

Carol Bowler is one of our long standing cast members and has rejoined us for this pantomime and so we couldn't let the opportunity go by without learning a bit more about her.

### Carol Bowler

I have been with Centre Stage for quite a few years returning after a bit of an absence. I have played a variety of roles from a posh bird in My Fair Lady, an ugly old crone in panto, an ugly sister, a witch and other comedic roles too. My hobbies are as varied as my roles. I dabble with ventriloquism and own (although he will not agree with this description) a rather suave (his words not mine) Toucan called Elvis. He is a professional Axtell puppet and I am hoping to show him off to the public in the future if he behaves himself. I also do ghost investigating and am a member of Northern Ghost Investigations but at the moment this hobby is DEAD, pardon the pun, and we haven't done any investigations now for a few years. At present I am an Actor with the Scream Factory allowing me to scare the pants off the public and get paid for doing it. I love cartooning and have drawn a few caricatures in my time. I did a degree at the age of 40, graduating with a 2;1 BSc (hons) at 44 in Health and Human Sciences at Durham University, not bad for an old bird, and that is where another of my hobbies comes in. I love studying the great apes, especially chimpanzees, because they remind me of us. Watch in any town on a Friday or Saturday night and the similarities to us and our hairy cousins are obvious. I am looking forward to treading the boards again in Sleeping Beauty, playing one of the Evil Fairy's Henchmen alongside my good friend Carol Howes.



### Youth Group

Our Youth Group put on a show in June called 'Centre Stage's Got Talent'. The children took part in either acting, singing, dancing, comedy, gymnastics etc. Everyone who came to see the show said they had enjoyed it and we are all very proud of what the children achieved and the hard work that they put into the show.



The Youth Group doesn't do a show during the winter but still meets and spend their time doing workshops of singing, acting, games etc and usually manage to fit in a trip out not forgetting their usual party at the end of the term.

The children in our Youth Group are a delight and it is always a pleasure to be able to spend time with them and see their confidence grow alongside friendships. If you know a child who would like to join our Youth Group please contact Katherine or Sue on 07946669279.

### Father Christmas Morning

The Father Christmas morning will be taking place on Saturday 8 December from 9.30 am until noon.

Centre Stage will be there face painting and manning other stalls and the Youth Group will be singing carols during the morning.

Various stalls, games and refreshments will be available and of course Father Christmas will be there to meet all of the children, free of charge.



If you are free that day why not come along and spend a lovely festive morning with us.

Centre Stage is run completely by volunteers and ticket and patron money goes towards licence fees, levys, costumes, sets and everything that is needed to put on a show with any profits going towards the up keep of our Community Centre. We are very grateful for your continued support and hope you enjoy coming to share in the shows that we produce. It takes a lot of people to come together to get a show on the stage and it is filled with challenges but it means a lot to everyone involved being part of our family that is Centre Stage.

### **2019 Summer Show**

Our next show will take place in June and details will be announced very soon. Please ring Cynthia Cowley on 07583465295 if you would like tickets for the Summer show, or the panto.

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# Centre Stage

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**Welcome** to this edition of Centre Stage's Newsletter.

It is hard to believe that it is once again pantomime time ....Oh no it isn't!..... Oh yes it is! Once again we are in the middle of outrageous costumes, corny jokes, men dressed as woman and woman dressed as men. Who couldn't love a pantomime. This year it is Sleeping Beauty and we have a large cast with some familiar faces and some new ones. Pantomimes are always so much fun both to watch and to take part in. Our cast spends lots of times laughing and it is this that makes it so much fun to be part of. It is an interesting process watching a show come together and watching people of all different ages and backgrounds uniting and working together. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and we look forward to seeing you in January for Sleeping Beauty.

## Joseph

Well what a show we had with Joseph.

We had good audiences every night and were truly grateful for how supported we were with this iconic musical. It was a privilege to have been able to perform this show and everyone involved in it will agree it will certainly be remembered.



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Our very own Ryan O'Gorman is playing John, one of the lead characters in Miss Saigon at Sunderland Empire Theatre as part of its national tour. He joined Centre Stage as a child before doing a degree at Arts Educational Schools in London and going on to star in several West End Productions. Ryan has previously starred in the likes of Les Miserables, Billy Elliot and The Phantom of the Opera. He regularly visits us and came to see Joseph in June as well as performing the voice of Audrey, the plant, in one of our performances of The Little Shop of Horrors which was such a treat for our cast to get to work alongside Ryan once again. We wish him well in all his future endeavours and that he continues to lead the way on stage for many years to come.

David Murray has just appeared in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at Darlington Hippodrome where he played Grandpa alongside his daughter, Grace, who also played various parts within the chorus. The show was very impressive and the cast were a pleasure to watch.

Carol Howes has been an active part of Kynren for the last three seasons and because of this she has been awarded a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Congratulations Carol!

Ciaran Cochlan is an actor at the National Youth Theatre and studying Performance Arts at London.