

# CODSWALLOP!

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FAMILY

ARWEN, MAX  
& MATILDA

ALADDIN

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## CHAIR'S NOTES

Hello all!

The weather seems to have turned decidedly into that chilly variety meaning Autumn is here. Our musical is fast approaching and you can hear the clicks of the Addams Family cast and crew "Just Around The Corner". I have my own "Full Disclosure" having seen rehearsals, this is shaping up to be anything but "One Normal Night". The team have been working tirelessly and a special mention should go to all those who have been putting in the hours at Flishinghurst to ensure the set and props come to life. Grab your tickets soon, you wouldn't want to be "Trapped" at the back, and come and see this spooky spectacular and learn what it means "When You're An Addams"! Shows run from 31st October (yes Hallowe'en, it was so well planned!) to 2nd November, 7:30, with a 2:30 matinee on the 2nd, and a BSL interpreted performance on the 31st.



We are excited to confirm we have both a play and musical in line for next year, keep your eyes peeled for details to follow soon. Another reminder that the CODS pantomime will be back on stage soon, this year is Aladdin and we look forward to that magical carpet ride of family fun. We are looking for chaperones for this show due to the presence of our fabulous kids who make every panto truly special so if you are interested, please message [cods.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:cods.secretary@gmail.com) to find out more about what is required. The more chaperones we have available to us, the easier it is for us to offer opportunities to the next generation of young performers.

With the turning of the seasons, this normally means Flishinghurst is a sea of mud but thanks to the efforts of Dave, this has been reduced significantly! If you want to see for yourself, the get in for Addams will be on October 19th and we would love to have as many hands as possible at Flishinghurst and the Queens Hall to build set, create trees and stack a huge number of tombstones! The Queen's Hall renovations are also complete including a stage extension from CODS. This adds an extra metre at the front of the stage allowing the audience even closer to the action or the actors even closer to the pit! This has really completed the new image of our beloved theatre, after having its 3rd ever coat of paint, and new flooring and carpets throughout.

Thank you for reading and thank you for all each and every one of you do for this society. Hope to see you soon from the lighting box at Addams or with screwdrivers in hand at get in/out.

Little James

# CRANBROOK APPLE FAYRE



# ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society presents  
A musical for Halloween



## The Addams Family

**QUEEN'S HALL THEATRE, CRANBROOK**

**October 31 to November 2 - 7.30pm**

**BSL- 31 Oct & Saturday Matinee - 2.30pm**

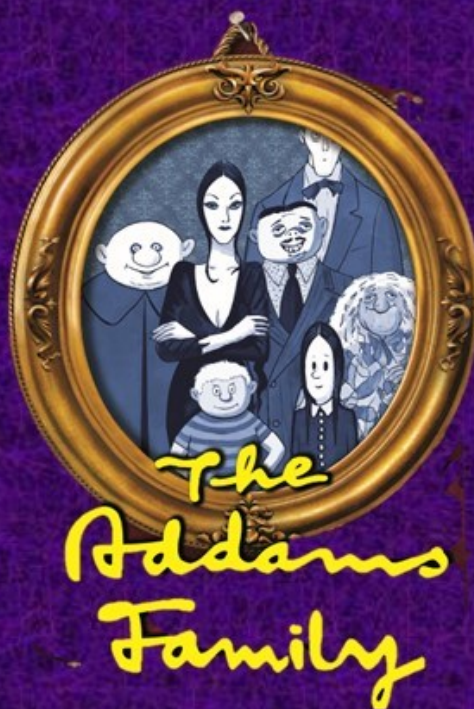
**Tickets £15/£10 – [ticketsource.co.uk/cods](http://ticketsource.co.uk/cods)**

**Sponsors: Peter Jones (Opticians) &  
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# ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL



## PRINCIPALS

GOMEZ	RICHARD GRAY
MORTICIA	LOUISE FRANKLIN
WEDNESDAY	FREYA MARDON
FESTER	STEVE BOWEN
PUGSLEY	IMI HOUSSART
	and
GRANDMA	HANNAH QUILL
LURCH	SHARON PICKLES
MAL	MATTHEW SIMS
ALICE	STEVE LENHAM
LUCAS	DEBBIE KATIS
	MAX CHESTERS

