

## Past Productions

1972	The Bells of Bruges	I'll Get My Man
1973	The Wizard of Oz	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
1974	Listen to the Wind	The Big Band Show
1975	A Christmas Carol	The Wizard of Oz
1976	Topsy Turvey Castle	Captain and his Floating Zoo
		Listen to the Wind
1977	The Love Birds	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
1978	Animal Capers	Babes in Arms
1979	West Side Story	
1980	The Best of Protea	
1981	Peter Pan	
1982	Alice in Wonderland	
	Carols Come to Life	
1883	Protea Playtime '83	A Christmas Carol
1984	Half a Sixpence	The Wizard of Oz
1985	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	Mini Pops
1986	CanCan	Tales of Beatrix Potter
1987	Bugsy Malone	Prism
1988	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Finians Rainbow
1989	The Jungle Book	Bye Bye Blue Jeans
1990	Brigadoon	Pinocchio
1991	Dracula Spectacula	Mary Poppins
1992	Rockafella	Water Babies
1993	Annie Get Your Gun	Peter Pan
1994	A Funny Thing Happened On the way to the Forum	Three and a Half Musketeers
1995	West Side Story	
1996	Joseph and the Amazing Tehnicolor Dreamcoat	
1997	Leader of the Pack	Robin Hood
1998	Pinocchio	Sweeney Todd
1999	Cindy Ella	
2000	Mary Poppins	
2001	Godspell	
2002	West Side Story	Comedy Tonight

## Protea Stage Productions

Presents **THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE**



A Children's Fantasy  
by Enid Blyton



# Small Town Hall, Benoni

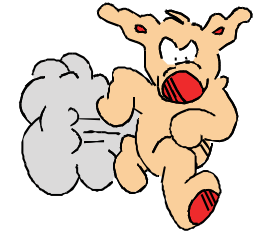
**19 - 26 October, 2002**



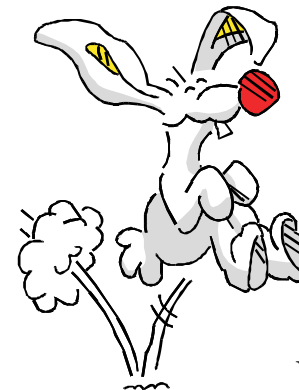
**Directed by**

***Kirsten Passmoor***

**Musical Direction**  
*Claire Wilson*



**Choreography**  
*Cherene Knop*



**Piano**

*Yolande Gevers / Andrew Kemp*



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## Message from the Chairman

To celebrate our 30 years as an amateur theatre society, we decided to put on two shows this October season. "Comedy Tonight" and "The Magic Faraway Tree". (We are also staging a "Once Only" performance of our revue "Be Our Guest" that we did in conjunction with Stage Door in Springs during August this year.)

We are a non-profit society with our main aim to introduce the "youth" of the East Rand to the theatre. Our shows are totally open, restricted only by age. We have been fortunate to attract a multi-racial cast for our last few shows. We classify our shows as "Junior", with a cast mainly between the ages of 7 years to mid-teens, and "Senior", with a cast mainly between mid-teens and mid-twenties. The Magic Faraway Tree is a junior production. The director is an "old" Protea actress and it's her first time venture into directing. Our committee and production team are mainly in their mid-twenties or younger with only a few "oldies" providing continuity.

We started life in Benoni during the sixties as a choral society and progressed into a youth theatrical group with "The Bells of Bruges" in 1972. By 1975 Protea was producing two "senior" shows a year. During 1979 the "junior" section was formed with their first show "Captain and His Floating Zoo". We continue with this successful format to this day with our repertoire showing the distinction between the two groups with Can-Can and West Side Story on the one hand and Mary Poppins and Peter Pan on the other.

We are also pleased that many of our players have gone on to make it professionally or semi-professionally both locally and overseas.

So sit back and enjoy our show.

*Bob Stone*

... It's always a pleasure!

