

LittleWOLF  
entertainment

Cold Feet & The Masked Singer's

**JOHN THOMSON**

as Abanazar

**KRISTIAN  
CUNNINGHAM**

as Aladdin

Best Dame Award Winner

**MORGAN  
BRIND**

as Widow Twankey

# Aladdin



**RELAXED  
PERFORMANCE  
PRE-SHOW INFORMATION**



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**Derby Arena  
Wed 28 Dec, 4:30pm**

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## Welcome to Aladdin at Derby Arena

We are so glad that you want to come and see Aladdin. This booklet will tell you a bit more about what to expect when you visit us. We hope that we have told you about most things here, but if there is anything else that you want to know, please phone us on 01332 255800 or email [boxoffice@derby.go.uk](mailto:boxoffice@derby.go.uk)

Relaxed performances are designed especially for visitors who would like a more relaxed performance space. This can be anyone who finds it hard to sit still for a long time! So, this show is perfect for families with young children and for children and adults who have disabilities such as autism or ADHD.

No-one will mind if you make a bit of noise, or if you need to get up and go out for a bit. The theatre doors will be shut but there will be some of the Front of House team who will let you in and out. There is a quiet area outside the auditorium where you can go before the show, and which will stay open during the performance in case you want to relax in there before going back into see the rest of the show. There will be a screen in this area which will show what is happening on the stage, so that you don't miss anything!

There will be some changes to the show so that there aren't too many bangs and flashes, and the lights will stay on low, so it doesn't go completely dark.

The important thing is that this is a show especially for you! Everyone at Derby LIVE wants you to have a wonderful time and not feel that you have to be quiet and still.

## The Venue - Derby Arena

Here is a picture of Derby Arena, where you will be watching Aladdin.



We suggest that you arrive early so that you have enough time to collect your tickets, have a look around and find your seat. We have made sure that the hand-dryers in the toilets are turned off and that there are paper towels in there to dry your hands with.

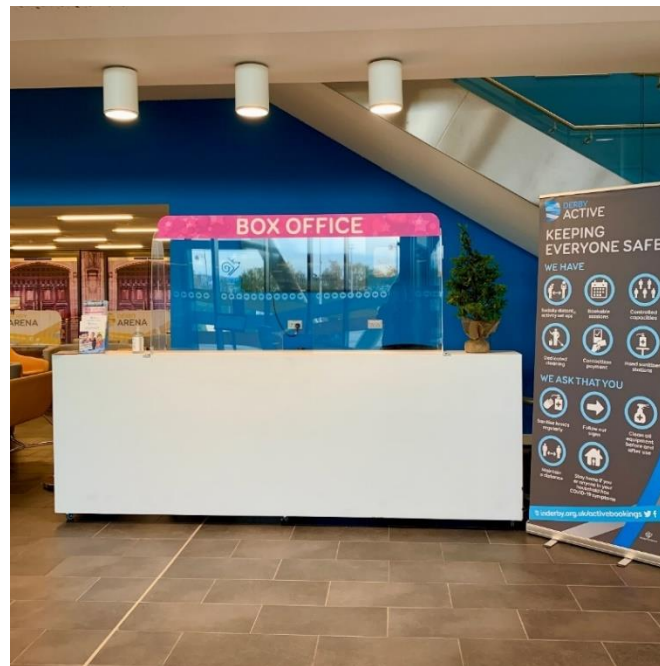
There is a car park at the back of the Arena. You can pay the steward £3 as you enter.



Be careful as you enter Derby Arena as the electronic doors move quite quickly and the inner doors will open towards you.

## The Box Office and Foyer

When you walk in the Derby Arena you will see the Box Office. Here is a picture of the Box Office



If you haven't already got your ticket for Aladdin, you will need to collect it from the Box Office team.

The building and especially the foyer will get very busy before the show. This is because people are waiting to go into the auditorium where the stage and seats are. If you find it too noisy and too busy, ask one of our Front of House team if you go into the auditorium early. If that isn't possible because they are still setting it up, then they will show you where the quiet area is, and you can sit there instead.



