

# *Heroes and Friends*

*The sort of real  
adventures of*



*Directed by: Els De Bundel  
Assistant Director: Taryn Brehm  
Choreography: Andrew Mayes*

*Dates : 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th November : 19:30 for 20:00  
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**Journey with us into the enchanted world of Sherwood Forest as Robin Hood and his merry men take on the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham and battle to rescue Maid Marion from his evil crutches.**



**From the Director's seat**

The story of Robin Hood has always fascinated me, it is a story with drama, action, humour and all the other elements that allow good tales to last forever. There is a sense of boldness in the best Robin Hoods and whether we're children in the schoolyard or stuck in a cubicle, there are times when we want to speak out and we can't. Robin Hood can and does. His defiance and outlaw freedom appeals to anyone who feels frustrated or inhibited. And in the best Robin Hoods, there's a sense of the trickster about him. Robin doesn't just fight his enemies with arrows and swords. He mocks them. In some ways, Robin's wit makes him seem more rebellious and defiant than any physical weapon ever could. Robin Hood's sense of charity and helping the underdog. Sometimes he'd just flout authority but other times Robin Hood helps those in distress. That's not a bad thing. Perhaps Prince John says it best in the Errol Flynn film, "By my faith, but you're a bold rascal. Robin, I like you." Despite several hick ups and tightened budget this has been a fun and most interesting experience. I was blessed with a wonderful cast and I can only hope that the play brings as much joy to the audience as it did to us putting it together. Just do it has become our motto and so in the true spirit of the Nike ad we have just

done it despite all odds. Keeping acting, singing, dancing and shining people.  
Els De Bundel

**ROBIN HOOD – Taryn Muller**



After having his lands confiscated upon his return from the Crusades Robin thought it was time for some justice. On his way to castle he found a small pub called Friar Tucks Pub and Grub where he fast became fast friends with the locals; Friar Tuck, the owner, Little John and Wilhelmina Scarlett. Deciding to form a band after singing a lot of karaoke, a few pints and some cool air guitar moves... they called themselves... The Merry Men... permanently borrowing from the rich and giving to the poor. Hated by some and loved by many. Although what's it all for without love? "Shhht, don't tell anyone I said that... can't have the Sheriff and his cronies thinking I'm going soft," says Robin.

**MAID MARION – Cassandra Zamparini**



An independent woman with hopes and dreams Marion doesn't really need a man to complete her but you never know.

Maybe her dreamboat, her Adonis, knight-in-shining armour, is somewhere out there... Most likely strapped to a tree, trying to stop the advance of the Sheriff's destructive chainsaws on Sherwood Forest. Armed with a PHD in Environmental Studies Marion believes it's time to take a stand against the Sheriff. Especially after the mysterious death of her father in a fire in the TV room at the castle. Some of the remains were never found, specifically those of the 56 inch HDTV. It's hard to ignore the fact that the Sheriff has a penchant for state-of-the-art technological goods. However, the death of her father was chalked up to an electrical fault something Marion refuses to accept. Lady Marion firmly believes every girl should have a bit of fun too. "I enjoy a couple of shots of tequila every now and then at Friar Tuck's Pub and Grub, which serves the best take-out in the region," says Marion. Who has time to cook these days anyway?

**SHERIFF – Basil Zafiroopoulos**



Suffering from typical middle child syndrome the Sheriff often feels left out and neglected. So when nobody wants to visit him any longer at the castle, out of fear of getting robbed by the Merry Men, the Sheriff cunningly devises a plan to chop down every single tree in Sherwood Forest. His major ambition in life is to become the King's cousin through marrying Maid Marion. After when he talks Nottingham will listen or so he thinks...

**Hettie Know-It-All Tittle Tattle – Werner Botes**



Advisor to the stars and gossip columnist extraordinaire Ms Tittle Tattle is ready to join the battle against the Sheriff's injustice. Once engaged to the man she knows more than just where he keeps his skeletons and his gold. Roxieroxie1

**CLERK – Steven Chiaberta**



As a young man, Clerk was an intelligent and happy-go-lucky idealist whose greatest dream was to become a corruption-busting journalist. Unfortunately for him, his greatest talent lay with the ladies, and so his dream was quickly shattered by the Sheriff who, in an uncharacteristic burst of inspiration, promptly blackmailed poor Clerk into his employ. Now, achingly alone as the only sane man in a platoon of buffoons, Clerk's only dream is to abscond, though sadly he simply seems not to be getting the clue.

**Little John – Nkopane Makhetha**



Strongest man in Sherwood Forest and shortest ..., he really does live up to his name. Looking for love like his pal Robin Hood he never thought he would find it at the Sherwood Evening Post with fabulous gossip columnist Hettie Know-It-All Tittle Tattle, advisor to the stars.

**WILLEMINA SCARLET – Carri Lyons**



Dressed in her trade-mark scarlet red, she is one of Robin Hood's merry "men" she lives in Sherwood Forest robbing the rich to give to the poor. She's a bit of a tomboy and enjoys the company of the guys but actually wants them to recognise her for what she really is....a GIRL!

**NICK IT – Devan Fleetwood**



Part of the Sheriff's personal guard Nick It is the smarter end of the dynamic duo of Nick It and Scale It. Looking to make a

career in Las Vegas as a singer he won't leave his little 'twin' brother (by 30 seconds) Scale It behind who needs constant supervision and guidance. That also includes cashing in his brother's pay cheque because he has access to the all you can eat buffet anyway.

