

## **Spotlight Publications**

# **Cinderessex**

**A pantomime written  
By Cheryl Barrett**



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### CAST

**Cinderessex** (*Essex girl*) – Principal Girl  
**Buttonit** (*Cinderessex's friend and odd-job man*) – comic lead  
**Fairy Nuff** (*a dotty fairy*) – Fairy Godmother  
**Dolce** (*Cinderessex's stepsister*) – ugly sister  
**Gabanna** (*Cinderessex's stepsister*) – ugly sister  
**Jack Charming** (*handsome footballer*) – Principal Boy  
**Danny Deany** (*Essex boy*) – Charming's best friend  
**Billy** (*Bailiff*) – one half of comedy duo  
**Ricky** (*Bailiff*) – the other half of comedy duo  
**Chardonnay Hardup** (*Cinderessex's wicked stepmum*) - baddie  
**Baron Hardup** – Cinderessex's dad  
**Puss Cat** – (*Cinderessex's cat*) – skin part  
**Zippit** (*Buttonit's twin brother*) – club DJ

**Adult Chorus:** of Essex men and women, barmaids, bouncers

**Junior Chorus:** of footballers, footmen, zombies, werewolves, ghosts

**Place** - somewhere in Essex

**Time** - whenever

### SONG / MUSIC LIST

*These are suggested songs, as they suit the story-line*

#### ACT 1

Song 1: **Uptown Funk** (Ronson, Bhasker, Mars, Lawrence) – **Chorus**  
 Song 2: **I Really Like You** (Jepson, Hindlin, Halavacs, Svenson) – **Cinderessex and Jack**  
 Song 3: **The Boys Are Back In Town** (Lynott) – **Jack, Danny, Billy, Ricky and Male Chorus**  
 Song 4: **Here Come The Girls** (Rubin, Horovitz, Keefe) – **Female Chorus**  
 Song 5: **If I Were A Rich Man** (Harnick, Bock) – **Baron**  
 Song 6: **I Want To Break Free** (Deacon, Richard) – **Buttonit**  
 Song 7: **Get This Party Started** (as sung by Pink) (Perry, Lennox, Stewart) – **Cinderessex, Fairy Nuff and Chorus**

#### ACT 2

Song 8: **Get Lucky** (De Hanem Christo, Rodgers, Williams, Bangalter) – **Chorus**  
 Song 9: **It's Raining Men** (Jabara, Shaffer) – **Dolce and Gabanna**  
 Song 10: **I'm Sexy And I Know It** (Listenbe, Beck, Robertson, Oliver, Oliver, Gordy, Gordy) – **Billy and Ricky**  
 Song 11: **Heart Skips A Beat** (Alexander-Sule, Stephens, Smith, Elliot, Preston) – **Cinderessex and Jack**  
 Song 12: **Shut Up And Dance** (Petricca, Waugaman, Maiman, McMahon, Burger) - **All at ball**  
 Song 13: **Thriller** (Temperton) **Junior Chorus dance**  
 Song 14: **You're The One That I Want** (Farrar) – **Cinderessex, Jack, Buttonit, Fairy, Ugliers, Hardups, Puss Cat, Billy & Ricky**  
 Song 15: **Essex Girl** (Peacock, Hodges) – **Billy and Ricky and Audience**

**ACT 1****Scene 1**

*In Romford Market*

*Full stage. Backdrop of trendy shops, market barrows optional*

*L/X cue 1 Lights come up bright and colourful as curtains open*

*Adult Chorus are milling around onstage, some have designer shop carrier bags. Junior Chorus are dressed in a football strip. Cue music as they sing and do a flash dance*

**Song 1**

*After the song they stand chatting*

**Chorus 1** What's 'appenin'?

**Chorus 2** Celebrity footballer Jack Charming is coming to the market today.

**Chorus 3** I fink ee's well fit.

**Chorus 1** (*touching her hair*) D'you fink I'd suit pink highlights?

**Chorus 2** I dunno, pink is so last year.

**Chorus 3** Innit though.

*Enter R Danny Deany*

**Chorus 1** (*to Danny*) 'Ere - are you Jack Charming?

**Chorus 2** 'E don't look nuffink like him.

**Danny** No, I'm Jack's mate, Danny Deany.

**Chorus 3** (*hopeful*) Is Jack seein' anyone?

*Enter R Jack Charming carrying a gold football*

**Danny** (*to Jack*) Alright, mate?

**Jack** Yeah – you know how it is.

**Chorus 3** O.M.G. It's Jack Charming.

**Jack** (*smiles*) Hello, ladies.

*Comedy business as the women shove Danny and each other out of the way so they can stand next to Jack*

