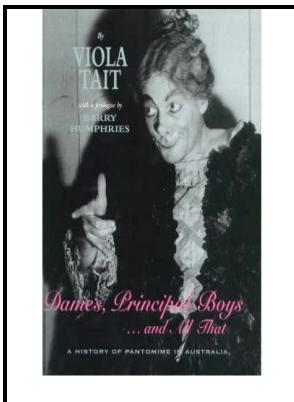


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### Pantomime Scripts

Her mother, Harriet Seaman was a dancer billed as Harriet Saunders prior to her marriage in 1873 to Charles Reeves. The cast for Babes in the Wood included Bert Gilbert as the wicked uncle, Baron Bounder, with Alice Leamar as Maid Marion and George De Lara as Dame Tabitha Durden. Did you know that until 1843 not all theatres could stage productions using words? So perhaps the future casting possibilities for women are not quite as bleak as they once were.

### Theatre Heritage Australia

In Cinderella this part was played by Arthur Stigant. Whether a lavish professional performance or a hammy local amateur dramatic production, all pantomimes are well attended.

### Theatre Heritage Australia

So how did this curious British institution come about? At that time the little country was defending itself grimly against Germany.

### Dick Whittington: 10 Things You Didn't Know About Panto!

It is a working database that includes information compiled over the life of the museum. What emerged was a lovelorn older woman, facing adversity with a kind of desperate fun.

### About Pantomime

The first ever Christmas show on the Cambridge Arts Theatre stage was a production of Alice Through the Looking Glass in 1936, followed by Treasure Island in 1937. As a bonus she was also a talented singer and dancer. The Clown is changing out of all recognition.

## **A brief history of the pantomime**

Playbill of an English circus and pantomime performance, 1803. In the original pantomimes, what were breeches roles? From Italian import to quirky British institution. The Chorus and the Juveniles The element of song and dance in Pantomime is extremely important.

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