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IN HONOUR OF ITS  
CENTENARY YEAR

Original Story & Lyrics by Oscar Asche  
New Book by Melvyn Morrow  
Music by Frederic Norton  
Performed by the GSOV Orchestra

"IF YOU LOVE A MUSICAL  
EXTRAVAGANZA AND WANT TO  
**WITNESS A RARE RECREATION**  
OF THEATRE HISTORY...  
**DON'T WAIT ANOTHER 100 YEARS**  
FOR THE NEXT PERFORMANCE".

*Jane Canaway - Australian Stage*

"THE DEBT THAT TODAY'S  
**WEST END BLOCKBUSTER MUSICALS**  
OWE TO OSCAR ASCHE'S  
**TRAILBLAZER 'CHU CHIN CHOW'**  
IS ENORMOUS".

*Neil Clark - UK Sunday Express*



# Chu Chin Chow

Based on the smash hit that ran for 2238 performances on London's West End  
*A Musical Extravaganza of the Arabian Nights*  
*as told by Oscar Asche*

**MALVERN THEATRE**

By arrangement with 12/4rn Theatre Co  
29 BURKE ROAD, MALVERN

## **The Musical Comedy which helped win World War I RETURNS to play Malvern Theatre**

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.

After playing at Geelong Performing Arts Centre and Phoenix theatre Elwood, you now have a second chance to see this brilliant show.

**Malvern Theatre, 29 Burke Road, Malvern Performances: Saturday 26 November, 2PM and 8.15PM; Sunday 27 November 3PM**

Adult: \$25

Concession: \$20 (Health Concession, Students, Pensioners, Seniors card holders only. Please present your card with the ticket at the door)

Child (15 years old and under): \$15

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### **REVIEWS:**

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## Production Credits

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

### CAST

Chu Chin Chow

Oscar Asche as ABU HASAN / SENIT MARTIN

Cecil Humphreys as KASHI / ROBYN PIDCOCK

Wensley Russell as ALI BABA / MACK

Herbert Brown as NUR-AT-DIN / ASYME

George Ide as ABDULLA / FRANCIS SMITH

Mason Wood as BABA MAJID / MASON BROWN

Arthur Styan as CHU CHIAN / ANDREW / MCGRIFF / ASAN

Eardley Turner as MUKBIB / GIANFRANCO FILONZI

Pearl Ladd as ALCOLOM / JESSICA LESLEY HARRIS

Jessie Page as MAHBUB / SUSAN MARSHALL

Kitty Reidy as MARJANA / ELLA BROOME

Sarah Doran as ZHRATS / SUMMER / BOWEN

### ROBBERS

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

### HAREM GIRLS

LAUREN STANNARD, GEORGIA VELLELY, MEREDITH WEI

### RICH MERCHANT WIVES

ROBYN PIDCOCK, ELIZABETH BARRY, ELIZABETH McREA, JACQUI MALONEY