

PRINCE CASPIAN was first written as a fantasy novel in 1951 by beloved British author C.S. Lewis. This stage adaptation is by New Zealand playwright Erina Caradus, first produced in 2007. The play is set briefly in 1940's Britain, but is mostly in the imaginary land of Narnia.

The Prince has had his title usurped by an unscrupulous uncle who now plans to kill him. Caspian's latest teacher, Cornelius, (who is secretly ½ Dwarf) helps him escape. Caspian meets up with talking beasts, as from ancient times, but the ensuing battle doesn't go well. Enter the age-old Kings & Queens of Narnia – the Pevensie “children” - who've been called back to duty in Narnia by a deep magic. The glue of the play is Trumpkin, as narrator and participant.

There will be plenty of action and stage combat in this play, and it would be preferable for the Pevensies (and maybe others) to have consistent British accents; other fun voices/accents will be developed during the rehearsal process – none are required for auditions.

Some actors will play two or more smaller roles; most Narnians can be male or female!

Cast List, essentially in order of size of role (8 women, 8 men, 20+ played by either)

Trumpkin, the Red Dwarf – ageless, a valiant warrior (some sword-fighting, archery)

Peter Pevensie – 16 – with the bearing of a king (serious sword-fighting)

Susan Pevensie – 14 – with the bearing of a queen (some archery)

Edmund Pevensie – 12 – with the bearing of a king

Lucy Pevensie – 10 – with the bearing of a queen

Prince Caspian – 18 – tough and faithful (some sword-fighting)

Doctor Cornelius – 50's – Caspian's tutor, wise and faithful

Aslan – ageless Lion, the True King, wise and quiet and fierce

Nikabrik, the Black Dwarf – ageless, a skeptic warrior

Trufflehunter, the badger – ageless, tough and wise and faithful

Lord Glozelle – 40's – royal “wannabe”, and treacherous (some sword-fighting)

Lord Sopespian – 40's – royal “wannabe”, and treacherous (some sword-fighting)

King Miraz – 40 – a tyrannical usurper-king (serious sword-fighting)

Nurse – 50's – warm and wise and faithful

Young Caspian – 10 (played by girl?) - trusting (some sword-fighting)

Telmarine army: Borden, Larkin, Delman, others? (some sword-fighting)

Mice army: Reepicheep, the chief; Peepiceek, the lieutenant; others? (some sword-fighting)

Bears: Honeysuckle, Snuggletuft

Glenstorm, a Centaur (some sword-fighting)

Brickletumb, a Red Dwarf (see Trumpkin)

Fychan, a Black Dwarf (see Nikabrik)

Scatterflit, a Squirrel

Camillo, a Hare

Queen Prunaprismia – 30 – mothering, but ambitious

Hag, a bad Narnian

Wer-Wolf, a bad Narnian

Miss Prizzle, a strict school teacher

Gwendolen, a sweet child

Maia, a sweet child

Fauns and/or Dryads – no individual lines

Walking Trees – as in, people dressed as trees! - no individual lines

School Children? - no individual lines