**Chorus 1** (*glares at the other women*) I saw him first!

*One of the women takes her mobile phone out of her handbag, grabs Jack with one arm and holds her mobile up*

**Chorus 2** (*shouts*) Selfie.

*The women cluster around Jack*

**Chorus 3** He's well reem. (*To Jack*) Do you want my phone number?

**Jack** No, you're alright, love.

**Jack** (*addresses children*) Hi kids, glad you could turn out today.

**Child 1** Fanks for coming to our training session last week.

**Jack** No worries, are you still practising some of the moves I showed you?

**Child 2** Yeah – we won our last match four nil.

**Jack** That's brilliant.

**Child 3** I scored a hattrick.

*Jack high-fives the children*

**Child 1** (*holds up his mobile phone*) Can we have a team photo with you please, Jack?

**Jack** Of course you can.  
**Child 2** Wicked!

*Jack gives the football to one of the children*

**Jack** Do the honours, Danny.

*Danny takes the mobile phone from Child 1, takes a group photo then returns the phone*

**Child 3** Thanks, Jack.

**Jack** You're welcome, kids. Just keep up the training and you'll do fine. I'll pop by and watch a match.

**Children** Fanks, Jack.

**Danny** You're doing too much, you need to pace yourself, Jack.

**Jack** I get paid bundles, I want to put something back into the community.

**Danny** Right, we'd better give these invitations out.

**Jack** Here are invitations to the opening of my new night club. Dress to impress, ladies.

*Jack hands out invitations*

**Chorus 2** Will it be full of good-looking, rich footballers?

**Jack** Of course.

*The women take their invitations, text on their mobile phones, take selfies, apply lipstick etc whilst Jack and Danny chat*

**Jack** Well Danny, hopefully it will be a great night.

**Danny** I thought the manager warned you to cut back on your voluntary work and partying.

**Jack** It's a hard habit to break.

**Danny** You don't want to get too tired and lose the England captaincy.

**Jack** I suppose I'd better think about slowing down. My dad reckons I should settle down.

**Danny** (*shocked*) As in get married and give up your Saturday nights out with the lads?

**Jack** I've been so busy with football, tv appearances and kids' football club training that I 'aven't got time to get romantically involved with anyone.

**Danny** You could marry a posh model, earn bundles as a golden couple then retire.

**Jack** It would be nice to meet a girl who'll love me for who I am, not how much I earn.

**Danny** Yeah, well let's focus on the opening of your new nightclub. Is there a theme?

**Jack** I've gone for a black and gold dress code - Essex girls like a bit of bling.

**Chorus 1** (*to Jack*) Did you say bling?

*Women push each other to get near Jack*

**Chorus 2** I've got plenty of bling.

**Chorus 3** I'll be your date for the opening night, Jack.

**Chorus 1** He wants blinging not minging, love.

**Jack** Ladies, ladies. I'm rocking up as a single man.

*Women flirt outrageously with Jack*

**Chorus 2** You won't be single for long.

**Chorus 3** Can't you stay and chat, Jack?

**Danny** (*looks at his watch*) We'd better get to the training session.

**Jack** Gotta go, ladies, can't miss training. Pass the ball, Danny.

*Danny passes the ball to Jack as they exit L*

**Chorus 2** Later!

**Chorus 1** I'd better book a Botox sesh at the salon.

**Chorus 2** I need new gels.

**Chorus 3** I need a new pair of Jimmy Choos.

**Chorus 1** (*legs crossed*) I just need a Jimmy.

*Enter L Dolce and Gabanna, laden with designer shopping bags*

**Dolce** O.M.G. Was that Jack Charming?

**Gabanna** Hands off, Dolce, I saw him first.

**Chorus 1** Jack Charming just invited us to the opening of his new nightclub.

**Chorus 2** It's going to be mega.

**Dolce** How do we get an invitation?

**Chorus 3** (*laughs*) He's only inviting glamorous women.

**Gabanna** We are well glam!

**Chorus 1** Yeah, whatever.

*Dolce and Gabanna do an exaggerated dance and rap*

**Dolce** I'm Dolce.

**Gabanna** I'm Gabanna.

**Dolce & Gabanna** Essex is our manna,

We're gorgeous, amazing,

Our faces just ain't fazing.

