

THE CIVIC AND ROB MURPHY PRESENT
A Wild Twist on a Classic Tale...

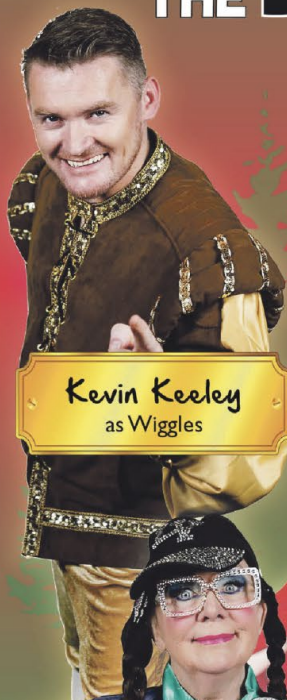
THE CIVIC

Little RED AND THE Big Bad Wolf

#CivicSpooktakular
24th - 31st October

*"a magical adventure filled with music, laughter
and bewitching performances"*

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Kevin Keeley
as Wiggles



Johnny Ward
as The Big Bad Wolf



Helen Jordan
as Glammy D Granny



Hazel Park
as Little Red



Aidan G
as Dame Bridey

Show Programme

Little RED

AND THE Big Bad Wolf

Welcome Note

Welcome to the Civic Theatre, and thank you for joining us for Little Red and The Big Bad Wolf, our third Halloween family show here at the Civic! It's such a joy to see families, friends, and familiar faces filling these seats once again as we bring a new twist to this classic tale.



Rob Murphy

(Director, Writer, Co-Producer)

This show has been a true labour of love. From our wonderful cast, who have poured heart and humour into every moment, great to have the iconic Helen Jordan return to our stage and Kevin Keeley who is a civic panto favourite. This year we welcome the amazing talented Johnny Ward as the big bad Wolf, the beautiful Hazel Park who is just the perfect Little Red and the hilarious Aidan G as our loveable dame. A big mention also to our hardworking crew, who have turned wild ideas into living magic on stage, I couldn't be more thankful. A huge thank you as well to the incredible theatre staff, whose behind-the-scenes support keeps everything running smoothly, and to our brilliant technical team, whose work on lights and sound has brought this spooky world to life in the most spectacular way.

Halloween has quickly become one of our favourite times of year here at the Civic, and this year's show is all about fun, imagination, and just the right amount of fright! We hope it makes you laugh, gasp, and leave the theatre with that wonderful Halloween spark in your heart.

Thank you for supporting live theatre and for being part of our Civic family. Enjoy the show, and watch out for Big Bad Wolf!

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Enjoy the show!

Meet The Cast

Johnny Ward as **THE BIG BAD WOLF**

We are delighted to welcome star of stage and screen Johnny Ward in the role of The Big Bad Wolf. Johnny has starred in Panto.ie's staging of 'Beauty and The Beast' which ran in The National Stadium, "WESTSIDE STORY" which ran in The Bord Gais Energy Theatre, Paul Howard's Smash hit comedy "COPPERFACE JACKS THE MUSICAL" produced by Verdant Productions which enjoyed a hugely successful nationwide tour. Johnny also toured Ireland and the UK playing the part of 'Ray



Dooley' in Martin McDonagh's Young Vic production of "THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE", and he's a past finalist of RTE's "DANCING WITH THE STARS".

His screen credits also include 'Liam' in the Dutch crime action series "SUGA – RIDE OR DIE" for Amazon Prime directed by Diederik van Rooijen, 'Pauley' in the RTE Television hit series "LOVE/HATE" directed by David Caffrey, 'Sully' alongside Irish actor Barry Keoghan in the feature film "MAMMAL" directed by Rebecca Daly, 'Eanna' in the award winning film "DOLL HOUSE" directed by Kirsten Sheridan, and 'Stephen' in the feature film "THIS MUST BE THE PLACE" directed by Paolo Sorrentino in which he starred alongside Oscar Winners Sean Penn and Frances McDormand.



Helen Jordan as **GLAMMY D'GRANNY**

Helen Jordan's career began at age 6 when she joined the Freda Bannon Stage School, performing many shows around Dublin and surrounding areas. At age 12 she auditioned for a part in a West End touring production of 'The King and I' at the Gaiety Theatre. This was where her professional career began. She went on to Panto and Summer Shows working with the Legendary Maureen Potter at the Gaiety and Jack Cruise at The Olympia Theatres, before leaving at age 17 to join The Laurel Park Big Band as their Vocalist. Helen was part of a huge

Cabaret Scene in the 1970s. She left that to Join The Big 8 Showband with Brendan Bowyer but only stuck the gruelling travelling for 6 months. After that Helen returned to the Theatre, TV and Cabaret. She sang in The Eurovision Song Contest with Colm Wilkinson when he represented Ireland in Paris in 1978. Her stage credits include 'Sweet Charity', Gaiety Theatre, singing for Irving Berlin on his 100th birthday at NCH. Many Brendan Grace Pantos and Shows. TV credits include; Award winning special Duets for Piano and Voice, written by the legendary Tony Hatch and Jackie Trent. Sunday Night at the Olympia series. Fair City, The Late Late Show. Killinaskully and many more. Helen recently appeared in the comedy movie Deadly Cuts.

