

WILTON'S
MUSIC HALL



*Wilton's Music Hall and Hero Productions
present the World Premiere of*

The
**Box of
Delights**



by Piers Torday

based on the novel by John Masefield

**SCHOOLS' DRAWING
COMPETITION**

About the Production

Kay Harker is on the train home from school for the holidays. But this Christmas will be different. His parents are dead and in the snow, the wolves are running...

On the train he meets an old magician, Cole Hawlings, who charges Kay with protecting his Box of Delights, a wondrous device with time travelling powers. But when the old man mysteriously disappears, Kay faces the fight of his life to protect the Box, and with it, the people he loves. For Cole's nemesis, the wicked sorcerer Abner Brown will stop at nothing to get his hands on the Box.

The Box of Delights is a magical and festive adventure like no other, in which one boy must enlist the help of the heroes of the past, to defeat the evil in his present. The very future of Christmas itself depends upon him...

This marks the World Stage Premiere of Poet Laureate John Masefield's 1935 Christmas classic, **The Box of Delights**, re-imagined especially for Wilton's by Piers Torday whose work includes **The Last Wild** trilogy (Guardian Children's Fiction Prize) and **There May Be a Castle**.

The Creative Team includes Director Justin Audibert (Royal Shakespeare Company, National Theatre) and Olivier awarding-winning Designer Tom Piper, best-known recently as the designer of the poppy installation at the Tower of London – Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red. Cast includes: Mark Extance, Josefina Gabrielle, Matthew Kelly, Safiyya Ingar, Tom Kanji, Samuel Simmonds, Rosalind Stelle and Alistair Toovey.

*“John Masefield's **The Box of Delights** is one of the true classics. It has all the magic, adventure, threat, enchantment and excitement of the best tales for children of all ages. I remember wriggling with pleasure when I first read it and I couldn't be more excited that such a talented team is bringing it to life for a new generation – and at Wilton's – wonderful!”*

STEPHEN FRY

“Piers Torday is one of the best writers for children working today”

THE GUARDIAN

“John Masefield wrote two of the greatest children's books ever written”

THE TIMES

About the Competition

To celebrate the world premiere of The Box of Delights Wilton's is running a drawing competition for Key Stage 2 (years 3-6).

We would like you to draw or paint a picture of what you imagine might be contained within the magical Box of Delights. The winning entry will be printed on the front cover of The Box of Delights programme for the duration of the production's run at Wilton's, 1st December 2017 – 6th January 2018.

The winner will also receive four tickets to see a performance of their choice of The Box of Delights, subject to availability.

What You Need to Do

- Make a picture of what you think might be in the Box of Delights.
- Use any materials, techniques or processes (for example drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles, photography, computer aided design, collage, montage) to make your piece, as long as the entry is two dimensional.
- The entry must be no bigger than A4.
- Entries will be judged on originality and creativity, boldness and impact. Judges will include: Piers Torday, Tom Piper and Josefina Gabrielle
- Closing Date Friday 17th November at 12.00 (midday). We will not be able to return submitted work.

Entry Form

Full Name	
Address	
Age	
School Year	
Name of School	
Council Area	
Email Address	
Telephone Number	
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that the work will not be returned	