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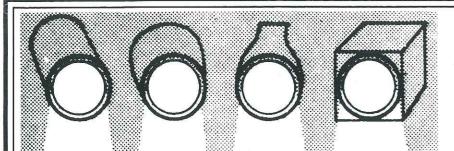
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Produced and Choreographed by John Cumberlidge

Musical Director - Chris Keen

John Cumberlidge - Producer & Choreographer

Johns professional career has spanned some fourteen years to date of which almost seven years has been spent on the 'Westend' Stage in Cabaret and Musicals such as 'Underneath the Arches' (Prince of Wales), 'Wizard of Oz' (RSC at the Barbican and Stratford) 'Talk of London' and 'Cockney Revues' and 'La Cage Aux Follies' (London Palladium) other theatre work includes Bobby Van Hussen in 'The Boyfriend', 'My Fair Lady' (Theatre Royal Plymouth), 'Abracadabra' (Windsor and Plynouth), also many Revues and Pantomine Seasons Work includes 'A Night of 100 Stars', 'Love Story', 'Halls of Fame' and the Olivier awards.

As well as stage work John is Co-Director in 'Casino Hire' the production company that has travelled 'La Cage Aux Follies' worldwide with productions in Frankfurt (Germany) Tuscan Arizona (USA) and all over the UK. The most recent production being the Grand theatre Wolverhampton which John Directed and Choreographed to huge critical acclaim. It is direct from that project that John has joined Newcastle AOS to produce and Choreograph 'Kismet', another challenge with many new found friends - making this a very special production at Hanley's Theatre Royal.

The Story of Kismet

Kismet takes place over a period of one day in Baghdad around the year 1100 AD. We are first of all transported to the steps of the Mosque just before dawn where we hear the Muezzins call the faithful to prayer. There are beggars on the street and a penniless public Poet trying to make a living from an unresponsive populace. The Poet's daughter, Marsinah is his assistant and he learns by accident that curses have more effect than charm. He also takes on the pitch of old Hajj who is off to Mecca and in that guise is abducted by Jawan the Brigand to answer for a curse placed on Jawan by Hajj many years ago. He is rewarded by 100 pieces of gold for promising to remove the curse.

The Poet has a slick tongue that in turn lands him in deep trouble and then talks him out of it.

In the Bazaar of the Caravans we learn that the Wazir has been granted a loan to get him out of his current financial trouble provided that he arranges for the Caliph to marry the three Princesses of Ababu. Meanwhile the Caliph, in disguise, sees Marsinah and falls immediately in love with her, he follows her to a garden where they arrange to meet later, she thinks he is a gardenner.

The Poet finds himself arrested by the Wazir's Police for possessing stolen goods, and is taken before the Wazir's court for sentence, where Lalume takes a fancy to his fanciful tongue, and she helps him convince the Wazir that he is a Wizard able to perform magic. In order to obtain his full services the Wazir promotes the Poet to the rank of Emir and offers him full free use of his extensive but little used Harem.

When the Caliph returns to the garden he just misses Marsinah and returns to the Palace to enlist the help of the Wazir to find her, something that couldn't be further from the Wazir's mind, in the meanwhile Lalume has offered Marsinah safety in the Wazir's Harem, somewhere he would never dream of looking, but while he is giving the Caliph a conducted tour trying to push the charms of the Ababus he comes across Marsinah by accident. The Caliph thinks that she must be one of the Wazir's wives, who says nothing to disallusion him and then proceeds to put the record straight retrospectively. The Caliph holds his reception in order to choose a wife and the Poet learns of the 'marriage' of his daughter to the Wazir, and in a complex double plot succeeds in bringing justice on the Wazir, reuniting the Caliph and Marsinah and to get a sentence that enables him to spend the rest of his days with Lalume.

