

### Jim Underwood

Jim joined Centre Stage in 2018 for Dick Whittington and has been in every show since. He was persuaded to join by his two daughters, Evie and Isla who both have appeared on stage alongside their dad.

Jim is 47 and was born in Derby but grew up near Bristol before relocating to Yarm. Jim is a Teacher and went to university at Leicester and Durham before becoming a primary teacher, a role he has done for 22 years.

As well as being on stage Jim also helps behind the scenes and is part of the Committee, oversees the costume cupboard, helps paint the set and runs the Youth Group.

In his spare time Jim enjoys tennis, 90's music, watching football (he is still a Derby fan) and also is a member of Cliffe Theatre and been in a number of their plays over the last few years.

Jim has played many roles since joining Centre Stage from a fairy to a baddie and is looking forward to playing Mr Hart in 9 to 5. Jim loves playing a comedic role and his favourite role was playing the baddie in Robin Hood. However, he also enjoyed playing the king in the last panto as he got to do his Prince Charles impression which was a lot of fun.



### Night Out

The group recently decided to do more activities outside of rehearsals to bond and to have more time to spend developing their friendships and having some more fun.

Recently we all went bowling at Teesside Park and it was a night filled with laughter, silliness and fun, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

More things are planned for upcoming months but their next event is to visit an escape room. Lets hope they manage to escape in time to perform 9 to 5.



Amber Parks

Amber started singing with us when she was 8 and knew from then she wanted to pursue music. She fell in love with songwriting when she wrote her first song for GCSE music. Since then she spends a lot of time at her piano and singing.

She recently had the opportunity to sing at The Link Bar which is adjoined to the Stockton Globe Theatre and said it was a brilliant opportunity to sing at somewhere so iconic. Amber also sang at the Beacon Lighting for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Stockton.

This will be Amber's last show for a little while as she is off to Leeds in September to follow her dreams and study music. So make sure you get your tickets for 9 to 5 to hear this star in the making.

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# Centre Stage

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**Welcome** to this edition of our newsletter. The summer is almost with us which means that we are getting ready for our next show, 9 to 5 The Musical. The cast and crew are all busy working to get this show ready for the stage and we look forward to welcoming you all back to our first musical since covid. We hope you will come along and support us as usual and look forward to seeing you all again. Kieron, our producer, has been trying to get this show to the stage for a few years now but covid just kept getting in the way so we are so pleased that at last be able to perform this awesome show for you.

Warm wishes, Sue

## 9 to 5 The Musical Tuesday 28 June—Saturday 2 July



9 to 5 is the story of three woman who work in a male led workplace. Tired of being treated second best to men, the three woman become friends and hatch a plan to take over the office where they change things for the better and show that women are equally valuable in the workplace and sometimes even better.

The show is filled with some amazing songs and plenty of humour with one of the main leads being based on Dolly herself. This is a must see musical, so make sure you get your tickets to come and see our amazing cast working 9 to 5.

Tickets are £8 each and can be ordered by ringing 07395138288 or can be purchased on-line.

Doors open at 6.30 pm and the show starts at 7pm. On Saturday doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start and at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

## Youth Group

Our Youth Group has been busy again on Sunday mornings and it is lovely to be able to provide a group to those young members who enjoy coming along to sing, act, play games and just to enjoy themselves. The group aims at developing skills as well as promoting confidence in the children, aged 6 to 13, and costs £25 per term to attend. The group is ran by Jim Underwood, a Primary Teacher, along with a few helpers who volunteer their time to support the group.

This term the children have been working on a short pantomime, Hansel and Gretal, and performed this recently for family and friends. The children had fun learning the songs, working on the script and getting their costumes ready for the show. Everyone who went to see it enjoyed it and loved the enthusiasm and effort that the children put into this show.

The next term begins in September and as well as having fun and learning more about singing, acting and dancing the children will also be performing at the Centre's Christmas Fair in December.

If you know of anyone whose child might be interested in joining the group please do not hesitate to get in touch with Jim on 07854654334.

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Centre Stage is run completely by volunteers and your patron money goes towards, licence fees, costumes, sets and everything that is needed to put on a show.

Thank you for your continued support, everyone at Centre Stage is very grateful to all our patrons and we hope you enjoy coming to share in our shows.