

2018-19 Snow White Aberdeen

Another Liz

May 16, 2018 - 4:12PM

Snow White in Aberdeen!

Well, today's Panto news is a bit of a shocker! Who guessed Lee would be in Aberdeen this December?!

Yes, Lee will be Prince Charming in Snow White, in the aforementioned Aberdeen from 1st December to 6th January. Lucky Aberdonians!

Tanith Panic

May 16, 2018 - 5:55PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

It'll be a long journey from Sheffield but it will actually work out better for me than if Lee had been at the Palladium, as the taxi fares just from the Strand to the Palladium were huge when I went in 2017. And I'm lucky enough to have a railcard which will cut the cost of the train. Okay the weather could be awkward but it can snow anywhere in the country in winter as we've learned over the past year.

johartuk

May 16, 2018 - 11:23PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

In a conversation a couple of days ago (about Lee in panto), I said jokingly "As he's been close to home the past two years he's due a panto a long distance away!" Little did I know how prophetic those words were! Though, luckily, the destination turned out to be Aberdeen rather than the one I then mentioned ("Do they do pantos in the Outer Hebrides?")!

Incidentally, I had a weird dream the other night that Lee's panto this year was Rapunzel! Do they even do that as a panto?

Tanith Panic

May 17, 2018 - 7:21AM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

I believe they're doing Rapunzel as a panto somewhere in Cambridge this year. That hair will be a drawback for the dancing bits though!

Liz

May 22, 2018 - 11:34PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Just popped in to say I had heard the panto news. I have hoped for a concert in 'The North', but didn't imagine Aberdeen. Good news. I may see some familiar faces from way back. Liz from not quite as far north as Aberdeen.

Jul 11, 2018 - 11:36AM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Who has already booked and looking forward to a "Snow White Christmas" in Aberdeen?

Tanith Panic

Jul 13, 2018 - 1:55PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

As my balance has improved quite a bit over the past two months I've decided to go for it and have booked for the last Saturday and Sunday in Aberdeen. I thought my sister might try to talk me out of it but she said "People were stranded in Birmingham because of the rain and that was in July, so the weather can act up at any time, so stop worrying about that part of it, and go for it!" She also had the great idea of my breaking my journey in Glasgow on the Friday night. So we'll see!

Joan

Jul 16, 2018 - 4:07PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

That's fabulous news. I really hope that you have a safe uneventful journey.

PATB

Jul 29, 2018 - 7:56PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

At last Lee comes to Aberdeen, and I have tickets,,,

LCBoniti

Jul 30, 2018 - 6:35PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Woohoo!!!! Wonderful for you, PatB!

johartuk

Nov 21, 2018 - 1:38PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen! Lee's Snow White has been announced!

Mirror, mirror on the wall, Aberdeen actress Jenna Innes is fairest of them all.

She will star as Princess Snow White in this year's spectacular pantomime at His Majesty's Theatre.

Jenna, 22, who is carving out a successful musical theatre career, will join Lee Mead, Alan McHugh and Jordan Young for the magical Snow White, which opens on December 1.

"I am so excited to come home and play my own theatre, it is really amazing. It's going to be very exciting but also quite emotional," said the former Oldmachar Academy pupil.

London-based Jenna is no stranger to His Majesty's pantos. "Growing up, I saw the panto at HMT almost every year, I am a huge fan of the panto – I love it," she said.



The cast of this years HMT pantomime, Snow White at the Bon Accord Centre.
Pictured from left, Lee Mead, Alan McHugh and Jordan Young. Picture by Heather Fowlie.

“I cannot wait to work with Alan and Jordan. I grew up watching them on stage, so I’m really excited to be part of their jokes – but slightly terrified, because they do play around on stage. But it’s going to be wonderful.” She is also looking forward to working with Lee Mead.

“I love him, I see him every Monday on Holby City. He’s been in theatre for years and he’s a fantastic talent. I can’t wait to work with him,” she added.

Jenna, who last played in Aberdeen in March on the UK tour of the musical A Spoonful Of Sherman, is looking forward to seeing family and friends in the audience.

“I think my mum has booked out a few nights already, just for friends and family,” said Jenna, who was nominated against Glenn Close for a Broadway World best actress award for her role in Animus.

Aberdeen Performing Arts chief executive Jane Spiers said she was delighted Jenna was joining the panto cast.

“As Jenna is actually from Aberdeen I can’t think of anyone better to play our princess Snow White in this year’s HMT panto, and with such a wonderful supporting cast, our audiences are in for a lot of fun,” she said.

“With less than two months to go the countdown is really on for what is shaping up to be a great show for our panto season.”

Michael Harrison, executive producer of Snow White and Qdos Entertainment’s managing director, said he was thrilled to have assembled a top team of actors, singers and dancers.

“The HMT panto is a real jewel of the city at Christmas and we’ve planned all sorts of spectacular surprises. We can’t wait to get started.”

Tickets for the panto, which runs until January 6, are on sale now.

Lucky lady!

Joan

Nov 30, 2018 - 10:15PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

To everyone travelling to Aberdeen to see our Prince Charming.
Have a safe journey, Looking forward to reading your reviews.

Another Liz

Dec 3, 2018 - 9:34PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

I fancy a train ride tomorrow ... a very long train ride ... maybe to Scotland ... maybe take in a panto performance or two ...

