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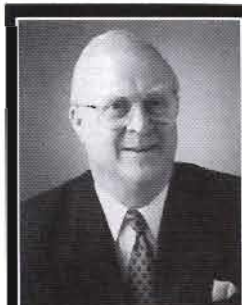
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## President's Foreword

I am delighted to welcome you to this season's production of *Return to the Forbidden Planet*.

Following an award-winning West End run some years ago, this is a great chance locally to see this reworked musical version of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and the cult science fiction film *Forbidden Planet*. The Macclesfield Majestic Theatre Group's stage accomplishments have been outstanding, even legendary, for more than thirty years. This high energy show features a bevy of 1950s and 1960s rock and roll classics performed on stage by a very talented cast, and we look forward, as ever, to excellent and stimulating entertainment.

As President, I am proud to say that the Majestic's fine reputation grows with each production and I am more than delighted to send best wishes once again for a successful and enjoyable show.



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## From the Chair...

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, may I extend a very warm welcome to you all.

*Return to the Forbidden Planet* opened in London in September 1989, where it ran for three and a half years. In April 1990 it won the Olivier Award for best musical.

We were very proud when one of our MMTG members, Anthony Hunt, went on to appear as a member of the original cast in that West End production. He still has relatives in the Macclesfield area, and was hoping to make our show, but he is currently appearing at the Octagon Theatre, Bolton.

Rehearsals for our production started in April and I'm sure you will appreciate all the hard work put in by the cast - music, lyrics and dance.

We are delighted that Kevin Clarke is our producer/choreographer. This is a musically challenging show and all the numbers have been patiently taught by our Musical Director, Ian Jones.

As in all societies, there are as many people behind the scenes as there are on stage. They work tirelessly to bring our productions to fruition, so please enjoy the set, sounds, lights and costumes.

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Jean  
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# RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET



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Stephen Clayton



Prospero  
Chris Simmons



Science Officer  
Alex Howarth



Miranda  
Emily Knutton



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# The Story

## Act One

The Spaceship Albatross is about to take off with Captain Tempest and crew. The ship accidentally flies into an asteroid storm and is damaged. The science officer makes her escape in the only shuttlecraft. The ship carries on but is pulled by an invisible force towards the planet Dillyria; all attempts to escape fail.

The ship crash-lands on Dillyria. A stranger from the past requests to come aboard, he is recognised as Prospero, an evil scientist - who now protests that he is a good man. Tempest agrees to give him another chance and Prospero comes aboard with his robot servant Ariel.

Prospero tells the crew how, 15 years ago, he distilled a drug, called X. His assistant and wife, Gloria, stole the drug and banished him and his baby daughter, Miranda, to the planet Dillyria.

Miranda boards and Cookie is immediately smitten. She, however, spies Tempest and falls in love with him. He returns the sentiment thinking she is older. Cookie thinks she loves him too as she has innocently kissed him on the cheek.

Prospero explains that the X-Factor will change the world by taking thoughts and turning them into real objects. Miranda tells Prospero of her love for Tempest but he says she is too young, as does Tempest when he realises how old she is. Cookie overhears her confessing her love and is upset and vows to take his revenge.

Alone, Prospero drinks some of the X-Factor and a strange feeling comes over him.

Just then, the Navigation Officer spies something on the scanner screen

- it is a huge monster coming towards the ship. A human is heard in the airlock, it turns out to be Gloria running from the monster. Prospero recognises her as his wife who sent him into space 15 years earlier.

The monster attacks the ship.

## Act Two

Ariel manages to save everyone and the monster escapes.

The Science Officer Gloria, is arrested. Ariel taunts her and after her pleading the crew let her loose. Gloria, now knowing that Prospero has the blueprint for the drug X, decides to use Cookie's love for Miranda to get to it. Meanwhile, Ariel persuades Miranda to make Tempest jealous. Cookie enters with the blueprint and Miranda and Ariel try to get it off him. Ariel swallows the blueprint.

Prospero discovers what Ariel has done, also that the monster is the spirit of Id, a monster brought from his mind by the drug. He realises now that there is no antidote and decides to end his life to save the crew and his wife Gloria. Otherwise the monster will destroy everything.

There is an earthquake, and it turns out that Dillyria is also a product of Prospero's mind and is now coming apart.

How will it end? Will they make it safely back? Will love win through?

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Ariel  
Micheal Dawes



Cookie  
Robbie Medina



Bosun  
Alex Bingle



Navigation Officer  
James Avery



Kevin Clarke  
Producer/  
Choreographer



Ian Jones  
Musical  
Director

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## Cast

PROSPERO .....	Chris Simmons
TEMPEST .....	Stephen Clayton
SCIENCE OFFICER.....	Alex Howarth
MIRANDA .....	Emily Knutton
ARIEL .....	Micheal Dawes
COOKIE .....	Robbie Medina
BOSUN .....	Alex Bingle
NAVIGATION OFFICER .....	James Avery

### Dancing Operatives

Lucie Knutton, Liz Knutton, Steph Dale, Leanne Preece, Julie Preece, Jane Rogers, Sue Clayton, Pam Clarke, Colette Desborough

### Singing Operatives

Bev Jones, Helen Brady, Jackie Gibbs, Dawn Dale, Linda Chuter, Jean Clarke, Sheila Gaskell, Natasha Woodley-Mitchell, Donna Woodley

### Musicians

Keyboard 1 .....	Ian Jones	Guitar .....	Dewi Chappell
Keyboard 2.....	Mary Kirkpatrick	Bass Guitar .....	Carl Barnett
Trumpet .....	Dave Laws	Drums/Percussion .....	Tony Lawson
Trombone .....	Anthony Longden		

Marshall Lancaster has very kindly agreed to be the Narrator for our production. This is not the first time that he has appeared for MMTG, having played the lead in our pantomime *Ali Baba* way back in 1995.

