

Ali Baba

Written and Directed by Jo Smith



16th, 17th & 23rd, 24th

January 2015

In Headley Village Hall

**Evening Performances at 8.00 pm,
Saturday Afternoon Matinees at 2.30 pm**

Programme

Welcome — Princess Scheherazade tells the last of her Arabian Night's tales to avoid execution! Will she succeed or not? Well, since this is pantomime, and we don't want a mess on the floor, I imagine you may know the answer already ...!

Her story is of a poor carpenter called **Ali Baba** who stumbles upon a cave full of riches out in the Arabian desert. But the hoard is that of the most dastardly gang of thieves in the East, who will stop at nothing to keep to themselves the secret of their illicit earnings.

And all might be well if it wasn't for Ali's stoopid brother Cassim – well, you know what brothers can be like, don't you? And this one is just like that. Always getting in the way and trying it on.

Mind you, the women were just as bad ...

But I'll be telling you the whole story before you've seen it if I'm not careful. You know it already? You may *think* you do, but ... sit back, relax — and let us entertain you. ***(Oh, and by the way, what's the magic word?)***

WARNING: This show contains scenes of explicit stupidity.



Cast List

Schahriah, <i>The Sultan</i>	Rod Sharp
Scheherazade, <i>The Sultan's young wife</i>	Karina Farnlucher
Executioner Of the Sultan's guard	Shirley Neil
Captain	Nick Web
Ali Baba, <i>A poor carpenter</i>	Martin Wellen
Barbara Baba, <i>Ali's wife</i>	Penny McKay
Ben Baba, <i>Ali's son</i>	Thomas Edser
Cassim Baba, <i>A rich oil merchant, Ali's elder brother</i>	Jonathan Neil
Fatima Baba, <i>Cassim's wife</i>	Tina Wareham
Rhum Baba, <i>Cassim's daughter</i>	Hugo Millard
Morgiana, <i>Slave-girl to Cassim</i>	Rachel Spiller
Delilah, <i>Ali's donkey</i>	Ellie Bradford/ Mavis Standing
Rashah-al-Gammon, <i>Robber Chief</i>	Nigel Owens
Isim <i>One of 40 thieves</i>	Thomas Hiller
Getim <i>Another of 40 thieves</i>	Zya White
Gotim <i>Another of 40 thieves</i>	Jess Shaw
Hadim <i>Another of 40 thieves</i>	Katherine Wellen
Wasim <i>Another of 40 thieves</i>	Abby Hibberd
Thirty-four <i>Another of 40 thieves</i>	Rebecca Jones
Chorus of Townspeople,.....	Wendy Downs, Maggie Farnlucher Dil Williamson-Smith, Jill Turner, Nick Webb, Mel White
Rock Creatures/Junior Chorus.....	Emma Worman, Tiggs Nicholson , Holly ??????, Tiana Howard, Annaliese Farnlucher, Izzy Lockley, Poppy Morris, Lola Howard, Victoria Kendall

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Act I

Prologue – Scheherazade & the Sultan

- Scene 1 A Street in the Town
- Scene 2 In the Robbers' Camp
- Scene 3 Outside the Cave
- Scene 4 Inside the Cave
- Scene 5 Scheherazade & the Sultan
- Scene 6 In Ali's House
- Scene 7 In the Robbers' Camp
- Scene 8 Outside the Cave
- Scene 9 Inside the Cave

INTERVAL

of 15 minutes or so

Meadow Farm Ice Creams & Tea & Coffee Available

Act II

The Interlogue – Scheherazade & the Sultan

- Scene 1 In Ali's House
- Scene 2 In the Robbers' Camp
- Scene 3 A Street in the Town
- Scene 4 Scheherazade & the Sultan
- Scene 5 The Sultan's Palace

Sing along with the Community Song in Act II Scene 4:

***Take one fresh and tender kiss,
Add one stolen night of bliss,
One girl, one boy,
Some grief, some joy,
Memories are made of this.***

Songs & Dances

<i>'Old Bazaar in Cairo'</i>	Chorus
<i>'No two people have ever been so in love'</i>	Ben and Morgiana
<i>'Money can't buy you love'</i>	Ali, Ben and Chorus
<i>'A four legged friend'</i>	Ali, Ben and Delilah
<i>'The night has a thousand eyes'</i>	Rock Creatures (<i>dance</i>)
<i>'Strangers in Paradise'</i>	Scheherazade
<i>'When you've got friends and neighbours'</i>	Chorus
<i>'In a cavern in a canyon'</i>	Ali, Barbara and Cassim

