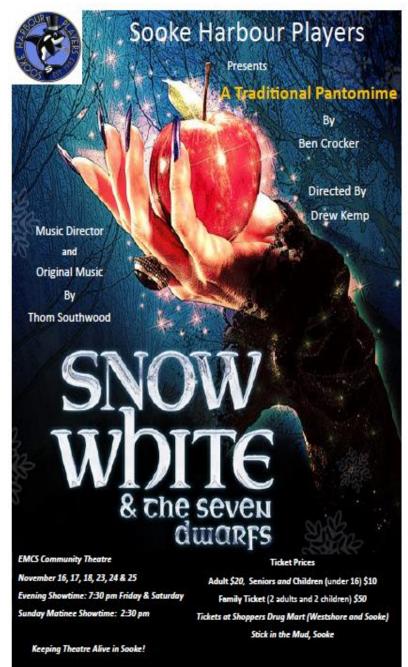
What is a Pantomime?



Pantomime (informally referred to as '**panto**,' is a type of musical comedy stage production designed for family entertainment. It was developed in England and is still performed throughout the United Kingdom and (to a lesser extent) in other English-speaking countries, especially during the Christmas and New Year season. Modern pantomime includes songs, gags, slapstick comedy and dancing. It employs gender-crossing actors and combines topical humour with a story more or less based on a well-known fairy tale, fable or folk tale. It is a participatory form of theatre, in which the audience is actively encouraged to sing along with certain parts of the music, to cheer and clap for the Hero, and to boo the Villain whenever she enters. Heckling is also encouraged and can lead to some hilarious ad-libs from the cast. Pantomime is family entertainment – a theatrical treat for all ages. Come join Sooke Harbour Players as we bring a Christmas pantomime to Sooke for the very first time. It will be great night out, guaranteed to provide a rollicking good time for the whole family!

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