

# Director s Notes

## Main speaking parts

King Casper.....	King celebrating his 40 <sup>th</sup> birthday
King Melchior.....	Casper's friend
King Balthazar.....	Casper's friend
Queens C,M,B.....	Wives of the Kings
Daniel.....	Leader of the Sand Dancers
Sergeant.....	Leader of soldiers <b>(solo singer)</b>

## Other parts

Announcers (2).....	For the beginning of Casper's birthday party
Narrator(s).....	Could be shared between 2 or more children
Soldiers .....	Any number up to 10
*Entertainers.....	6 or more performers at King Casper's birthday party
Eastern Dancers.....	4 or more, for entertainment at King Casper's birthday party
Sand Dancers.....	4 or more, for entertainment in the desert
Servants.....	One or two for each King / Queen
Guests.....	Any number, at the King's party (up to 10 speaking guests)
Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, sheep, donkey.....	For the nativity tableau

\* **E.g.** Clowns, conjurors, strong men lifting 'heavy' weights, ribbon twirlers, jugglers, tumblers, diabolo, plate twirling, according to children's skills. Comic 'stunts' could include a bucket of 'water' (confetti) to throw, a chase, etc.. Conjuring tricks: chiffon squares tied together to be pulled out of a sleeve, rabbit out of hat etc.

## Costume Suggestions

Kings.....	Traditional robes and crown
Queens.....	“ “ “ “
Servants.....	Brocade waistcoats shirts and loose trousers.
Sergeant and soldiers...	Roman helmets and breastplates. Or desert camouflage fatigues
Eastern Dancers .....	Loose chiffon pantaloons and short cropped tops. Veils trimmed with sewn on gold coins. Small bells on elastic for wrists and ankles
Sand Dancers .....	Striped jallabah-style robes and Fez Hats.
Nativity characters.....	Traditional costumes for Mary, Joseph, Shepherds and Angels. Animals dressed in appropriate colour, with animal headgear.

## Props

Gifts for the King Casper – box to put them in. Items for entertainers as required. Large hanging star. Camel heads – Hung around necks or 'Hobby Horse' style for Kings. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh for Kings.

## Staging Suggestions

Main action to take place at centre stage. Choir and characters seated up-stage on benches. They come forward to present themselves in character as required.

Opening.....	possible Palace Backdrop
Desert Scene.....	possible free-standing sand-dunes

Kings journey..... travel through the audience if space allows  
Nativity scene ..... traditional crib tableau

# Director s Overview

Cast are in position, as guests of old King Casper, who is celebrating his birthday. He has invited many guests to his party, apart from special guests whose arrival will be formally announced.

⊙ **Track 1 / 14**      **Fanfare**

including his special friends, King Melchior and King Balthazar, along with their wives.

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⊙ **Track 2 / 15**      **Celebrate – It’s Birthday Time!**

Casper thanks everyone for coming and calls for the entertainment to begin.

⊙ **Track 15**      **Celebrate – It’s Birthday Time! (instr.)**  
⊙ **Track 3 / 16**      **Eastern Dance**

Someone spots a bright new star. The three Queens all admire it.

⊙ **Track 4 / 17**      **There’s A Star In The Sky**

The three Queens each want the star for themselves and argue about who saw it first. They order their husbands to go and find it. The Kings reluctantly agree and decide to help each other.

⊙ **Track 5 / 18**      **Follow That Star!**

The Kings reach the desert feeling tired. They meet some dancers led by Daniel, a wise old sage, who tells them about the birth of a new King - Jesus.

⊙ **Track 6 / 19**      **Sand Dance**

Suddenly a group of soldiers appear, looking for recruits. They try to tempt the kings to join them, talking of the wealth that King Herod has on offer.

⊙ **Track 7**      **Come With Us (chant)**

Melchior and Balthazar are tempted to join-up, but Daniel tells them they must go and see the new baby King. Casper reminds them of their promise to stay together.

⊙ **Track 8 / 20**      **We Must Work Together**

They continue their journey. Arriving at the stable they find baby Jesus and worship Him.

⊙ **Track 9 / 21**      **Follow That Star (first verse only)**  
⊙ **Track 10 / 22**      **Baby in The Manger**

The Kings are happy that they stayed together and were not tempted by the offer of riches. They celebrate the new King’s birthday.

⊙ **Track 11 / 23**      **Jesus Is Our Baby King** (‘Celebrate’ reprise)

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Two additional songs are included as extra resources for use with Juniors:

- © **Track 12 / 24**      **Melchior's Camel**
- © **Track 13 / 25**      **Miracle Child**

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