

# Derby LIVE

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## Press Release

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### Derby Arena to transform for Aladdin

For this year's all-star family pantomime **Aladdin**, **Derby LIVE** will be transforming Derby Arena, creating a fantastic theatre within the Arena's infield space. It will have a larger seating capacity and larger stage than any previous Derby pantomime venue.

Theatre goers coming to see **Aladdin** will find themselves walking into a black-walled, fully-functioning theatre with state-of-the-art lighting system and a stage similar in size to a 25m swimming pool.

Those attending will be treated to spectacular pyrotechnics, special effects and even flying carpets. The layout will also mean that the audience will be able, for the first time ever, to see the live band and will enjoy all forward-facing seats, offering great views of the stage.

**Director of Aladdin, Alan Cohen** said: "I am delighted to be directing the first major show in Derby's stunning new arena space. Paul Holman Associates have a strong reputation for producing traditional pantomimes in the most spectacular way and this brilliant new venue will add further sparkle to an already star-studded big entertainment show."

This year's family pantomime **Aladdin** at **Derby Arena** features an all-star cast including **Atomic Kitten's Natasha Hamilton** as Slave of the Ring, **The Only Way is Essex** star **Dan Osborne** as Genie and **5ive's Ritchie Neville** as Aladdin.

**Aladdin** will take the audience on a magical carpet ride through a tale of eastern promise and adventure, discovering a magical world of make-believe. Following the loveable rogue Aladdin on his quest for hidden treasure as he tries to win the heart of the beautiful Princess Jasmine.

The cast also features Derby favourite **Mike 'Squeaky' McClean** as Wishee Washee and **CBeebies' Swashbuckle Richard David-Caine & Joseph Elliott** as PCs Ping and Pong.

This action-packed story will star everyone's favourite pantomime characters, including the Genie of the Lamp, the Slave of the Ring, evil sorcerer Uncle Abanazar, Aladdin's no-good brother Wishee Washee, and the ultimate pantomime dame, Widow Twankey!

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**Aladdin** runs from **Mon 7 Dec – Sun 3 Jan** at **Derby Arena**, with tickets priced from £13.25 - £30.25, concessions, group, school and family tickets available. Book by 31 October to save £2 per ticket.

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