Joan

Dec 5, 2018 - 9:50AM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

We can't wait to hear all about your Panto adventures A Liz

I bet it is going to be an interesting journey but worth it to be greeted by the man wearing crushed velvet leggings. (Not tights)

Tanith Panic

Dec 5, 2018 - 10:01AM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

While we're waiting for the panto reviews I had this idea to combine Holby and Snow White. The Prince finds Snow in the glass coffin and is devastated. Waving his sword threateningly at the audience he shouts "Gaskell, is this you?"

johartuk

Dec 7, 2018 - 3:52PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Gas Kill would make an excellent panto villain...with Fredrik and Isaac as his henchmen! I just found out (from reading reviews) that Lee's character in the Aberdeen panto is called Prince Harry!

Another Liz

Dec 7, 2018 - 9:58PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Just back from Aberdeen, and yes, I can confirm, Lee is Prince Harry of Holby!

I will try to do a brief report in the next day or so, but warning - it will contain spoilers!

Tanith Panic

Dec 8, 2018 - 1:14PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Yes I love it. Can Frieda be the Goth Fairy?

Tanith Panic

Dec 8, 2018 - 1:16PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

I fear not the spoilers, I would love a review!

Another Liz

Dec 8, 2018 - 5:59PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Where to begin? Well, how about Aberrrrdeen for starters? A mere hop from Essex, a nice little train ride or two actually 12 hours door to door, but who's counting where Lee is concerned? The weather was reasonably kind to us (very cold on Wednesday, and a bit damp now and again, but we dodged most of the wet stuff and even went for a walk on the beach!

Right, Snow White.

A couple of Aberdonian comedians introduce Snow White. Then handsome prince comes calling. A mirror and wicked queen put in an appearance, as do seven dwarfs/dwarves (according to preference). Some singing, dancing, heroine tastes poisoned apple, hero kisses her back to life, the mirror cracks and wicked queen is banished. The end.

Oh, you want a bit more detail? Then ...

to them eating Haribos - or Torry-bo's as they rename them, whereupon Harry's voice turns into broad Scots on helium! All three do, actually, while they discuss which flavour and colour of the sweets they prefer and how they like to eat them! That bit is pre-recorded and they lip sync it.

Going back briefly to the plot, Snow White takes refuge in a cottage in the forest, home of the Seven Dwarfs. They tell her all about being banished when she was a baby, and she immediately restores them to favour. Prince Harry proposes at some point and she accepts him. Meanwhile, the Wicked Queen makes a poisoned apple in her laboratory and, disguised as an old crone, finds Snow White at the cottage and tricks her into taking the fateful bite. The dwarfs, Harry, Muddles and Nurse Nellie all gather around her, and someone suggests that she can be saved only by her true love's kiss. Muddles, who has always loved her, tries but fails. Harry then gives her the 'snog of her life' and brings her back from the brink.

There are other bits. Lee/Harry sings "Nothing Holding Me Back", which I confess I hadn't heard before, but is in fact sung by pop star Shawn Mendes (younger readers will probably know!) - and in one of life's strange coincidences, when I was watching I'm A Celeb last night, that song came on in the background and I was instantly transported back to Aberdeen.

The two comedians have another moment, when Nurse Nellie has nodded off and needs bringing up to speed - speed being the operative word as Muddles recaps the entire panto in about four minutes, in broad Doric, but with the odd clear phrase such as "his agent said four songs in his contract" - very funny! Then Muddles did the Wonky Donkey sketch, which I recall Bobby Davro did in the Southampton panto some years ago.

The Wicked Queen was captured, Prince Harry came on wielding a sword to smash the mirror but, to please all feminists, Snow White took the sword from him, saying "this is personal" and smashed the mirror herself, before the Wicked Queen was carted off to exile in Balamory (an "in" joke, as the actress playing her had starred in the Balamory children's TV programme). We all ended up with the audience joining in in the traditional sing song, each side of the auditorium vying for the loudest (imagine, on a school's matinee afternoon!). Then, finally, the Royal Wedding.

Phew! I'm sure I have left out several bits, and as I said I have forgotten the correct order, but it was fun, and improved each time we saw it - well, you can't make a journey like that and only go once, can you? If anyone wishes to add anything, please do so!

[maggiemay](#)

Dec 8, 2018 - 11:52PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Thank you Liz for taking the time to post your review, much appreciated.

How did you manage to remember so much.

What a long journey you had, but it sounds as though it was worth it. Did you manage to speak to Lee?

[Tanith Panic](#)

Dec 9, 2018 - 12:17PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Wow! I wanted detail and I got it! Thank you so much. I would have loved to have gone - but i'll cut the whining session short and say how much I enjo*** that review. I hope Lee reprises his role soon so that I can see that magical snog for myself!

Joan

Dec 11, 2018 - 7:21AM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Thanks A Liz for that fabulously funny review, I sat here smiling and could visualize it all through your eyes.

(Gosh you had a good view) I won't be able to make it to see Lee in panto this year so every tiny snippet is pure gold.

The official reviews have been fabulous but nothing beats the in depth detail that we get from you. hehe

johartuk

Dec 11, 2018 - 11:27AM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Thanks for that review, A/Liz!

Tanith Panic

Dec 13, 2018 - 12:20PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

Just seen a review for the High Wycombe production of Snow White. Brendan Cole has been cast as "Brendan the Dancing Huntsman"! I nearly fell off my chair laughing at that one.

johartuk

Dec 13, 2018 - 1:54PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

That's brilliant!

Joan

Dec 22, 2018 - 3:33PM

Re: Snow White in Aberdeen!

So has anyone got any Christmas or New Year travel plans to see our handsome prince?? If so we would love to hear from you.