## ENSEMBLE

ADRIAN WILLIAMS  
B A J DOVER  
STUART SWIFT  
SARAH BRENNAN  
MARTHA WARNER  
HAYLEY JONES  
GABRIELLA ROMANO  
SARAH HUTCHINGS  
CAT HODSON  
REBECCA EVANS

## DANCERS

EMMA HINE  
JANINE ATKINS  
MAXIME BONETT

# ADDAMS FAMILY REHEARSALS



# ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

## ACTORS NEEDED FOR ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL FRONT OF HOUSE

As soon as the audience enters the theatre foyer for our Halloween musical, they will find themselves in a totally immersive experience.

There will be black drapery, cobwebs, bats and candles all around the bar area as well as the Addams Family mansion and portrait gallery. The whole foyer and bar area will be full of spooky and Addams style décor and characters, who will be manning the bar and selling the new style programmes as well as running the raffle.

In order to be able to organise this, I need to recruit the FOH personnel who will need to be dressed as Addams Family Ancestors in full costume and make-up. They will need to stay in character before the show and in the interval, and it might therefore be best if they could do more than one performance.

If there is anyone who I had to turn away from the auditions or anyone else who might like to get involved in this new venture, please get in touch as soon as possible, so that we can fit your costume and get you all involved in the show.

Welcome to the Addams Family!

Annie ([annie.hatch33@gmail.com](mailto:annie.hatch33@gmail.com)) xx





# CODS PANTO 2024 - ALADDIN

Get Ready for the Cranbrook Family Panto!

We know it might feel a little early to start mentioning the 'C' word, but trust us, we've got an absolute treat in store for you this festive season! The Cranbrook Family Pantomime is back, and it's bigger, bolder, and more magical than ever before. With a stunning cast, a fabulous crew, and a highly creative team behind it, this panto promises to be a full-throttle return to the stage.

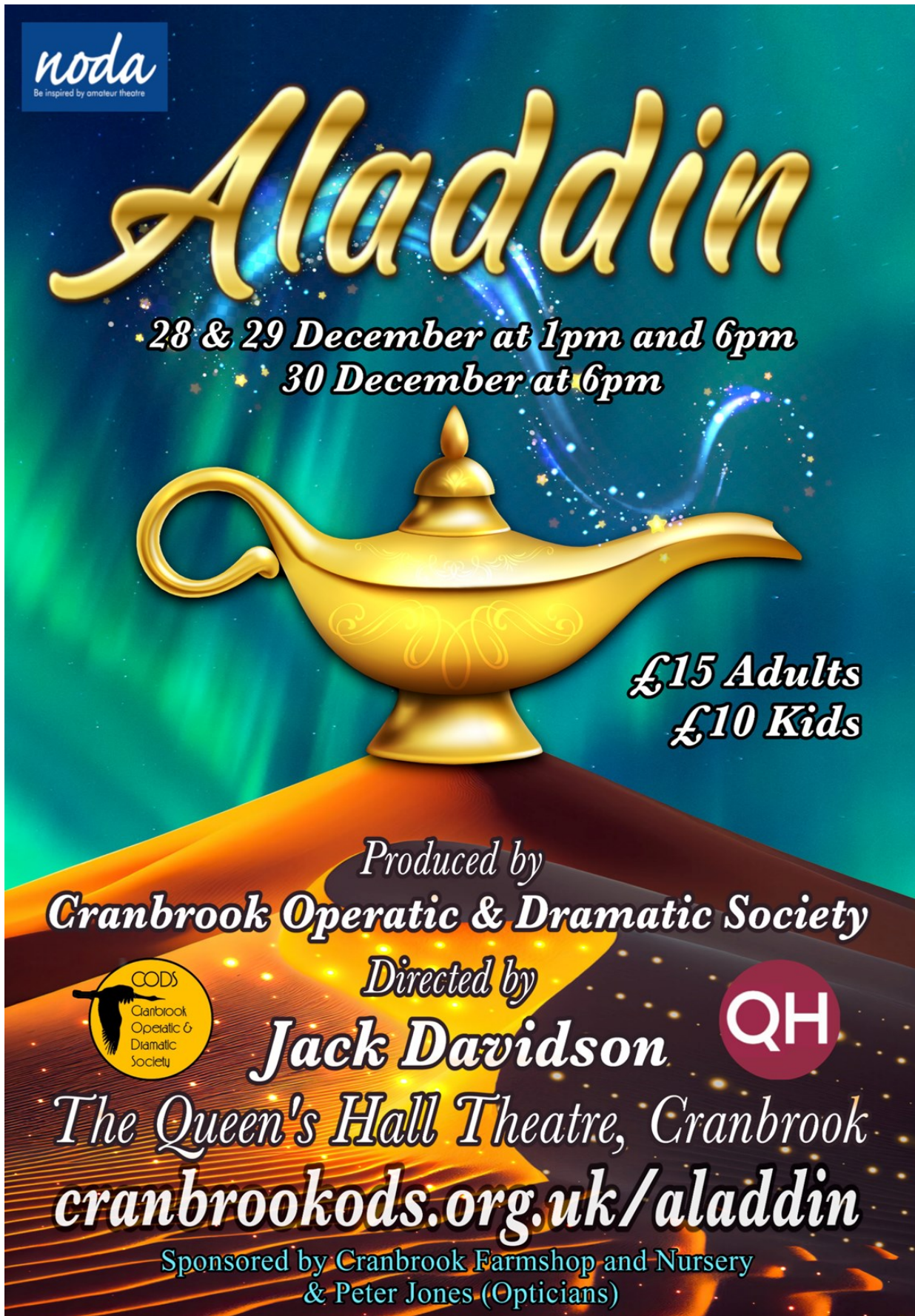
Pantomime is a treasured tradition in UK theatre, and we believe it's more important than ever to keep the magic of the Cranbrook Family Panto alive and thriving. This year, we need your support to make it the best one yet! Come and join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly pantomime that's bursting with classic panto jokes, fabulous songs, wonderful princesses, and of course, all the booing and hissing you could possibly hope for.

