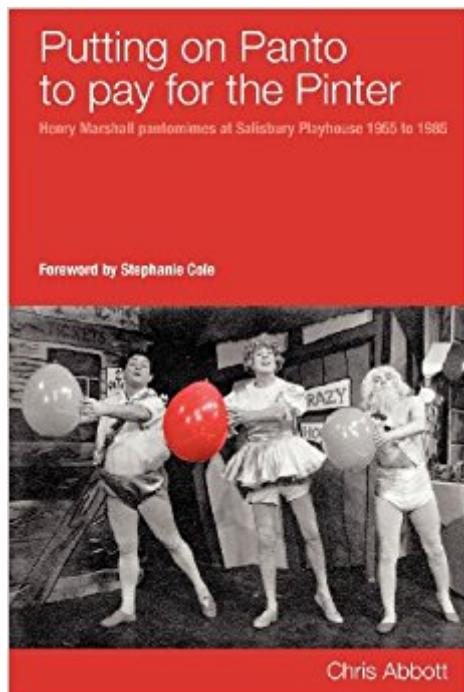


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# Putting On Panto To Pay For The Pinter



## Synopsis

Fully illustrated history of the pantomimes written by Henry Marshall and performed at Salisbury Playhouse (Wiltshire, England) between 1955 and 1985, including the full text of Marshall's gagbook, and reminiscences by many of the performers who went on to become famous nationally and internationally.

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"... On Monday evenings, the theatre put on more challenging fare such as one act plays by Harold Pinter, and Beckett's Waiting for Godot. 'We put on the panto to pay for the Pinter"', p25 Hence the title of the book, a tribute to Henry Marshall, the Salisbury Playhouse pantos and all who performed in them. Written with Chris Abbott's accustomed clarity, the fruit of his meticulous research, but with a lot more gags than usual, this labour of love will appeal to anyone with an interest in theatre.

Reading the reminiscence of others will also awake the memories of anyone who has ever performed in panto, pro or amateur, in however small a role." ... As King Neptune, he wore a lot of fabric seaweed and a liberal coating of green face paint and glued-on sequins. In the interval - and with only a single cold water tap - he had to wash all that off and then black up as the Cannibal King. As if that wasn't enough, John Barron insisted that he then change back again to green as King Neptune for the walk-down, so that he could appear opposite the Fairy. ..." p33(Enter Dame gorgeously dressed) How do you like my new dress? I call it my Mills Bomb dress. You take out the pin and it's every man for himself. " .. ` - reclining on a chaise longue at the beginning of the second

act of a thriller, phone in hand, only to watch in horror as the opening curtain snagged on a cocktail cabinet bringing the whole lot to the floor to the accompaniment of the sound of breaking glasses and bottles. With a level of sangfroid appropriate to his character, he improvised a request over the phone for someone to come and clear up the mess - and the actress playing the maid duly obliged.'

" p52Love ...

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