Helen lives in Old Bawn with her husband, musician Noel Guthrie where she raised both her daughters Linda and Victoria, who both work in the arts and TV. She has an 8 yr old grandson Louis who is the light of her life and seems to be going down the same showbiz path, having appeared in The Late Late toy show last year. Helen runs the well known Helen Jordan Stage School in Old Bawn since 1987. This is Helen's second year to star in The Civic's Halloween Spooktacular!



Hazel Park as **LITTLE RED**

Hazel trained at Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts in London where she received her MA in Musical Theatre and was also awarded the Lonsdale Scholarship of Vocal Excellence. Originally from Shannon, she graduated with a Bachelor of Education from Mary Immaculaten College before moving to London in 2020 to pursue her musical theatre career. Hazel attended Spotlight Stage School, Limerick School of Classical Ballet and Eclipse Stage School from an early age before later going on to play various roles with Shannon Musical Society, MUSE Productions and

Ennis Musical Society (Seussical) for which she was nominated for Best Female Singer at the AIMS Awards in 2020. Professional theatre credits include: Next to Normal (Mountview), Chicago (Mountview), In The Mood (Mountview), Peter Pan (UCH), Newbies (Union Theatre), Dreaming of MT (Union Theatre), Disney Unplugged (The Pheasantry), Kidults The Musical (The Bridewell) and Rapunzel (Lime Tree Theatre). Hazel will also be playing Red Riding Hood this Christmas at The Lime Tree Theatre.

Kevin Keeley as **WIGGLES**

A Tallaght native, Kevin has been in the show business industry for many years having been one of the lucky ones to star in the 20th anniversary spotlight production of 'Bugsy Malone' in The Olympia Theatre at the age of 11. From there he continued his love for acting and played a principal role in many shows over the years before becoming a finalist on the voice of Ireland mentored by Sharon Corr of the Corrs. Kevin has worked with some of Ireland's most well-known talents having shared the stage with The Great Noel V. Ginnity, Linda Martin, Johnny Logan, Al Porter, Jedward and June Rodgers to name but a few.



He also toured The States for 15 weeks as a backing vocalist for Celtic Woman. Kevin also plays the role of 'Tickles' in The annual Civic Panto.



Aidan G as **DAME BRIDEY**

Following his hugely successful run in The Civic Panto 'Cinderella' in 2023 as Dame Ugly Sister Lottie, and as the hugely popular MOOtila in 2024, Aidan G is joining The Civic Halloween show for the first time as 'Dame Bridey'. Aidan has always had performing in his blood and trained with Dizzy Footwork Academy as a child whilst also performing as a Panto Dame in the amateur circle for many years.

Aidan G is currently studying BA (Hons) Commercial Modern Music in BMM Institute Dublin. As a vocalist, Aidan reFor the last year Aidan has been hosting and performing in a range of shows, including venues

like The Academy and The Telegraph Building, his recent work hosting and performing a range of bottomless brunches with themes like ABBA, 80s vs 90s and Disney.

Aidan released his first original song on Spotify called 'Esta Noche' in 2020 which reached over 20K streams. Aidan loves creating TikToks and has over 30K followers on the platform.

The Villagers of Merrywood (Ensemble)

**JESSICA COULES, HANNAH QUINN
SOPHIE GRANGAHAN, ABBIE O'MALLEY**

Creative Team

Producer, Writer, Director: Rob Murphy

Musical Director: Elaine Gallagher

Choreographer: Alan McGrath

Stage Manager: Beatrice Adomaityte

Assistant Stage Manager: Vladyslava Hrytsenko

LX Design: Fionn Donnelly

Sound Design: Vinny Osbourne

Operator: Tara Perry

Team Civic

Artistic Director/CEO - Donal Shiels

General Manager - Sandra Doyle

Audience Development, Engagement & Marketing Manager - Niamh Honer

Technical Managers - Dermot Marrey & Paddy Keating

Education & Engagement Executive - Mary Sheehan

Marketing & Digital Communications Assistant - Aisling McDunphy

Finance - Nicola Corrigan

Box Office/FOH Team - Louise Larkin , Nikki Keating,

Tara Perry & Barbara Dignam

Hygiene Team & Security

Thanks to our Team of Volunteer Ushers

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Robert Downes
as Dame Dottie



Kevin Keeley
as Tickle

Tickles, Beauty & THE Beast

3rd December
- 4th January



Sarah Harvey
as The Enchantress

Austin Prebula
as The Prince/Beast

Tim Landers
as Belle's Dad

Riona Keogh
as Belle

Adam O'Shea
as Gaston

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