Gesticulate

The Caliph's News

The Wedding Party

Fate - Finale, Act I



Chris Keen

Musical Director

Larraine Hunter
Assistant Musical Director

Our grateful thanks to all our Musical Team

Musical Contents

ACT I	ACT II
Overture and Sands of Time	Entr'acte
Rhymes Have I	Night of my Nights
Fate	Stranger in Paradise (Reprise)
The Hand of Fate	Baubles, Bangles and Beads (Reprise)
Fate (Reprise)	Night of my Nights (Reprise)
Bazaar of the Caravans	The Empty Litter and The Wazir's Spies
Entrance of Lalume	Was I Wazir?
Ababu Dance I	The Poets Meet
Not Since Nieveh	The Olive Tree
Not Since Nieveh - Dance	Rahadlakum
Exit after Nieveh and Stolen Oranges	And This Is My Beloved
Slave Merchant's Cry	The Caliph's Diwan
Baubles, Bangles and Beads	Zubbediya
Paradise Garden	Samahris' Dance
Stranger in Paradise	Ababu Dance II
The Poet and the Slave Girls	From The Rubaiyat
The Poet's Arrest	The Wazir is Dead
The Wazir's Palace	Finale, Act II
The Wazir's Council	



Cllr. Elsie Ashley, O.B.E., C.C. **President**



John Deakin Chairman

CHAIRMAN & PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Patrons,

Despite the traumas of the Summer here we are again at the Theatre Royal Hanley, our 15th production at the natural home of Theatre in North Stafordshire.

Our thanks go to all who answered our appeal during the week of THE MERRY WIDOW, this enabled us to pay off the more pressing debts and also repay people whose advance ticket money was frozen by the bank.

Subsequent to that Mr & Mrs David Powell, the City of Stoke-on-Trent AOS and ourselves successfully mounted a bid to purchase the Theatres removable assets which had been seized by the sheriff, this has enabled the newly formed Trust to arrange to purchase the property from the bank and a new management Company to be appointed to run the Theatre.

Mr Alan Barlow & his volunteer group "THE ROLLING ROYALS" have done a tremendous job on starting the refurbishment of the 'Old Lady', many of the benefits you can see around you as you read this. There is still much to be done but I am sure that we will continue and finish with a Theatre we can all be proud of.

We trust that the population of North Staffordshire now truly believes that the Potteries Own Theatre Royal is here to stay and will support the efforts of the Trust and Management Company in their efforts to bring to us the best of entertainment at the right price. Please help by ensuring that the FULL HOUSE notices are up on frequent occasion in the future.

Our 15th production here at the Royal is KISMET based on the melodies of Boradin and telling of the events over one day (Dawn to Midnight) in ancient Baghdad. We welcome into the company a newcomer, April Davies, who is playing Marsinah, the Poet's daughter, along with the welcome return of David Bryan, who plays the Poet. Virginia Bryan is playing the wife of wives to the Wazir, Lalume, whilst the Wazir is in the care of a welcome return of John Steele. Andrew Talbot completes a very strong principal cast by playing the young Caliph whose search for a wife brings all the chracters together.

We are sure that with this strong cast plus the excellent and inspired choreography and direction of John Cumberlidge together with Chris Keen's Musical direction you will be well pleased and entertained by this marvellous musical gem.

John M. Deakin (Chairman) Elsie Ashlev (President)



