

Into the Woods

Williamstown Musical Theatre Company presents *Into the Woods* until November 29 at 8pm, with a 2pm matinee on November 23 at the Williamstown Mechanics Institute, Cnr Melbourne Rd. and Electra St., Williamstown.

Storm lightning caused technical problems on Opening Night and delayed starting time by one and a half hours. Front of house staff kept the full capacity audience in good spirits and the wait was certainly worthwhile when the show got under way.

With music by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine, *Into the Woods* entwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy-tales. The main characters are taken from the stories of Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel and



● *Kerry Windle is Cinderella*

Cinderella and centre around the story of a Baker and his wife wanting to start a family.

Director Anna Marinelli comments in the theatre program 'The show covers multiple themes: growing up, parents and children, accepting responsibility, morality and finally, wish fulfilment and its consequences.'

Anna has selected a stellar cast and her directorial interpretation ensures constant entertainment as the narrative moves through happy and sad times, quirky fun and the gothic.

WMTC shows are always outstandingly vocally strong and the versatile cast in this show delivers beautiful singing, while Daniel Heskett's orchestra splendidly renders Sondheim's challenging tunes. Danielle Carlisle's choreography works effectively and costume design by Sarah Brunton is colourful and striking.

All cast members are talented, experienced performers who do a great job with their roles, particularly Kelly Windle as Cinderella.

This show is a terrific interpretation of *Into the Woods*, so visit the historic Williamstown Mechanics Institute by November 29. Charismatic Will Conyers as The Narrator will transport you to a magical tale to which we can all relate, with 'Once upon a time ...'. Bookings: 1300 881 545.

- Cheryl Threadgold