

THE WHIPS

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SANTA'S VIKING SAGA

A Traditional Family Pantomime

By Richard Lloyd

Directed by Jill Davis

12th - 15th and 20th - 22nd January 2005
8.00pm

Matinees on 15th & 22nd at 2.30pm

Opening Night in aid of
CHERRY TREES

Respite care for children with disabilities

BOX OFFICE: Wills & Smerdon 01483 284141

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Jill Davis
Producer	Fran King
Musical Director	Upcott Emma E
Percussion	Nick Harbel
Additional Lyrics	Sue Floyd
Choreography	Jan Pearce
Stage Manager	Brian Atcheson
Assistant Stage Manager	L. J
Set Design	Pete Davis
Rollo's Head	Norman Pearce
Sleigh	Brian Atcheson
Longboat	Phil Embery
Scenic Artists	Pete Davis, Peter Brazier, Sue Floyd, Jo Reto, Norman Pearce, Carol & Julia Wilson
Wardrobe	Jo Reto assisted by Jackie Walster
Props	Margaret Pearce
Lighting and Sound	Christopher Cathless
Follow Spot	Ben Barnes
Stage Crew	Gentlemen of the WHIPS
Make Up Design	Sue Floyd, Jo Reto
Prompt	Aileen Atcheson
Front of House	Jackie Walster
Catering	Fran King
Audience Box Office	Anthea Wright
Public Box Office	Courtesy of Wills & Smerdon
Publicity	Fran King
Programme & Poster Design	Sue Floyd

PANTOMIME AND SAGA



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Long centuries divide the epic Norse saga from traditional pantomime, but, surprisingly, the two genres share some similarities. Both are highly ritualized forms of folk entertainment in which time-honoured tales of derring-do, featuring a habitual cast of larger-than-life characters are performed. Pantomime and saga also share many common themes; a journey into uncharted territory, a struggle against overwhelming odds, unequal combat between hero and villain, and, of course, the capricious intervention of divine or magical powers.

Santa's Saga is an epic Norse saga set in a land of icy fjords and cold, grey seas, a tale of longships and trolls, Valkyries and Valhalla but expressed in the idiom of traditional pantomime, and through its well-worn cast of characters. Conversely, *Santa's Viking Saga* is pure pantomime, incorporating all the essential ingredients of the genre but with the added bonus of a new story set against the old backdrop of Norse myth. We hope you will enjoy this tale of good triumphing over evil.

CAST

In order of appearance

Snorri Snorrison, Bard	Charlie Crouther Smith
Filofax the Dwarf	Alex Cook
Smat the Smug, Viking Jarl	Norman Pearce
Rollo, Viking Giant	John Guthrie
Dame Dustpan	Torzy Thompson
Sandy	Jan Pearce
Carry	Sue Floyd
Mandy	Patricia Davis
Eric Big Axe	Steve Lewis
Thor Smallsword	Jack Griffith
Prince Soein	Jo Reto
Ratish	Claire Harris
Helga Forkbeard, Sorceress	Anthea Wright
Staka, a Valkyrie	Lucy Robertson
Santa	Peter Magyar

Viking Warriors and Snowflakes
Juxa Bailey, Karen Hemmer
Beatie Berry, Katy Firth, Fiona Robinson