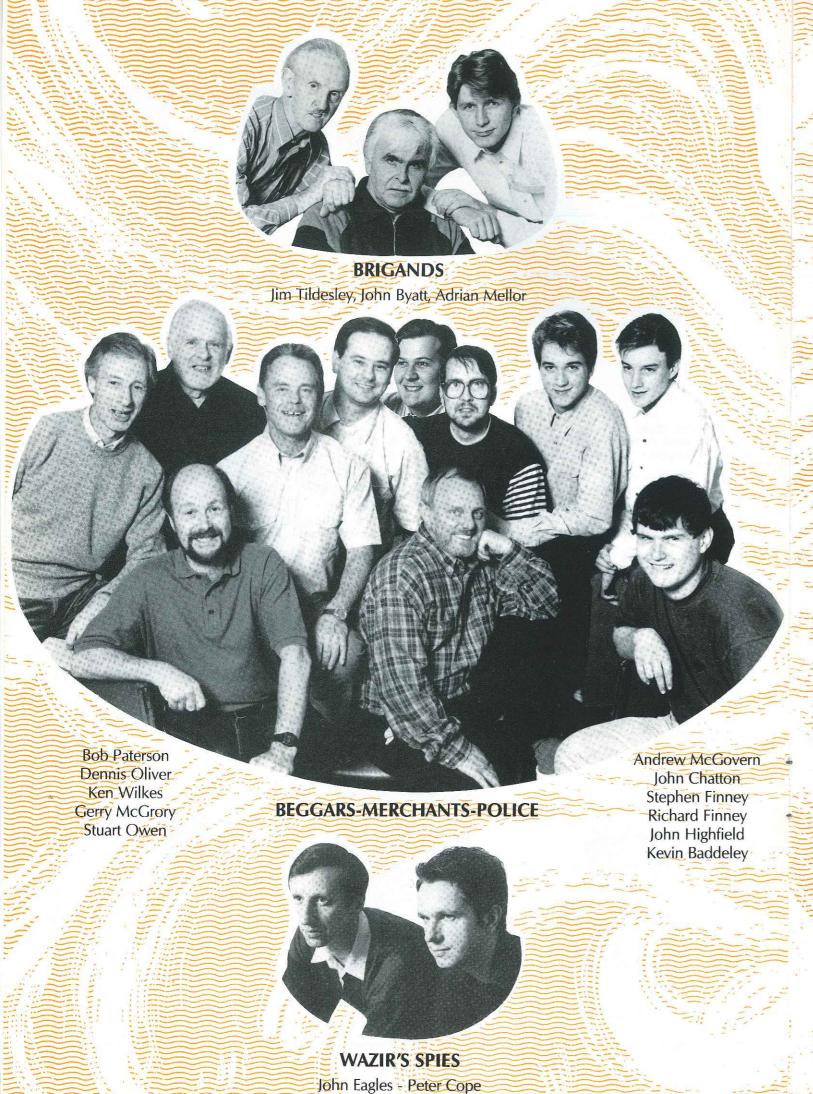
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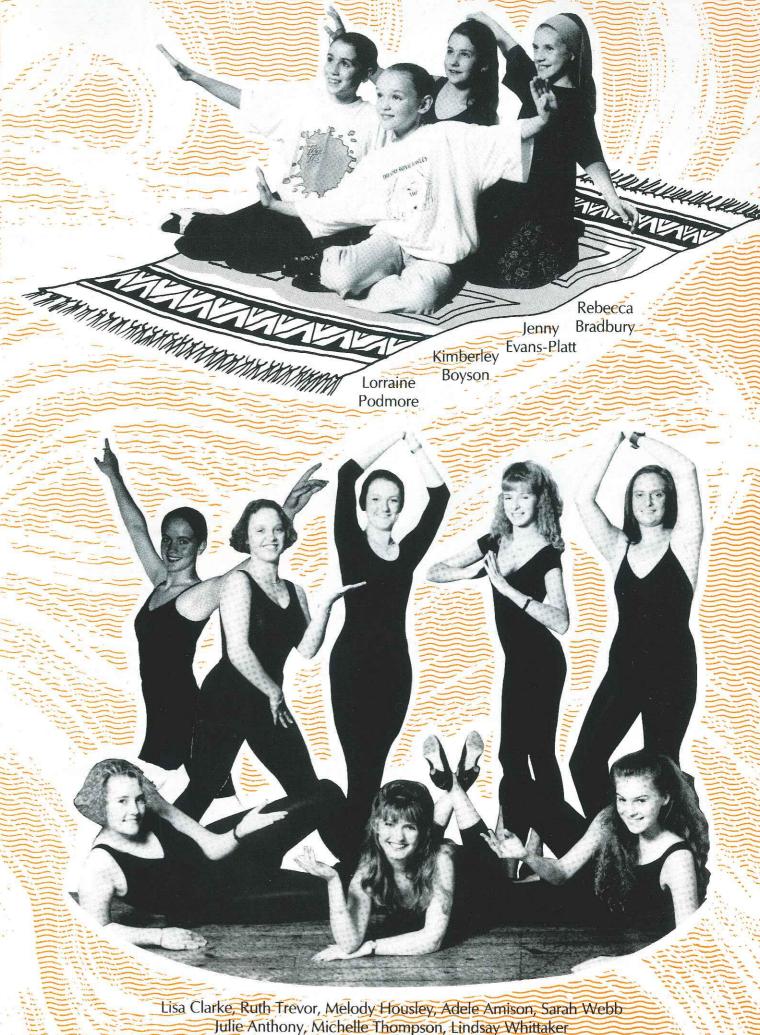