We're rappin' and singing,

You lot are truly minging.

*The Chorus laugh as they exit L and R*

**Dolce** We've got to get an invite, Sis.

**Gabanna** Quick, let's find Jack Charming.

**Dolce** Which way did he go?

**Gabanna** This way.

*Comedy business as they go separate ways then turn and bump into each other, shove each other out of the way etc and Exit L.*

*L/X cue 2 The lights fade to black out as curtain closes*

**Scene 2***Baron Hardup's backyard**Front of cloth. As scene opens L/X cue 3 the lights come back up to a bright sunny day**Enter R Buttonit*

**Buttonit** *(to audience)* Oi oi saveloy. Is anyone out there? I said Oi oi saveloy! *(Reacts to audience)* That's better. 'Ow are yer? My name's Buttonit. Yeah stupid name, I know, but my twin brother is called Zippit so I can't complain. I work for Baron Hardup and his missis, Chardonnay. She married Baron Hardup for his money and title, but he isn't a baron and he's skint - hasn't even got the price of a gin and tonic. Chardonnay's got two daughters – the ugliest pair of mingers you've ever seen. Since those three moved in life has been terrible. They're really mean to Baron's daughter Cinderessex. Aah *(encouraging sympathy)* Oh come on, they're meaner than that. Cinderessex is my best mate, she's beautiful and the kindest person you'd ever meet.

*Sound of singing from offstage*

Ooh, 'ere she comes now.

*Enter L Puss Cat, and wanders over to Buttonit**(Disappointed)* It's only Puss Cat.*Enter L Cinderessex, carrying a basket of clothes***Cinderessex** Oh, it's you, Buttonit. I thought you'd gone on an errand for Chardonnay.**Buttonit** She wants me to get her a face pack. I'd rather just slap a huge dollop of mud on her face, though that would be an improvement.**Cinderessex** *(laughs)* You do cheer me up, Buttonit.**Buttonit** 'Ave your stepsisters been givin' you an 'ard time?**Cinderessex** Yeah. They keep kickin' and pinchin' me.**Buttonit** Is that their washing?**Cinderessex** Yeah. I've got to peg this lot on the washing line.**Buttonit** Come to the shops with me instead.**Cinderessex** I was going to give Puss Cat a bath.*Puss Cat meows loudly and nudges Cinderessex towards the door***Buttonit** Do it later, come wiv me - I'll treat you to pie and mash down at Romford Market.**Cinderessex** I love a bit of pie and mash.**Buttonit** Let's go, before your sisters ask us to do more chores.**Cinderessex** More chores?**Buttonit** More chores gracias. I learnt that in Marbella last year. That was a reem holiday.**Cinderessex** O.M.G. I was well jel – I wish I could have gone to Marbs with you.**Buttonit** I'll take you next time, Cinders.**Cinderessex** Promise?**Buttonit** Course, that's what mates do. Give me that lot and I'll dump it in the kitchen first.*Buttonit takes the washing from Cinderessex and exits L***Cinderessex** *(to audience)* We're not romantically linked or nuffink, Buttonit's just a good mate. *(Sighs)* I want a man to sweep me off my feet - someone 'andsome and charming.*A gold football bounces from SR in front of Cinderessex*

I wonder 'oo this football belong to.

*Enter R Jack Charming*

**Jack** *(smiles)* Hope you don't mind me walking into your garden.

**Cinderessex** Nah, 'ave we met?

**Jack** No. I'd have remembered meeting someone as gorgeous as you.

*Puss Cat purrs loudly*

**Jack** Is this your cat?

**Cinderessex** Yeah, she's called Puss Cat.

*SFX 1 Incoming phone text*

**Jack** Sorry – important text message.

*Jack takes his phone from his pocket and reads the message.*

Business – you know how it is. Gotta go, can we meet up for a drink one night?

**Cinderessex** D'you like me?

**Jack** Oh yeah – I really like you.

## **Song 2**

*After the song, Jack takes a pen out of his pocket, writes his phone number on the football and kisses Cinderessex on the cheek*

**Jack** Look after my football for me, I've written my mobile number - give me a bell.

**Cinderessex** It's in safe 'ands.

**Jack** Later.

*Jack exits R as Buttonit enters L*

**Buttonit** Since when did you start playing football?

**Cinderessex** What? Oh this? It came over the fence.

**Buttonit** We can put it in the shed on the way out.

*Buttonit takes the ball and they exit R*

*L/X cue 4 as lights fade to black*