Since then he has carved a very successful acting career having completed his training at Bristol Old Vic. He has appeared many times on television in such programmes as *Casualty*, *Barrymore*, *Peak Practice*, *The Lakes* and more recently in the highly acclaimed series *Life on Mars* and is to be included in the sequel *Ashes to Ashes*.

We would like to thank him for 'helping out' and wish him all the best with his future career



## Musical Numbers

### Act One

Wipeout .....	Ensemble
Albatross .....	Ensemble
It's a Man's, Man's, Man's World .....	Science Officer, Tempest
Great Balls of Fire .....	Ensemble
Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood.....	Prospero
Good Vibrations .....	Tempest, Ariel, Operatives
Shoop Shoop Song .....	Cookie, Bosun, Operatives
Ain't Gonna Wash for a Week .....	Cookie, Operatives
I'm Gonna Change the World .....	Prospero, Tempest, Ariel
Teenager in Love .....	Miranda, Operatives
Young Girl .....	Tempest, Operatives
She's Not There .....	Cookie
All Shook Up .....	Miranda, Prospero, Cookie
Gloria .....	Science Officer, Navigation Officer Prospero, Operatives

### ACT TWO

5-4-3-2-1/Gloria.....	Ensemble
Who's Sorry Now .....	Ariel, Operatives
Tell Her .....	Ensemble
Robot Man.....	Miranda, Tempest, Ariel, Operatives
Shake, Rattle and Roll .....	Ariel, Cookie, Operatives
Go Now.....	Gloria, Operatives
Only the Lonely.....	Cookie
The Young Ones .....	Tempest, Miranda
Born to be Wild/Out into Space .....	Ensemble
Wipeout .....	Ensemble
Telstar .....	Ensemble
Mr. Spaceman .....	Miranda, Operatives
I Can't Turn You Loose/Monster Mash .....	Prospero, Operatives
Great Balls of Fire .....	Cookie
Born to be Wild/Out into Space .....	Ensemble
Johnnie B. Goode .....	Navigation Officer, Bosun, Operatives

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## Musicians



Anthony Longden



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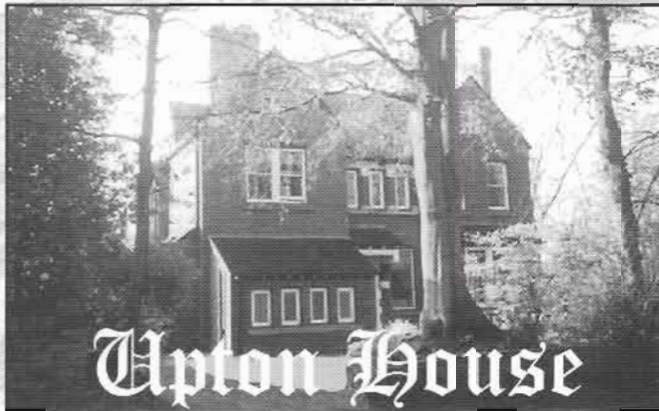
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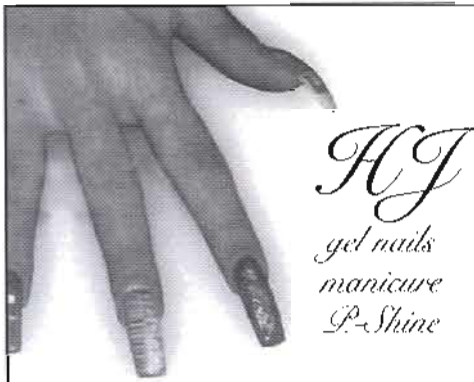
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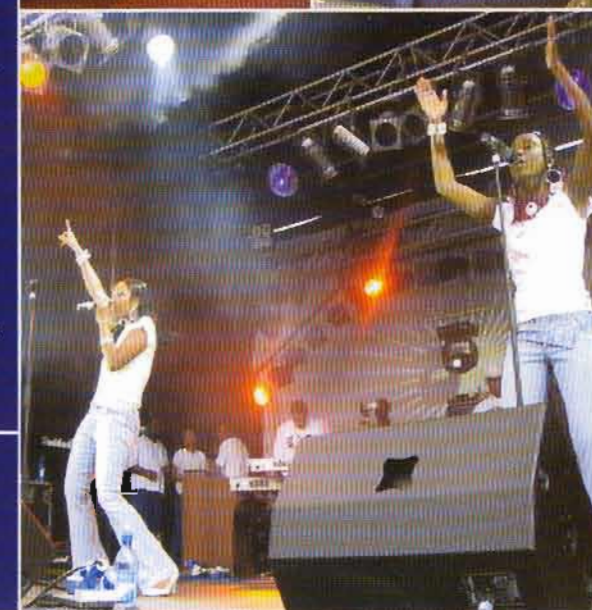
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