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## Credits

<b>Set Construction</b>	<i>Bob Stone, Gerry Lane, Barry Neuwerth, Des Price</i>
<b>Backdrop</b>	<i>Des Price</i>
<b>Painting</b>	<i>Des Price, Bob Stone, Kirsten Passmoor, Cherene Knop</i>
<b>Costumes</b>	<i>Alisoun Passmoor</i>
<b>Front of House</b>	<i>Bob Stone, Carolyn Havenga</i>
<b>Lighting Design</b>	<i>Graham Beneke</i>
<b>Sound Equipment</b>	<i>Robin Clare-Talbot, Startime Players</i>
<b>Rehearsal Venue</b>	<i>Tom Newby School</i>
<b>Transport</b>	<i>Eric Ladbrooke</i>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<i>Lea-Anne Neuwerth</i>
<b>Tickets, Posters</b>	<i>Barry Neuwerth</i>
<b>Ticket Sales</b>	<i>Kirsten Passmoor, Jane Stone</i>
<b>Programme</b>	<i>Barry Neuwerth</i>
<b>Show Secretary</b>	<i>Jane Stone</i>
<b>Stage Manager</b>	<i>Bob Stone</i>
<b>Continuity</b>	<i>Donna Officer, Cheryl Burton, Mel Howard, Helen Buhler</i>
<b>Prompt</b>	<i>Claire Wilson</i>
<b>Props</b>	<i>Donovan Arentsen</i>
<b>Makeup</b>	<i>'Moms'</i>
<b>Lighting Operator</b>	<i>Grant Muhl</i>
<b>Cast Teas</b>	<i>Carolyn Havenga, 'Moms'</i>
<b>Audience Teas</b>	<i>Carolyn Havenga, 'Moms'</i>
<b>Beverages</b>	<i>Liz Neuwerth, Barry Neuwerth</i>
<b>Sweets</b>	<i>'Moms'</i>

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"Be our Guest" on 23rd October 2002

## Message from the Director

These last two and a half months have been, for me, ones of great enjoyment as well as occasional frustration. Yet the kids and I have come through the highs and lows together and I am very proud of them all.

They are my "Faraway" children. Well done to you all for working so hard to put on a "magic" show.

Would I do it again?

Definitely Not!!

Well maybe!

Alright, come talk to me again next year.

## Kirsten



The Children in Moonface's house

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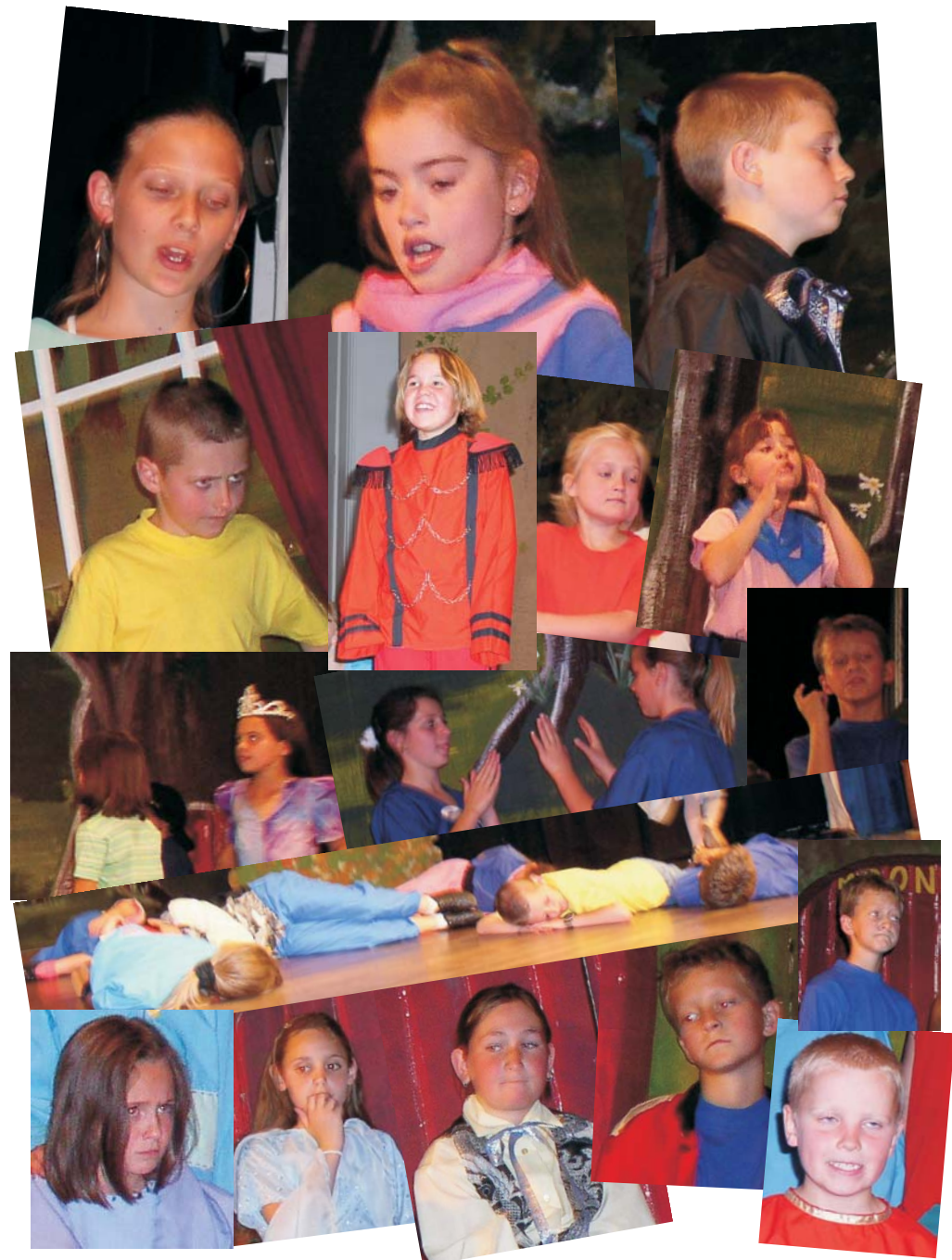
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Melissa Parson, Bruce Reid, Claire Officer, Annabel Roberts, Samantha Jones