Whilst you are waiting to go in, you can get a toy from the quiet area. These are sensory toys that you can play with during the show and return afterwards. They can't be taken away.

### **The Café and chill out area**

Café 42 is located on the ground floor within the foyer. You will walk through it on your way to the inner foyer and auditorium. There are places to sit and wait for the show to start here. You will be able to get a snack or drink before the show.



There are plenty of toilets around Derby Arena. The main toilets are in the inner theatre foyer. There will be lots of Front of House staff around to help you find them.

In the Inner Foyer there are places to buy drinks and snacks before you go through to the auditorium. You will see the pantomime merchandise stand, which can be very bright. This is where we will sell pantomime merchandise such as flashing wands and spinners similar to this. There will also be an Information Point where you can borrow an infra-red hearing assistance unit, and you can also buy a programme if you want to.



If you want to sit somewhere quiet before, during or after the show then you can sit in the chill out area. The chill out area will be in the Clubroom, which will be quiet during the performance. There will be a television which shows what is happening on the stage, so you don't miss anything. If you need any assistance on the day, you can always visit our information point in the inner foyer.

## **The Auditorium**

The auditorium is where the audience will sit to watch Aladdin. There are two different levels in the auditorium. The ground level is floor seating, and the higher level is lower tier seating. Our wheelchair spaces are on the floor level with companion seats next to them.

You will have some time to find your seat before the show starts, there will be lots of Front of House staff around to help you. You can take in any electronic devices that you may need. You can also take drinks in if they are in paper or plastic cups.

When the show begins, the curtain will open sideways, and you will see the characters performing on the stage. The performance has two parts with an interval (break) of 20 minutes in the middle. There will be a UV flying carpet scene, where we will turn the house lights down and it will get dark. If you don't want to see this part, you can either wait in the foyer, or the quiet area, then return to your seat after this scene and the lights will have come back on. There also will be some water pistols in the performance. If you don't want to be in your seat for this part you can either go to foyer, or the quiet area, then return to your seat after this scene. Front of House staff can tell you when these parts are over.

You are welcome to get up out of your seat if you need to move around. You can leave the auditorium at any time and come back in when you are ready.

## **The Story**

This Christmas all your wishes shall be granted. Oh yes they will!

Aladdin wishes the Princess would notice him, Princess Amirah wishes she could lead a normal life, Aladdin's mother wishes she could remember what she came in here for...

And there's something very peculiar about that ancient clapped-out rusty thing. (The lamp... not his mother.)

Let us whisk you away this Christmas to the town of Shangri-La where Aladdin and his mother, Widow Twankey dream of a better life. However, lurking in the shadows the wicked sorcerer Abanazar has his heart set on world domination. It's down to Aladdin, with a bit of help from his faithful friend Marmaduke the monkey, to save the day. Join us for a globe-trotting and action-packed adventure where the caves are full of surprises and even the genies have been bottling things up for a bit.

With spectacular sets, breath-taking special effects, gorgeous costumes and mountains of mayhem, the team behind previous smash-hit Derby Arena Pantomimes return to grant all your festive wishes in this action-packed adventure for the whole family.

### **After the Show**

When the pantomime has finished you can leave the auditorium when you are ready. It will be busy as everyone will be leaving at the same time. There will be Front of House staff waiting at the exits to show you where to go and answer any of your questions.

### **The Cast**

This is **Morgan Brind**.



Morgan was Nurse Nancy Nightly last year. This year he will play Widow Twankey. Morgan is a boy but, in the show, pretends to be a girl.

This is **John Thompson**.



John is a television actor who has appeared in Cold Feet and the masked singer. John will play the baddie Abanazar.

This is **Kristian Cunningham** – He will play our hero Aladdin.



This is **Nicola Martinus-Smith**. She will play Princess Amirah.



This **David Djemal**. He will play The Sultan.



This is **Anna Soden**. She will play the Genie.



This is **Ben Tanner**. He will play Marmaduke, the monkey.