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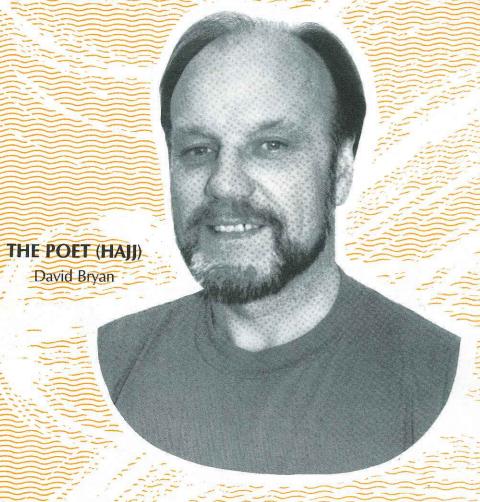


Heather Wilkinson Treasurer





CAST LIST



DANCERS

Michelle Monaghan, Lindsey Whittaker, Michelle Thompson, Ruth Trevor Sarah Webb, Karen Moores, Lisa Clarke, Barbara Brereton Adele Amison, Melody Housley, Julie Anthony

LADIES OF THE CHORUS

Katharine Blackburn, Margaret Smith, Irene Alexander, Liz Owen Susan Chatton, Kathy Legge, Tina Evans, Julie Bailey Cynthia Cheetham, Cath Tyrell, Janet Woods, Carole Bissell Claire Morrey, Julee Mountford, Maureen Davenport, Brenda Oliver Judith Dutton, Amanda Boson, Joyce Webb, Tamitha Huckfield Elizabeth Mayland, Yvonne Curry, Lily Tildesley

	Gerry McGrory
Muezzins	nh Steele, Andrew McGovern,
	Seven Finney, Andrew Talbot
	ohn Highfield, Richard Finney
Dervishes	Colin Greatbach, Mick Lockett
Omar Khayyam	George Robinson
The Poet (Hajj)	David Bryan
Marsinah	April Bridgwood
Fig Seller	Lily Tildesley Albert Whittaker
Brigands John Bya	att, Jim Tildesley, Stuart Owen
Jawan	lan Brereton
Bangle-Man	Gerry McGrory Steven Finney
	Carole Bissell, Liz Owen
	Julie Bailey, frene Alexander
	w McGovern, Richard Finney
Pearl Merchant	John Chatton
Chief Policeman	Keven Baddeley
	John Byatt
Wazir of Police	John Steele
Policemen	Jim Tildesley, Adrian Mellor
Lalume	Virginia Bryan
	Linsay Whittaker
	chelle Thompson, Lisa Clarke
	John Highfield
The Caliph	Andrew Talbot
	Amanda Bosson
Prosecutor	Stuart Owen
Zubbediya	Karen Moores
Marriage Arranger	Karen Moores Carole Bissell
Samahris	Michelle Monaghan
Marriage Arranger	
	John Eagles, Peter Cope
Ayah to Lalume	Tina Evans



