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Panto Hits Pasadena with Aladdin and His Winter Wish

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: Jordan Fisher and ensemble in "Aladdin's Winter Wish" at The Pasadena Playhouse Photo credit: Clarence Alford

Lions and tigers and bears, oh no! It was camels and Santa and lantern tosses on opening night of *Aladdin and His Winter Wish* at The Pasadena Playhouse.

The courtyard was pulsing with the excitement of children and adults alike, rushing from taking pictures with the camel to making wishes with Santa to getting snacks and drinks as we waited for the theater doors to swing open and announce it was time to take our seats.

The Pasadena Playhouse has partnered with Lythgoe Family Productions, which is known for producing fun, musical theater that all ages can enjoy, and created 'Panto at the Playhouse.' Pant



o (or Pantomime) is a CPANEL uniquely British tradition of winter musical comedy which takes familiar fairy tales and children's stories such as *Aladdin* and changes them up with modern musical pieces, contemporary references and audience participation. All of these things combine to create a rowdy, boisterous theater experience you won't soon forget. Kids were dancing

in their seats and adults were shouting at the cast—and all was done in good fun.

The cast for the show was stellar. It included Jordan Fisher of Nickelodeon's *Teen Beach* movie as Aladdin;



Ashley show, along with choreographer Spencer Liff, who was an Emmy® nominee from *So You Think You Can Dance*, and musical director Michael Orland from *American Idol*. The book adaptation is by Kris Lythgoe, scenic and costume design is by Lythgoe Family Productions, and the producers include Kris Lythgoe, Bonnie Lythgoe, Becky Lythgoe, and Jason Haigh Ellery.

Although the Pasadena Playhouse shows its age in its seats and some of the trimmings, you can also see the unique character of

the old building with its ornate ceiling and pillars. The open entrance courtyard is charming and a perfect place to hang out until show time.

Pasadena is a vibrant town with a variety of restaurants and shopping within steps of the theater. For a nice bite to eat, Red White and Blues is literally next door. For a more casual coffee and snack, head a few doors down to Zona Rosa. The options are limitless to create a whole day event of *Aladdin and His Winter Wish*. If you have kids, or are a kid at heart, you won't want to miss this show.

Aladdin and His Winter Wish is playing at The Pasadena Playhouse through December 29, 2013. To find out more about tickets for this show, go to www.PasadenaPlayhouse.org. You may also purchase tickets over the

phone by calling The Pasadena Playhouse at (626) 356-7529, or you may visit the box office which is open Tuesday-Sunday from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm on non-performance dates. On performance dates the box office is open Tuesday-Saturday 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm and 12:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Sunday.

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The Pasadena Playhouse is located at 39 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena 91101. There is ample parking in the lots around the theater. On Sundays there is some street parking, but be sure to read all the signs before leaving your car as to avoid any

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