

Simon Townley

Musical Director/Piano

Simon Townley read Music at Oxford University, graduating BA Hons. As composer arranger and musical director he is a veteran of many pantomimes and stage musicals. He has written music for numerous films and TV programmes, including most recently *Jane Goldman Investigates* for LivingTV, and *Dirty Tricks* for Channel Four.



Since 1992 he has been the piano player with the Pasadena Roof Orchestra, performing in front of thousands at concerts all over the world, from Helsinki to Hong Kong, Abu Dhabi to Berlin, including two major tours of the USA, and recording several excellent CDs.

Simon is also Musical Director of the touring productions of *Beyond Broadway*, *Masters Of The Musical* and *Kings Of Swing* which can be seen throughout the UK. Last year he was piano player for the tour of *A Night At The Opera* featuring Jane Gilchrist and Denise Leigh, winners of Channel 4's *Operatunity*. Later this autumn he will be the Musical Director for the new tour, this year featuring the 'Opera Babes'.

Simon has been Musical Director of many top Pantomimes - after a successful run with *Mother Goose* last year, Simon is delighted to be returning to the Hexagon, Reading, with *Cinderella*.

Much in demand as a solo piano player, Simon has played in hotels and restaurants all over the world, including regular spells at the Savoy and Claridges in London.

For BBC Radio Four Simon has contributed to many programmes such as *Word Of Mouth*, as well as presenting several documentaries on matters musical, from Glenn Miller to Cut Price Classical LPs. From time to time he can be heard giving the interval talk during concerts and operas on Radio Three. Also available for weddings, barmitzvahs.....

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