**Left to Right**  
Kneeling/Sitting: Top to Bottom  
Heather Muhl, Diane Ladbrooke,, Chandra Buhler, Vanya Norjé  
Michaela van Rensburg, Nikita Todd, Kayleigh Buhler, Ashley Howard

# CAST

**Narrator** - Nikita Todd

**Joe** - Nathan Thomas

**Tammy** - Chandra Buhler

**Moonface** - Samantha Jones

**Saucepan Man** - Heather Muhl

**Dame Washalot** - Vanye Nortjé

**Rick** - Jordan Howard

**Bessie** - Kayliegh Buhler

**Silky** - Shana Burton

**Mr. Whatzisname** - Gordon Reid

**Angry Pixie** - Eleanor Ladbroke

**Pixies** - Adrienne Muhl, Ashley Howard, Bruce Reid,  
Chantelle Pretorious, Jodie Ireland, Laverne Pretorious,  
Melissa Parson

**Fairies** - Annabel Roberts, Candace Rossouw, Claire  
Officer, Diane Ladbroke, Michaela van Rensburg,



## The Pixies

Adriene, Chantelle, Melissa, Jodie, Laverne  
*Kneeling* - Ashley, Bruce

# THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE

## Act I

1. Rick's Arrival
2. In the Tree
3. Land of Dreams
4. Land of Spells
5. Land of Toys
6. Land of Goodies

## INTERVAL

## Act II

1. Land of Magical Medicine
2. Land of Tempers
3. Land of Christmas



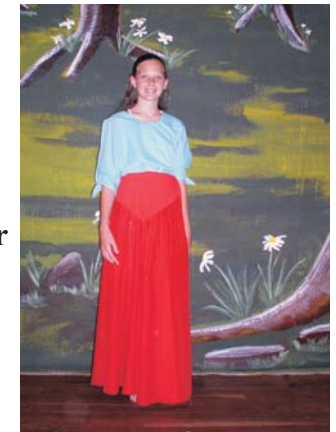
## The Children

Jordan, Nathan, Chandra, Kayleigh



## The Fairies

Claire,  
Diane, Michela,  
Annabel, Candace



## The Narrator

Nikita



## The Folk of the Faraway Tree

Gordon, Vanya, Samantha, Shara  
*Kneeling* - Eleanor, Heather