## TOM'S MIDHIGHT GARDEN

By Philippa Pearce Adapted for stage by David Wood

Is it a Victorian ghost story or a 1950's dream?

Set in post-war Britain, the story follows the adventures of Tom, a young teenager, who is sent to live with his Aunt and Uncle whilst his older brother, Peter, is recovering from measles.

One night, the old grandfather clock in the hall mysteriously strikes thirteen. When Tom investigates this mysterious phenomenon he suddenly finds himself transported into the 1880's where he befriends a lonely young Victorian girl named Hatty.

Tom writes to Peter, detailing his strange journeys into the past and as the story unfolds we glimpse moments in time which will weave Tom's and Hatty's separate worlds together.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH THEATRE COMMITTEE

The observant amongst you may have already realised that this spot in our programme is usually written by Judith Gorse, or 'Auntie Judith' as she is known by all in the Youth Theatre.

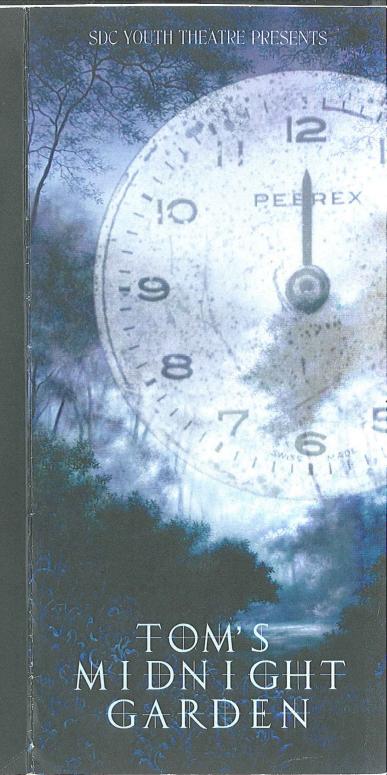
After several years as the SDC's Youth Theatre Co-ordinator, Judith has decided to step down. In her place, a new Youth Theatre committee has been formed to maintain the very high standards that she set. It is a testament to all her hard work and dedication that it requires a team of four people to undertake the same tasks that she so expertly did on her own.

So, we, the new team, would like to dedicate this production to her and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours.

We hope you enjoy the production you are about to see. It is a mysterious and magical tale that has been brought to life by a talented and enthusiastic cast and crew. We thank them for their diligence and creativity. We would also like to thank everyone else in the club who gives of their time to ensure our productions go on.

Finally, we thank you, our audience, for making the choice to support live theatre. Long may you continue to do so.

Stephen, Hilary, James and Marilyn



### THE CAST

Tom Robbie Fletcher-Hill Aunt Gwen/Susan Heather Gomersall Uncle Alan/Abel Tom Robb Karl Rawsthorne Peter

Hatty Alice Flynn

Mrs Bartholomew Laura-Jane Palmer

Aunt Grace Yasmine Paul

Paul Green

Tom Johnson

Victoria Leah Willis

Charlotte

Cathedral Guide/Angel Olivia Darkes-Sutcliffe

Parlour-maid



#### THE TEAM Director Marilyn Fletcher-Hill

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Erica Hanson

Staging Arnold Gorse

Lighting Syd Coley

Bernie Howat Sound

#### THE CREW

Stage Manager Mark Haworth Ceri Powell ASM Wardrobe James Hughes-Alty Props Natasha Proffitt John Delahunty Visual Effects Phil Hutchinson



There will be an interval of 20 minutes between the two acts. Why not pre-order your drinks in the bar prior to the performance.

CAMERAS AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT MAY NOT BE OPERATED DURING THE PERFORMANCE.

Kindly ensure that your mobile phone is switched off. Thank you.

Nick Evans Flys

Colin Haynes

Christian Barisio

Alex McKillop, Peter Beswick Stage Crew

Alan Morris, Mike Clarke

Lindsay Haywood

Programme Design Stephen Hughes-Alty

