



## TOAD OF TOAD HALL

April 24 & 25th, 2010

### **TOAD OF TOAD HALL PLOT SUMMARY**

The evergreen tale of life on the river bank and rural tranquility with its inhabitants - Mole, Ratty and Badger - is shattered by the eccentric behavior of Toad, in this fun-filled adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's book "The Wind in the Willows". A. A. Milne's Toad of Toad Hall is brought magically to life in this enchanting tale of adventure, friendship, courage, and hope.

Toad has a few great loves - like caravanning, motor cars and generally having a good time. Toad's madness finally gets the better of him as he ends up behind bars for his persistent reckless driving. Toad's enemies of the Wild Wood couldn't be happier to see him in prison as they plot to overtake Toad's estate, Toad Hall.

Toad manages to escape from prison and yet another adventure starts as he returns to Toad Hall, to find it occupied by his enemies. It's then up to foolish Toad - helped by kind Rat, wise Badger and gentle Mole as they all rally round in his hour of need, and win back Toad Hall.

A ride you won't want to ever forget! So what are you waiting for? Climb aboard!

**Poop! Poop!**

### **LIST OF CHARACTERS**

**Toad** - 17-25 – male or female – Main character

Eccentric, full of himself, wealthy, arrogant, simple and often boastful or conceited

**Badger** - 17-25 yrs old – male or female - larger stature – Main character

Mature, wise and commands great respect but many fear him

**Ratty** - 17-25 yrs old – male or female – Main character

A poet who is generous, compassionate and proper, energetic and kind, respectful

**Mole** - 17-25 yrs old – male or female – Main character  
Gentle, childlike, emotional, passionate and innocent – a bit naïve

**Marigold** - 7-10 yrs old – female  
Young girl – dreaming of talking animals in woods

**Nurse** - Caretaker to Marigold

**Alfred** - 14-25 yrs old – Horse – Will need to be in full costume

**Back legs of Alfred** – Non-speaking part and will need to be in full costume and bent over for stage appearances.

**Chief Ferret** - 15-25 yrs old – male or female  
A Chief Conspirator - devious, shifty, jealous and out to get Toad

**Chief Weasel** - 15-25 yrs old – male or female  
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**Chief Stoat** - 15-25 yrs old – male or female  
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**Policeman** - 14-25 yrs old – male or female

**Gaoler** - – male or female

**Usher** - male or female

**Judge** - 14-25 yrs old – male or female

**Other Characters**

**First Field-Mouse**

**Turkey**

**Phoebe**

**The White Rabbit**

**Lucy Rabbit**

**Fox**

**Second Field-Mouse**

**Duck**

**Washerwoman**

**Mama Rabbit**

**Harold Rabbit**

**Barge Woman**

**Children between 7-10 yrs old**

Ferrets

Stoats

Squirrels

Weasels

Rabbits

Field Mice

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The majority of the rehearsals have been scheduled for **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays**. Please note the tentative dates for rehearsals and the dates of the production. You **MUST ADVISE THE DIRECTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF ANY POTENTIAL ABSENCES**. This is a tight timeline and we must insist on 100% commitment.

1. All students under the age of 18 must be accompanied to auditions by a parent.
2. All actors and backstage personnel must be CDS members for insurance reasons.
3. All group communications are via e-mail.
4. CDS is a 100% voluntary organisation; participants will receive one (1) complimentary ticket for a Matinee.