





**GEELONG**  
23 - 24 JULY

**MELBOURNE**  
28 - 31 JULY

# Chu Chin Chow

*A Musical Extravaganza of the Arabian Nights  
as told by Oscar Asche*

SEASON  
**2016**

**GEELONG PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTRE**

**PHOENIX THEATRE  
ELWOOD**



50 Little Malop St, Geelong  
JULY Sat 23 at 8pm

101 Glen Huntly Rd, Elwood<sup>2/5</sup>  
JULY Thur 28, Fri 29, Sat 30 at 8pm

## **The Musical Comedy which helped win World War I**

Australian born, OSCAR ASCHE, created a sensation when he wrote CHU CHIN CHOW. With music by Frederic Norton, it opened at His Majesty's Theatre, London, on 31st August 1916 and ran for five years and a total of 2,238 performances (more than twice as many as any previous musical), an astonishing record that stood until the 1950's.

Based (with minor embellishments) on the story of ALI BABA AND THE 40 THIEVES, it became an important addition to boosting the morale at home in England during World War I. Especially, for the many troops on leave from the front, it became a "must see" show.

### **Some background videos about Chu Chin Chow.**

A [promo video featuring sections of the 1934 film](#) , or this [video with highlights from the soundtrack](#) , or this [longer video of music highlights](#) . Also this AustLit weblink, [catalogues a great deal of background and past productions](#)

### **Chu Chin Chow Images**

[A Collection of historic Chu Chin Chow images](#)

Not seen in Melbourne for over half a century, GSOV is presenting CHU CHIN CHOW in the centennial year of its first production, 2016, as a musical within a play. Written by MELVYN MORROW, and directed and choreographed by ROBERT RAY, the new version sees great fun in Oscar Asche, selling his musical to the management of J.C. Williamson's. He describes the action with great flair and panache, and takes part himself. Out of his imaginative descriptions, real singers and dancers emerge, and act out scenes and songs from the musical.

As Oscar Asche was born in Geelong, our show will open in GEELONG PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE in July 2016. We have been generously supported in this with assistance from the Geelong Arts & Culture Department. This will mark GSOV's first appearance in Victoria's second city, despite playing in much of regional Victoria and Melbourne in its 80 years of performing.

Adult - \$42

Concession - \$35

Student - \$28

Child under 16 - \$20

Group of 10+ - \$33 each

Adult + 1 child free at matinees only - \$42

\*\* Early Bird Prices until 30/6 \*\*

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Adult - \$36

Concession - \$31

Student - \$24  
Child under 16 - \$16

## **CHU CHIN CHOW - 100th ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE**

### **GEELONG - GPAC Drama Theatre**

Saturday 23rd July (Matinee and Evening)  
Sunday 24th July (Matinee)

The GPAC Box office phone number is (03)5225 1200  
GPAC tickets [Purchase Online HERE.](#)

### **MELBOURNE - Phoenix Theatre, Elwood**

Thursday 28th July  
Friday 29th July  
Saturday 30th July (Matinee and Evening)  
Sunday 31st July (Matinee)

Melbourne Tickets on sale: [Purchase Phoenix Theatre Tickets HERE.](#)

### **REVIEWS:**

[Australian Stage review.](#)

### **Production Credits**

[GSOV's Chu Chin Chow Full Production Credits](#)

#### CAST

Chu Chin Chow

Oscar Asche as ABU HASAN / KEN MARTIN

Cecil Humphreys as KASHAN / ROBERT COCK

Wensley Russell as ALI BABA / MACK

Herbert Brown as NUR-AT-DIN / SYME

George Ide as ABDULLA / FRANCIS SMITH

Mason Wood as BABA MANSUR / BROWN

Arthur Styan as CHU CHIN CHOW / ANDREW / ABU HASAN

Eardley Turner as MUKBIB / GIANFRANCO FILONZI

Pearl Ladd as ALCOLOM / JESSICA LESLEY HARRIS

Jessie Page as MAHBUBA / SUSAN MARSHALL

Kitty Reidy as MARJANA / ELLA BROOME

Sarah Doran as ZAHRATA / SUMNER / BOWEN

#### ROBBERS

DAVID VELLELY, LARRY DALTON, CHRIS McINNIS, LOU MONTERET, GIANFRANCO FILONZI, A

#### HAREM GIRLS

LAUREN STANNARD, GEORGIA VELLELY, MEREDITH WEI, SARAH COSSEY, ELENA SANINA

#### RICH MERCHANT WIVES

ROBYN PIDCOCK, ELIZABETH BARRY, ELIZABETH McREA, JACQUI MALONEY