MARSINAH - April Bridgwood



THE WAZIR - John Steel



LALUME - Virginia Bryan



THE CALIPH - Andrew Talbot

GENTLEMEN OF THE CHORUS

Jim Tildesley, Richard Finney, John Eagles, Peter Cope, Kevin Baddeley Steven Finney, John Byatt, Fred Johnson, Albert Whittaker, Kenneth Wilkes John Highfield, Dennis Oliver, Adrian Mellor, Stuart Owen, John Chatton Gerry McCory, Bob Paterson, Andrew McGovern

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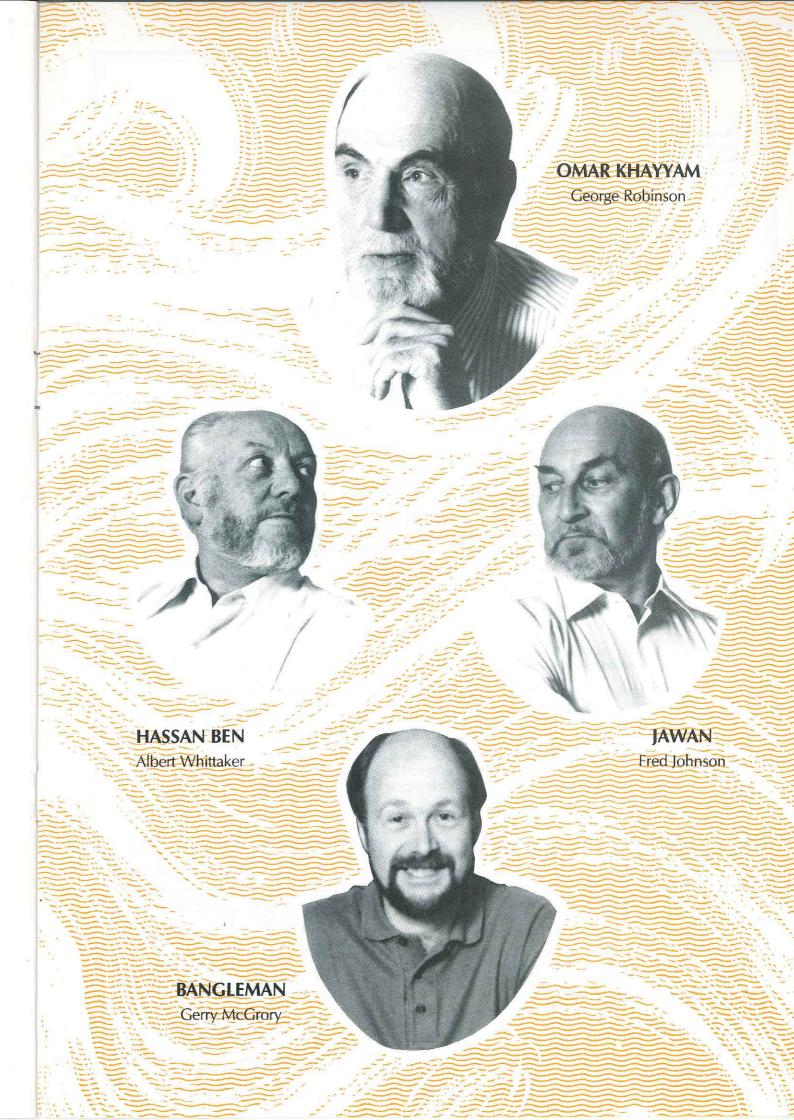
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Our thanks to the advertisers in this programme for their financial help and support with this production, and to Heather Wilkinson for her efforts in obtaining the support of advertisers.

Our thanks to the Gymnasts of the Staffordshire County Council Physical Education Centre,

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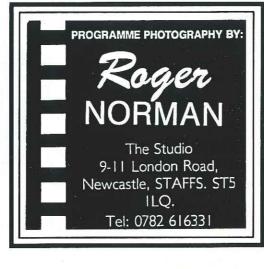
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