

## **A SHOW-STOPPING SEASON**

6<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Leisure Parcs has had another show-stopping season with packed audiences at the Tower Circus, Tower and Empress Ballrooms and the Opera House.

The award-winning Circus 'Mooky's Masquerade' has been watched this season by over 320,000 guests. Now the curtains on the season have drawn to a close, rehearsals are well underway for the Christmas Circus which will tell the magical story of 'Cinderella' in a way that only the spectacular artists, including 'Mooky Buttons', can.

2008 will also see the launch of the first-ever Circus Carnival in February which will feature some of the best circus entertainers from around the world in a nine day extravaganza.

The Opera House has this season played host to Blackpool veterans Cannon and Ball and Roy Chubby Brown who used the venue to record his new DVD in front of 5,000 chanting fans!

In good company, Billy Connolly has also played sell-out dates this year and Kid Creole has confirmed that in 2008 'Oh What a Night' will run

again on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this amazing tribute to the best of the seventies.

The Empress Ballroom is also proving itself to be a must-have date on many band's tours. The intimate atmosphere combined with amazing acoustics are drawing bands including the Killers and this week the Verve, who have played two of only six concerts there.

This year, for the first time in many years, the Opera House was home to a musical. The success of Chicago was so well received by audiences that one of the West End's longest running musicals will see the arrival of 'Cats' running from 18<sup>th</sup> December-5<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

In the Tower Ballroom Ashley Frolick and the Empress Orchestra played to a packed crowd and the Ballroom Experience has been further enhanced with the arrival of Billy Pearce who attracted a new audience to this magnificent setting.

Michael Williams, of Leisure Parcs comments, "This year we have had the best of both worlds. We have seen the return of some of the old favourites while attracting some of the country's leading stars and groups as the venues continue to grow in stature.

"It's testament to the crowds that Chicago pulled in that we have Cats appearing as part of our Christmas entertainment this year and next season will also prove to be one full of top class entertainment and classic crowd pleasers."

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