

The Potty Professor's Christmas Miracle

**Relaxed performance
pre-show information**



Sun 13 Dec, 2:30pm
Guildhall Theatre

Welcome to The Potty Professor's Christmas Miracle at The Guildhall Theatre

We hope this information will help prepare you for your visit. If you have any further questions, please contact the **Derby LIVE Box Office** on **01332 255800** or email **boxoffice@derby.gov.uk**

Relaxed performances offer an enjoyable environment for everyone including young people and adults with disabilities.

The performances are adapted in various ways such as altered sound and lighting effects to make the show more accessible and during the performance there will never be a full black out in the auditorium.

There is also a quiet area next to the auditorium to make the show more accessible, this can be used if you want to leave the performance at any point, where you can relax before you are ready to return to the performance.

We encourage everyone to enjoy the show and express their appreciation with a relaxed attitude to noise and movement.

We want your trip to the theatre to be an enjoyable and pleasant one.

The Theatre

Here is a picture of **The Guildhall Theatre** where you will be watching **The Potty Professor's Christmas Miracle**.

We advise that you arrive early so that you have enough time to collect your ticket, go to the toilet and find your seat.



Parking

There are a number of **car parks** around the city centre, Those nearest to the Guildhall Theatre include Chapel Street, Parksafe on Bold Lane or Darwin Place.

Visit **[derby.gov.uk/parking](https://www.derby.gov.uk/parking)** to find out more about car parking in Derby, including charges, season tickets, blue badge holder parking and contact details.



Here is a picture of the Assembly Rooms car park.

The Box Office and Foyer

When you walk in the The Guildhall Theatre you will see the **Box Office**.

You can collect your pre paid tickets from here if they haven't already been posted out to you.

You can book your tickets online at **[derbylive.co.uk](https://www.derbylive.co.uk)**

There is seating in The Guildhall Theatre foyer where you can relax before the show.

The **foyer** will get busy before the show starts as everyone is waiting to go into the **auditorium**.

The Café and Chill Out Area

The **cafe** is located in the upper foyer of the theatre, accessible by a lift or stairs. You will be able to get a drink before the show starts.

If you want somewhere quiet to sit before, during or after the show, then you can sit in our **chill out area** in the **Bar**, next to the auditorium.

Toilets

There are **toilets** in the upper foyer at The Guildhall Theatre.

There will be lots of **Front of House staff** around to help you find them.

About the venue



The Guildhall Theatre is a Grade II listed building situated on the **Market Place**. It is a small and intimate venue.

It has raked seating for 182 **downstairs** and a small **balcony area** seating a further 60. The balcony is not accessible to wheelchair or disabled customers.

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 go up 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.

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

The Babbling Vagabonds return with the 2015 Guildhall Theatre Christmas show (that's the same people who brought you *Naughty Meg and the Christmas Elves* last year!)

Sally is dreading the Christmas holidays. She'd rather stay at her fancy-pants boarding school thanks very much. Instead she has to spend it with her oddball Uncle, a potty professor with a passion for all things Christmassy... and Sally hates Christmas!

Charmed by her Uncles' crackpot creations and his sense of fun, Sally discovers that life needn't be all 'work work work' and can be more 'fun fun fun'.

But when bossy Aunt Agatha turns up on Christmas Eve and threatens to ruin everything Sally snaps into action to save the day... and Christmas!

A magical tale of family, friendship and one potty professor's Christmas miracle.



Image of last years Guildhall Theatre Christmas show

After the show

When the show has finished you can leave the auditorium when you are ready. There will be Front of House staff waiting at the exits to show you where to go and answer any questions you may have.

The Cast

This is **Emma Bright** - she plays **Sally**

Emma's really excited about returning to Derby LIVE having played *Naughty Meg* with the Babbling Vagabonds last Christmas.



This is **Ria Ashcroft** - she plays **Aunt Agatha and other characters**

Ria has been performing physical theatre and circus for over 5 years.



This is **Vern Griffiths** - he plays **The Potty Professor and other characters**

Found in Wales amongst the shards of a broken mould, Vern Griffiths first found renown as the inventor of winking.

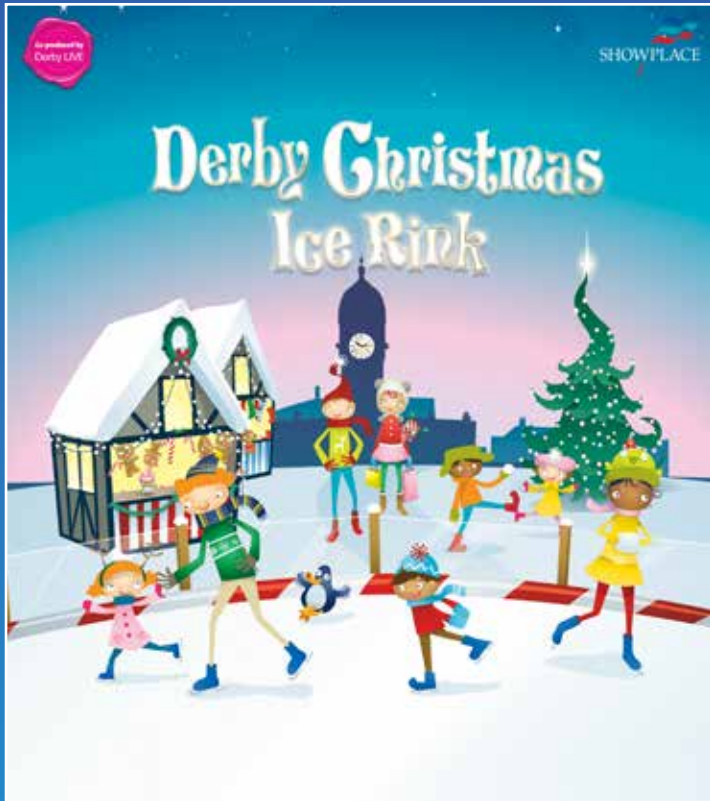


This is **Phil Coggins** - he plays **Miss Featherbottom/ Professor Featherbottom**

Phil is a founding member of Babbling Vagabonds and has performed in or directed all of our productions to date.



Christmas Sparkle at Derby LIVE



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Market Place

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Fri 27 Nov - Wed 23 Dec
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NATASHA HAMILTON
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Slave of the Ring

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MIKE 'SQUEAKY' McCLEAN
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