# Production Team - Crazy Christmas Cabaret 2018

## Vivienne McKee - WRITER & DIRECTOR

Vivienne founded the English Theatre of Copenhagen - London Toast Theatre in 1982. She writes and directs the Crazy Christmas shows every year and also plays: “Don't Mention Hemingway”, “Shakespeare’s Ghost”. Her Danish TV and theatre includes “Langt fra Las Vegas”, “Ørnen”, “Young Frankenstein” for Fredericia Teater and Gertrude in “Hamlet” at Kronborg Castle, which was shown on Danish television. Her voice instructs Agent 47 in the international computer game “Hitman” and gives information on DSB trains. Her Stand Up is ideal for international companies who want to find out more about the Danes. She loves to travel around the world and her carbon footprint is shamefully high. The question often is: “Where’s Vivienne?“ And the reply is: “Vivienne’s Off !”
www.londontoast.dk/vivienne-mckee

## Kirsten Brink - SET & COSTUME DESIGNER

This is Kirsten's 31st CCC show - a record in theatre history for a direc- tor/designer team. Vivienne says that she cannot imagine doing a CCC without her! Her inventive CCC costumes and stage sets are legen- dary. Kirsten graduated from Kolding Kunsthåndværkerskole in 1982 as a set and costume designer and began working with Vivienne in 1988. She has designed for other theatre companies including Folketeatret, Vendsyssel Teater, Hjørring Revy, Nytårskoncert. She travels as often as she can, drawing inspiration from all the countries she visits. The proof of this is in this year's extraordinary costumes from all over the world.

## Peter Friis - CHOREOGRAPHER

This is Peter's 11th Crazy Christmas Cabaret. He is a pivotal part of the CCC team with his inventive and hilarious dance numbers. Peter never stops! This year he has choreographed around the world – "Midt om Natten", "Kærlighed ved første hik", "The Devils apprentice", "Nisseban- den" all in Denmark and "A night in Venice" in Oman.
"Dance with me, you will" says Peter and you can become his appren- tice for free - at freeyourfeet.com.
www.peterfriis.dk

# Cast - Crazy Christmas Cabaret 2018

## David Bateson

David is the longest running actor of the Crazy Christmas Shows. And “running” is the word. After 28 years he is still rushing around on stage and backstage making lightening costume and wig changes in numerous roles, not to mention, this year, all the different accents from Chinese and German to his impersonation of Donald Trump. After all that rush-
ing around, his travel dream is to find a beach somewhere
in the world and go surfing. When he is not performing his comedy skills in the CCC every year, he appears in Danish TV series and films. Best known as the voice of Agent 47 in the worldwide hit computer game, “Hitman”, he also adds his voice to many international commercials. David is delighted by “all the laughter and fun times in the CCC and appreciates the love shown over the years by our wonderful audiences.”
www.davidbateson.dk

## Henrik Lund

This is Henrik's 3rd CCC. Henrik is a Danish actor, singer, dancer and choreographer. In 2012 he won the Reumert Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Cosmo Brown, in "Singin' in the Rain" at Det Ny Teater. He has appeared in the variety show, Wallmans, and family musicals "Annie Get your Gun", "Beauty and the Beast", "Chicago", "The Producers", "Mary Poppins", "Book of Mormon" and "Anything Goes". He wants to go around the world if He ever gets the time and the money, and hopes that Phileas Fogg will pay.

## Bennet Thorpe

This is Bennet's 12th Crazy Christmas. He went to the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and then worked in television, and played the leading role in the popular kid's TV series "Captain Mack". Vivienne spotted him and he became a regular performer in the Crazy Christmas Cabaret, finally making Denmark his home. He has also performed at the Bådteatret with "Why Not Theatre" and at Teatret Ved Sorte Heste as Christopher Marlowe in McKee's play "Shakespeare's Ghost" and at Kronborg Castle celebrating Shakespeare's 400th anniversary. His favourite CCC is "Oh My Goth".
www.youtube.com