Join in with the chorus:

**Oh my goodness, oh my goodness, oh my goodness, what a line,
There's a fortune all around you when you step into that mine.**

<i>'Polovtsian Dances'</i>	Rock Creatures (<i>dance</i>)
<i>'Sing as we go'</i>	Thieves and Cassim
<i>'We're in a nice bit of trouble, we confess'</i>	Ali, Barbara, Ben, Fatima, Rhum Baba

*** INTERVAL ***

<i>'Sheik of Araby'</i>	Ali and Chorus
<i>'Diamonds are a girl's best friend'</i>	Ali, Barbara, Fatima, Rhum Baba
<i>'Together'</i>	Ben and Morgiana
<i>'Fall in and follow me'</i>	Thieves
<i>'Little brown jug'</i>	Dance of the Jars
<i>'Over my shoulder goes one care'</i>	Ali, Barbara, Ben and Morgiana
<i>'Memories are made of this'</i>	Sultan, Scheherazade and Executioner

Production Crew

Director **Jo Smith**
Assistant Director **Dil Williamson-Smith**
Stage Manager **Paul Heath**
Stage Crew **Paul Wareham,
Tony Wareham,**
Props **Janet Hardinge,
Pru Harrold**
Musical Director **Jo Levy,**
Instrumentalists **Jo Smith, Zak White**
Junior Rehearsals **Dil Williamson-Smith,
Tina Wareham**
Costumes **Dil Williamson-Smith**
Set Building **Stage Crew and Members
of the Club**
Scenery Painting **Cavan and Loretta Syrad**
Lights and Sound **Neil Hardinge**
Front of House **Shirley Wellen, Sheila
Wareham, John and Kay
McGregor, Shona Sharkey,
Ollie West**
Ticket Sales and Publicity **Janet Hardinge and
Tina Wareham**
Make-up **Bethany ???**

Past Pantomimes performed by Headley Theatre Club

1953	Robinson Crusoe	1986	Dick Whittington
1954	Ali Baba	1987	Aladdin
1955	Goody Two Shoes	1988	Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs
1956	Sleeping Beauty	1989	Puss in Boots
1957	Pantomime (title unknown)	1990	Cinderella
1958	The Rose and the Ring	1991	Robin Hood
1959-63	<i>Records lost</i>	1992	Jack and the Beanstalk
1964	Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe	1993	Sleeping Beauty
1965	Little Red Riding Hood	1994	Pinocchio
1966	Jack and the Beanstalk	1995	Humpty Dumpty
1967	Cinderella	1996	Sinbad the Sailor
1968	Charlie's Aunt	1997	Nutcracker
1969	Albert Laddin	1998	Dick Whittington
1970	Toad of Toad Hall	1999	Sleeping Beauty
1971	Robinson Crusoe	2000	Aladdin
1972	Ring Around the Moon	2001	Ali Baba
1973	Sleeping Beauty	2002	Cinderella
1974	Robin Hood & Babes in the Wood	2003	Robin Hood
1975	Aladdin	2004	Red Riding Hood
1976	Dick Whittington	2005	Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs
1977	Jack and the Beanstalk	2006	Puss in Boots
1978	Cinderella	2007	Jack & the Beanstalk
1979	Ali Baba	2008	Sleeping Beauty
1980	Christmas Entertainment evening	2009	Dick Whittington
1981	Mother Goose	2010	Robinson Crusoe
1982	Red Riding Hood	2011	Cinderella
1983	Sleeping Beauty	2012	Nutcracker
1984	Sinbad the Sailor	2013	Aladdin
1985	Goody Two Shoes	2014	Swan Queen & Three Dwaves

Forthcoming Productions – 2015

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Mon 3 Feb	8pm - Readthrough of <i>MacHamlet Goes West</i>
Thu 5 Feb	8pm - Auditions for <i>MacHamlet Goes West</i>
Fri 13 Feb	Quiz evening
Apr 23/24	MacHamlet Goes West! , a new script by Jo Smith
July	a production based on 'TV Epics' is planned

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January	Pantomime time again!
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