**SCALE IT – Gareth Meijssen**



The other half of the Sheriff's personal guard and the less smart younger twin brother to Nick It. He follows his brother's instructions to the T ...mostly. More sympathetic to the plight of the villagers he does know he has a job to do and so they must continue to take from the poor to give to the rich. Constantly confused about his own name, he is absolutely convinced that his knickers are totally knackered.

**FRIAR TUCK – Kenyon MacMurray**



Fire Truck, or Friar Tuck, a Scottish gentle giant with a preference for Irish Whisky and English nurses is proud owner of Friar Tuck's Pub and Grub, best take out joint in the hood! Tuck joined the Merry Men as a back-up singer after a wild night with the boys at the pub. A firm believer in what it is right and good, he is not afraid to get his hands dirty. 'A tippie anyone?'

**NURSE – Kathy Clayton**



only weakness is her insecurity over her cockney accent. As such, her lifelong dream is to send all 8 of her daughters for elocution lessons at "Posh Parlance Academy". At this point in time, only her eldest is enrolled, the direct result of the sheriff's cruel taxation policy, to which she is so rabidly opposed.

unaware of the goings-on in Nottingham. Luckily for him Robin Hood is taking charge and his Kingdom will be returned 'mostly' intact.

**Victoria Beckham – Palesa Makhetha**



Victoria Caroline Beckham rose to fame in the late 1990's with the all-female pop group the 'Spice Girls'. Dubbed Posh Spice, she is now a businesswoman, fashion

**Nurse – Zea Serfontein**



**MRS PENNILESS – Wendy Brehm**



Mrs. Penniless, a dedicated teacher who lost her job during the current depression is a mother of 3 whose husband left her and robbed her of the last of her pennies. She does odd jobs here and there, and is considering a new profession as a contortionist just to make ends meet. Very honest and straight forward talking Mrs. P doesn't stand for any nonsense. Best chum to Mrs. Stonebroke, together they are convinced that the only option is to see Lady Marion betrothed so that she herself can become Sheriff of Nottingham.

**DAVID BECKHAM – Lisa Mellows**



A spinster to the core, with a soft spot for helping knights out of their armour as a side hobby, she is constantly on the lookout for love. Fair but stern this little old lady is not to be underestimated. She will do what is necessary to fight for what is right. Her motto being, let Sheriff win the battle, we will win the war and if not Triffyn will sort him out!

Fans mourned worldwide as football bid adieu to one of its most famous players. But as David Beckham's interviews show, he isn't just a fine footballer – he is also often (unintentionally) very funny. Famous, successful and now dabbling in underwear modeling to pass the time, he is still very much a 'CHAV' at heart. He loves beautiful things, like his Rolls Royce, his diamond encrusted football boots and his wife Vicky. So what's next for Becks? According to the Sherwood Evening Post David stated, "We are going to have the new baby christened, but we don't know into which religion yet." Funny man that Becks.

**MRS STONEBROKE – Sarah Marcou**



**KING RICHARD – Lisa Mellows**



Middle-aged widow and single mother of 8 typically unruly teenage girls, it is fair to say that Mrs. Stonebroke has led an exceptionally difficult life. Yet, unbeaten and unbowed, she remains a feisty and formidable woman whose passionate activism for the fate of the forest simply knows no bounds. Loving mother and loyal friend, especially to Mrs. Penniless, her lifelong chum, Mrs. Stonebreaker's

King Richard the Lionheart or Tricky Dicky is off to the Crusades. Having left his brother John in charge the King is

**NARRATOR and MARION (Understudy) –**

**Iman Driscoll**



Sassy and ready to rule the stage with pixiedust and candy floss this fairy is happy to tell the tale of Robin Hood and his fair Maid Marian. Occasionally standing in as Marion this girl isn't afraid of anything.

**TRIFFYN – Himself**



The coolest dog in town, he always steps up to the plate or is that barrel? Nurse's one true love and faithful companion this doggie is here to stay!

designer, and model. Here to keep an eye on her hubby as he signs his new contract to play for the Sherwood Knights she is ready to spice up your life just once more...

**Andrew Mayes - Choreographer**

First time choreographer...

**Taryn Brehm - Assistant Director**

First time assistant director

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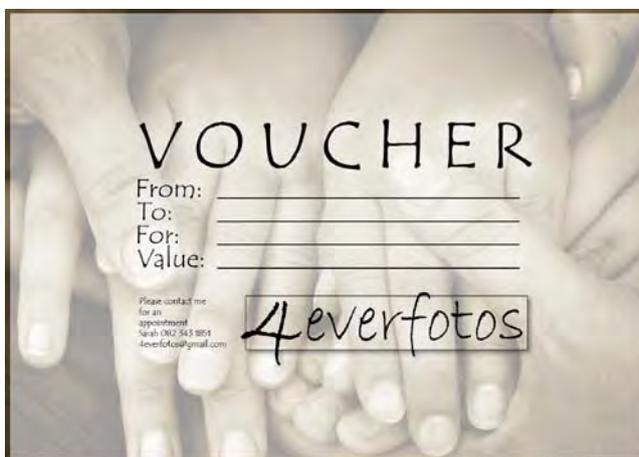


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