## Katrine Falkenberg

“Fogg’s Off” is Katrine’s 11th CCC show and she has loved
being in every single one of them. She has played many different characters, worn fabulous costumes, funny wigs, sung wonderful songs and kicked her legs in crazy dances - what’s not to love? “Bored of the Rings” is her first and favourite show, in which she played Lady Guinevere and Spam the hobbit! Katrine provides voices for many cartoons, TV series and commercials. She released her jazz album “I de Små Timer” in 2017 and tours with her jazz band.
She travelled around the world in 1995 in 7 adventurous months. “Fogg’s Off” has inspired her to try it again!
www.katrinefalkenberg.dk

## Rikke Hvidbjerg

Trained at Det Danske Musical Akademi in Fredericia. She has played the musical field for more than

fifteen years, appearing in shows such as “Tivoli Tam Tam”, “Grease”, “Lizzie”, “Elsk Mig I Nat”,“Cabaret” and “American Idiot”. She’s been touring with Rasmus Seebach and backed Sanne Salomonsen, Anna David, Shirley and Linda P on both stage and albums. This is her 3rd CCC. She says: “I love the music, the crazy actors, the great musicians and all the laughs we have during rehearsals and on stage.” Playing Princess Aysha has inspired her to go to India, but she hopes not to end up on a Funeral pyre!

## Andrew Jeffers

Andrew has been an actor for over 25 years, and has enjoyed dressing up in the elaborate costumes as Vivienne’s “Dame” in no less than 20 CCCs. He appeared in various British TV soaps, plays and musicals before moving permanently to Copenhagen. Now he is a voice-over speaker for commer- cials and documentaries. Andrew has been playing Polonius in “Hamlet Live” at Kronborg Castle for 3 years, He says: “My favourite show was Bored of the Rings in 2006, and there are moments in all the shows that are memorable. The Princess Leia bikini I wore In “Planet Rump“ last year was outrageous and enjoyed by all the audience”. Like Fogg, Andrew loves to travel as much as he can, but without a time limit. www.andrewjeffers.dk

## Jefferson Bond

Jefferson graduated from East 15 Acting School with a first class honours degree in Acting and Physical Theatre. Since leaving drama school he has toured internationally, appeared in films and at fringe festivals. This is Jeff's 3rd Crazy Christ- mas Cabaret and there is no place he would rather be than performing in Tivoli. His favourite CCC is Planet Rump - The Farce Awakens in which he played Luke Skystalker. Currently Jeff is performing Stand Up comedy and most recently just became the voice for Lego Harry Potter. His next travel plans will definitely include a hot air balloon!
www.jeffersonbond24.wixsite.com/website

## Claus de Licthenberg

Claus trained as a musical performer at the Danish National School of Performing Arts. This year is his 8th Crazy Christ- mas. Vivienne first hired him as Stage Manager, but when he had to step in as understudy when an actor was sick

and revealed his skills as a singer and dancer, she began to write roles for him. Over the years he has played centurions, pirates, cowboys, Conchita Wurst, a Star Wars robot and this year a Russian spy. He is an extreme sportsman and would love to visit China and learn Kung Fu.

# The Around The World Band - Crazy Christmas Cabaret 2018

## Stuart Goodstein

This is Stuart's 10th CCC. Stuart scores international tv-commercials and is the Musical Director for the rewarded show: Revy Perler. He finds time to write, produce and arrange for a wide range of artist and commercial clients. As for travel ? "Along with some romance and bottles of bubbles - someday I'll fogg off to Paris."
www.gtone.dk

## Søren B. Petersen

Søren - also known as Bom-Bom - is a real London Toastie! He began his career with LTT in 1993 and has now been the Drummer and Sound Effects magician for 23 CCC's. His other work includes his own touring band "Sørens Orkester". He is ready this year with his usual assortment of bangs and crashes, punches and farts, if his computer does not fail. His favourite CCC is "Below the Belt" because the band was onstage.
www.sorensorkester.dk

## Tom Højlund Olsen

Tom likes to play for grand ladies, so when he isn't working for Dame Vivienne, he plays for Dronning Margrethe in the Royal Guard. He trained as a classical percussionist and therefore finds it oddly thrilling, that he should finger 4 strings on a bass guitar in the Crazy Christmas Cabaret band.

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