain*  
*Laurey Williams*  
*Will Parker*  
*Ado Annie Carnes*  
*Ali Hackim*  
*Jud Fry*  
*Andrew Carnes*  
*Gertie Cummings*  
*Fred*  
*Ike Skidmore*  
*Slim*  
*Ellen*  
*Kate*

## Ensemble

Vikki Colins, Jane Thom, Lauren Ryan, Colleen Town, Jodie Mardlin, Adam Simmons, Vincent Clemmens, Tina Ravera, Chris Blyth, Peter Dunham & Avril Robinson

## Past Productions

2000	Oklahoma	2006	Annie Get Your Gun
2001	The Pajama Game	2007	South Pacific
2001	Guys and Dolls	2008	Hot Mikado
2002	Jack the Ripper	2009	Calamity Jane
2002	Anything Goes	2010	My Fair Lady
2003	Cabaret	2011	Half A Sixpence
2003	The Wizard Of Oz	2012	Fiddler on the Roof
2004	Call Me Madam	2013	Oliver
2004	Sweet Charity	2014	Little Shop of Horrors
2005	Pirates of Penzance	2015	Guys and Dolls
2005	Kiss Me Kate	2016	Oklahoma
2006	Little Shop of Horrors	2017	Sleeping Beauty

## Production

<b>Production Director</b> .....	Maureen Davies
<b>Production Assistant</b> .....	Avril Robinson
<b>Choreography</b> .....	Amanda Sayers, Alison Downes, Tammy Wall
<b>Musical Director</b> .....	Peter Farrell
<b>Stage Manager</b> .....	Vincent Clemmens
<b>Costumes</b> .....	Tammy Wall & Amanda Sayers
<b>Prompt</b> .....	Stephanie Dunn
<b>Properties Manager</b> .....	Vanessa Baker
<b>Properties Support</b> .....	Nick Baker
<b>Lighting Design</b> .....	Welwyn Thaliens
<b>Sound Operator</b> .....	Welwyn Thaliens

## Music

<b>Piano</b> .....	David Meek
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## Sleeping Beauty

### Act 1

Scene 1:	The Royal Palace
Scene 2:	The Palace Gardens
Scene 3:	The Palace Kitchen
Scene 4:	The Topmost Turret
Scene 5:	The Royal Palace

### Act 2

Scene 6:	Carabosse's Lair
Scene 7:	Between Here and There
Scene 8:	Dreamland
Scene 9:	Between Here and There Again
Scene 10:	A Village Near the Castle
Scene 11:	The Forest of Thorns
Scene 12:	The Royal Palace
Scene 13:	A Royal Singsong
Scene 14:	The Royal Wedding

## Sleeping Beauty – Synopsis

When a new princess is born to King Norbert and his wife Dottie, the entire kingdom rejoices. At a ceremony, three good fairies – Peaceful, Graceful and Beautiful bestow gifts of magic on the child. However, before Peaceful finishes her wish an evil sorceress named Carabosse shows up with her evil cat Spindleshanks and, because of a rude remark by one of the fairy's, she places a curse on the princess - that she will die before sunset on her 18th birthday after pricking her finger on a spinning wheel's spindle. Peaceful turns things around by completing her wish and casting a spell that will allow the princess - named Aurora - to awake from an ageless sleep of 100 years by a kiss from her true love. The King is angry and banishes all spinning wheels. All is well and Aurora meets a Prince, Prince Orlando, the son of a king whose own kingdom will soon merge with King Norbert's - and falls in love. Carabosse manages to kidnap the Prince and her horrible prophecy is fulfilled when she tricks Aurora into pricking her finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel and the Princess falls asleep for 100 years. The princess is brought to the castle and everyone is very upset to see her lying there. To help her on the sleeping journey fairy Peaceful puts the whole castle to sleep, and so they all rest for 100 years !!

One day a Prince finds the castle and finds Aurora. He kisses her on the cheek and she awakes together with everyone else.

There is much celebration that the Princess is awake and everyone is once again very happy. Carabosse and her cat spindleshanks are severely told off by the other fairy's and made to say the fairy vow. And so the tale ends with a final celebraton.

## Principals

### **Billy - Tim Spink**

Billy the Butler - always willing to help around the castle. Tim says the show is at its best when he's off stage !!lol

### **King Norbert – Peter Farrell**

Peter is normally found behind the piano however for this performance Peter has stuck the keys and swapped them for a Kings outfit

### **Dottie (DAME) – Peter Sayers**

Whatever you do, don't mention that he/she ?? looks fat!! Of course please do...as loud as you can !!

### **Kitty – Jodie Mardlin**

Kitty can't speak..she only Meows. So do help here and Meow back !!

### **Fairy Peaceful – Gillian Shaw**

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### **Fairy Graceful – ???**

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### **Fairy Beautiful – ???**

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### **Carabosse – Amanda Sayers**

The wicked fairy !! Please Boo as much as you can !! If you don't she may take you home and eat you !!

### **Tammy Wall – SpindleShanks**

A talking cat !! Whatever will we see next !!

### **Princess Aurora – Lauren Ryan**

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### **Prince Orlando – Alison Downes**

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### **Chorus**

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