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# **CINDERELLA**

*A Traditional London Panto*

At the El Portal Theatre

November 27th - December 19th 2010

Lythgoe Family Productions, Magic Pictures International and Jason Haigh-Ellery present **CINDERELLA** a Modern Musical Extravaganza! at the historic El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood from November 27-December 19, 2010. The Gala opening night on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> will be a major fundraiser for LA'S Best **recognized as one of the nation's top after school programs.**

In the style of the outrageous British holiday pantos, the Lythgoe Family (the people responsible for *So You Think You Can Dance* and *American Idol*) bring this wild, wacky and interactive holiday event to the States. The age-old fairytale of Cinderella is set to modern music, including Kelly Clarkson's "Breakaway," Michael Buble's "Just Haven't Met You Yet," and Jennifer Lopez' "Let's Get Loud." This U.S. premiere panto has a comical twist and incredible magic such as a pumpkin turning into a carriage with real live ponies right before your very eyes!

This production stars **FREDDIE STROMA** (HARRY POTTER) as Prince Charming, **JERRY MATHERS** (Leave it to Beaver) as Cinderella's Father and Broadway sensation **JENNIFER LEIGH WARREN** as The Fairy Godmother. The production will be helmed by **BONNIE LYTHGOE** from *So You Think You Can Dance Australia*, choreographed by *Dancing With the Stars* star **MARK BALLAS** and will feature magic by award-winning magician **ED ALONZO**, and fantastic costumes direct from London. The production also includes British comedian **BENNY HARRIS** as Buttons, introduces **EDDIE DRISCOLL** and **MARK EDGAR STEPHENS** as Evil Step Sisters Cowel & Seecrest, and features special guest star "**Blitzen**" – the white pony.

"Panto is for the whole family and something that truly unites family together in fun and entertainment," says Kris Lythgoe, Executive Producer and CEO of Magic Pictures International. "It's a must see over this holiday season." This British version of

Cinderella is fun for the kids, but clever enough to delight adults, a treat for the entire family.

After months of searching Southern California, the producers and celebrity judges, KARA DIOGUARDI, MARY MURPHY AND MICHAEL JOHNS whittled down 700 performers to just 30. On Tuesday, October 5, a panel of celebrity judges, including NEIL PATRICK HARRIS, FREDDIE STROMA AND BONNIE LYTHGOE, will select one young lady from the final 30 to star as the dazzling CINDERELLA.

Built in 1926, the El Portal Theatre is an historical landmark located in the heart of NoHo. The El Portal theatre opened in the San Fernando Valley, as a vaudeville and silent movie theatre. During the sound era, it became one of the city's most prominent second-run houses. It eventually became an all-Spanish language movie theatre. Rebuilt in the late 90s and opened in January of 2000, the once 1400-seat movie palace now houses three theatres -- the 42-seat Studio Theatre (the permanent home of Theatre Tribe), the 95-seat Forum, and the 400-seat MainStage -- along with the Judith Kaufman Art Gallery, featuring many of Los Angeles visual artists.

For tickets and information please call 818-508-4200. Or online at [www.elportaltheatre.com](http://www.elportaltheatre.com)

## **CALENDAR LISTING**

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Directed by Bonnie Lythgoe  
Choreographed by Mark Ballas  
Magic by Ed Alonzo

## **CAST**

Freddie Stroma as Prince Charming ☐  
Jerry Mathers as Baron Hardup  
Jennifer Leigh Warren as The Fairy Godmother  
Benny Harris as Buttons☐  
Eddie Driscoll as Evil Step Sister Cowel  
Mark Edgar Stephens as Evil Step Sister Seecrest☐☐☐

## **SHOWTIMES:**

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 19

**Opening:** Saturday, November 27 at 8pm

**Closes:** Sunday, October 24 at 3PM

**Regular Schedule:**

Sunday, November 28 at 11 AM, 2PM, 7PM

Tuesday, November 30 & Tuesday, December 7 at 7PM

Tuesday, December 14 at 2PM & 7PM

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays at 2PM & 7PM

Saturdays at 11AM, 3PM & 7PM

**TICKETS:**

ADULTS \$45

CHILDREN \$25

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