Our recent concept day was an incredible success! The cast and crew came together to outline our exciting vision for the show, and let us tell you—everyone is beyond excited to get started. The cast are already hard at work learning their lines, and the crew and creative team are busy working behind the scenes to bring this spectacular production to life. Rehearsals kick off right after *The Addams Family*, so it's all systems go from here!

We can't wait to share this magical experience with you, so don't wait—buy your tickets now and get ready for a panto like no other!

Best wishes, Jack Davidson

# CODS PANTO 2024 - ALADDIN



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# Aladdin

**28 & 29 December at 1pm and 6pm**  
**30 December at 6pm**

**£15 Adults**  
**£10 Kids**

Produced by  
**Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society**

Directed by  
**Jack Davidson**

**The Queen's Hall Theatre, Cranbrook**  
**[cranbrookods.org.uk/aladdin](http://cranbrookods.org.uk/aladdin)**

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## ARWEN, MATILDA (TILLY) AND MAX

In this photo you will see three excited young children who met through CODS on the Queens Hall Theatre stage in a variety of productions.



What is particularly wonderful is that these three talented friends are all actively pursuing careers in the Arts having been members of CODS as children. Arwen is in her third year studying the harp at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama (last seen at CODS dressed as a harp playing squirrel in *Wind in the Willows*); Matilda is in her final year at Trinity Laban Conservatoire; and Max is an actor and professional puppeteer. Arwen and Matilda also both sing in the highly esteemed London Youth Choir.

The three friends were recently reunited at a recital at Ruckinge church in September where Arwen played the pedal harp, and Matilda sang accompanied by Mark Bromley on the piano. They were enthusiastically supported by Max and a lovely group of CODS supporters and raised over £1,200 for Ruckinge Church.

Thank you to everyone who supported Arwen and Matilda.

## ARWEN, MATILDA (TILLY) AND MAX



CODS has provided our family with amazing opportunities, and we have made lifelong friends through the society over the past 30 years. It would be lovely to hear of other stories of how being a CODS member has benefited other CODS members and their families.

Alison Withey-Harrison



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## ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

**Tickets are selling FAST!**

**Please come along and support all the hard  
work from your Addams cast and crew**

**31st October to 2nd November**



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