Puss in Boots
Belgrade Theatre
Relaxed performance

Characters

Matilda Pudding

My name is Iain Lauchlan and I play dame in the panto.

The dame is one of the comic characters and is a man dressed as a woman. The dame has several silly costumes to wear and in Puss in Boots, this year, she is called Matilda Pudding.

Matilda is the wife if Crusty the Miller, who has just passed on and is Simon’s mum. She makes all the bread for the village but now that Crusty the miller, her husband, has passed away what is going to happen to the mill?

Victor Grabitt and the Ogre have plans to take the mill away from her but the King wants to let her and Simon stay in it, rent free, for the rest of their days. What Matilda needs is a bit of magic and a helping nudge from the Fairy.
Simon Pudding

My name is Craig Hollingsworth and I play Simon Pudding the miller’s son.

Simon is the comic in the pantomime and always makes friends with the children in the audience. He is great fun and gets up to all sorts of mischief with Matilda.

Simon wants to become a famous rapper and be rich and successful. He has written his first rap and is trying to get followers on Instagram. His rapper name is Hashtag Baggee Bee with a triple eee.

In his dad’s will, which Victor Grabitt has forged, Simon has been left their fat cat Chubbs. So Fairy Flutterby has a plan and decides to help Simon and Matilda by using Chubbs in a magic spell.
Puss in Boots

My name is Joanna Thorne and I play the principal boy/ young hero in Puss in Boots. In fact I play Puss in Boots himself.

It is the tradition for the principal boy to be played by a young woman just as the Dame is played by a man.

Simon’s cat Chubbs is transformed by the fairy into Puss in Boots and is going to make Simon and Matilda rich, make Simon into a Duke and arrange for him to marry the Princess.

Puss in Boots is very clever and very brave. He will stand up to Victor Grabitt and the Ogre if he needs to. Puss in Boots will make things right for everyone.
Princess Sophia

My name is Miriam Edwards and I play Princess Sophia in Puss in Boots. Princess Sophia is a strong, independent Princess who looks out for her father the King.

She spends a lot of time fighting off the affections of Victor Grabitt and is not a fan of the Ogre.

One of Puss’s plans is for Simon to pretend that he is the Duke of Carabas so that he can be friends with the Princess. This works very well and Princess Sophia seems to like the Duke very much.

When Princess Sophia finds out that the Ogre and Grabitt are terrorising the citizens of the Kingdom, Sophia is determined to do something about it.
King Colin

My name is David Gilbrook and I play King Colin in Puss in Boots. King Colin is king of Mysopia and is a good and fair king. He is well loved by all, especially in the village of Baggy Bottom on the Bog, and always tries to look after his subjects.

King Colin is very fond of his daughter Princess Sophia and vowed always to protect her from evil but the Ogre seems to have more and more power each day and with the help of Victor Grabitt the Ogre will soon control the entire Kingdom.

King Colin wants to protect his daughter at all costs but is finding the advances of Victor towards his daughter more and more difficult to deal with.

If the King doesn’t do something soon then the Ogre will rule the kingdom and everyone will be condemned to live in fear.
Fairy Flutterby

My name is Aimee Louise Bevan and I play Fairy Flutterby, the good fairy, in Puss in Boots.

Fairy Flutterby likes to offer some fairy magic and a little nudge to some humans who are having a hard time.

Fairy Flutterby is a good and kind fairy and she feels that Matilda and Simon are being treated very badly by Victor Grabitt and the Ogre.

Her plan is to magic their fat cat Chubbs into a hero called Puss in Boots and with his wit and bravery Puss will help to make all their dreams come true, defeat the Ogre and teach Victor Grabitt a lesson.
My name is Peter Watts and I play the baddie Victor Grabitt in Puss in Boots. Victor is a spiteful, irritating and slimy individual who works for the evil Ogre.

Their plan is to take over all of the kingdom of Mysopia and condemn the ordinary people to live in fear of them. They also want to get rid of the King so that Victor can marry the Princess.

Everyone finds Victor really obnoxious and they try to stay out of his way but inevitably Victor has some plan that will affect the happiness and well being of everyone.

When Puss and Victor eventually meet it is inevitable that there will be trouble but who will win in the end?

Victor feels like he is untouchable as he has the protection of the Evil Ogre and nobody will do anything to anger the Ogre.
The Ogre

My name is Daniel Teague and I play the Ogre in Puss in Boots. The Ogre is an evil force who is set on making everyone miserable and forcing ordinary people to live in fear.

The Ogre has magical powers and can transform himself into any creature he wishes in order to spy on them.

He can change himself into a rat or a frog or a snake, in fact anything he chooses but he hides himself away in his dismal castle most of the time and lets Victor do most of his dirty work.

Puss will have to go the castle and try to outwit him and also try to defeat him. I also play a villager from Baggy Bottom On the bog.
The Bear

My name is Dylan Jones and I play the bear which the Ogre turns himself into in the castle when he is confronted by Puss and Simon.

The bear is the most ferocious creature that we see the Ogre turn into and it takes all of Puss’s strength and bravery to stand up to it. I also play a villager from Baggy Bottom on the bog.
Miranda, Crystal and Bat Creature

My name is Ema Astarloa and I play two villagers from Baggy bottom on the bog. One is a simple country girl called Crystal and the other is a very saucy young lady called Miranda.

I also play one of the evil bat creatures that live in the castle with the Ogre.

These creatures help to defend the Ogre and live off scraps that the Ogre and Victor discard.

The bat creatures live in the shadows and only come out when the Ogre is in danger.