



The Loft, & the Witch & the Warlock

An original play by Georgina Gibbard

Neston Civic Hall

Sunday 21st December 2025



Synopsis

When an argument between Victoria, a frustrated stay-at-home parent longing to reclaim her ambitions, and Frank, an academic clinging to stability, sends their young son Charlie retreating to the loft, the space becomes a refuge - and a gateway.

Joined by his friends Max and Quinn, Charlie discovers the mysterious Book of Nostal-Gia, opening a portal to Selvessia, a realm fractured by the bitter feud of its founders, Thora the Witch and Faramond the Warlock.

Pulled into prophecy as the reluctant Chosen One, Charlie must navigate warring councils, deceptive elders, and his own emotions while learning that Selvessia's survival depends not on conquest, but reconciliation.

As storms rage in both worlds, Charlie confronts the cost of division and the power of unity, friendship, and hope.

Ultimately, his journey through Selvessia forces truths to the surface at home, where healing begins with listening, compromise, and the courage to choose each other again.



The Cast

In order of appearance

Victoria Dawson ~ Imogen Owen
Frank Dawson ~ Caelan McVey
Charlie Dawson ~ Jack Reid
Max Oakley ~ Grace Hallsworth
Quinn Brooks ~ Eleanor Donellan
Vex Rancour ~ Ash Goldsmith
DeNil Greenwater ~ Alex Dickinson
Agoni Fougasse ~ Ruby Seagrave
Rue ~ Chloe Wheeler
Oedipus Athenaeum ~ Henry Gilmore
Colly Wobbles ~ Holly Seagrave
Randor Dusk ~ Mason Ashby
Althea Evenfall ~ Kaiya Whiteside
Selene Moonshadow ~ Mimi Yates
Cantus Ironroot ~ Ashton Leech
Polina Sapwood ~ Jennifer Skinner
Pluteus Stinkhorn ~ Mason Machell
Fey Thistletwitch ~ Harriet Williams
Yen Hagglewell ~ Renisha Chavda
Melancholia Blightwood ~ Rosie Lindley
Thora Valebrant ~ Imogen Owen
Faramond Caelvric ~ Caelan McVey
Polly Oakley ~ Jennifer Skinner
Carl Oakley ~ Ashton Leech
Ray Dawson ~ Mason Ashby
Selena Dawson ~ Mimi Yates
Allie Dawson ~ Kaiya Whiteside



Concept by Seb Nolan & Georgina Gibbard

Written by Georgina Gibbard

Directed by Georgina Gibbard

Assisted by Ezra Smith

Costume Design by Georgina Gibbard

Costumes provided by Diana & Co.

Sound Design by Georgina Gibbard

Puppets & Props by Seb Nolan

Set Design by Seb Nolan

Lighting Design by Georgina Gibbard

Lighting by Cameron Walker

Stage Management by Ezra Smith

Sophie James

Tom Burke

Photography by Seb Nolan

Programme Design by Georgina Gibbard

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The wonderful cast!

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