

Canterbury Players Newsletter

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A Word From The Chairman

Hello everyone,

I trust that I find you all well, and you enjoyed the short Easter break?

Once again I find myself writing to you after another successful play week. I would like to congratulate Laura and all the cast for a brilliant week of performances. I would like to thank everyone who gave up their time in any way in contributing to the smooth running both before play week, but especially during play week. Without a stage being built, refreshments being served, tickets being sold, posters being printed and displayed, and having both front of house and a back stage team, Brook Road allowing us to stay tenants, the people of Flixton would never get a chance to see the extent of talent that exists in our society.

This point brings me along nicely in congratulating both Jenny and Jonathan Coupe in receiving nominations for best supporting roles in the last but one play, "Strictly Murder", from NODA. This is a great achievement for such a small society as ours. I am sure that like me you wish them good luck when the decision is made in May. It just shows you what hard work can achieve.

I do hope that when the date and venue for auditions for our next play, we have a good healthy turn out, as we need to keep this great momentum going. There is a brief outline of our next play later on in this newsletter. It looks to be one worth being in.

I felt very honoured and privileged to present both Marion and Sue with their long service medals, on the Friday night of play week, and I hope they both wear them with pride. To offer your services over twenty five years in this modern age is a great achievement and one that should be applauded.

Keep well and I look forward to seeing you all real soon.

Roger

Charitable Donations

It has been suggested that if a production is a success and we show a surplus, then we could make a donation to a local charity or worthy cause, chosen by the committee from any suggestions submitted by members. The committee likes this idea, but would like the general membership to give the OK first. Therefore, there will be a vote on this at the AGM. Details will be given in the formal AGM notice which will be sent in the next few weeks.

Play Reading And Evaluation

On Saturday 12th May we'll be holding a special play reading event at Cornhill Road to evaluate a recently written 5 part ghostly drama from a Bolton-based amateur playwright. We'll start at 2.00pm and have some food and drink at 5.00pm.

This play hasn't yet been performed professionally, although Priestley Players in Swinton presented it last May.

We'll need 5 readers and a few extras to help decide whether or not we perform it in March 2013. This will be a full read through, and not an audition, allowing "non performing" members to participate even if they have no intention of auditioning for a part later in the year. This gives an opportunity to all members to make a contribution to the play selection process.

Space is limited so participants will be considered on a first come first served basis, so if you want to be involved please contact Heather as soon as possible.

"Murderous Intentions"

an unusual ghost story by Robert Goodier

Synopsis

Alistair and Martine Richmond live in their country mansion near Chorley, Lancashire, and have recently buried their daughter Trudi who had drowned only two weeks before. On the night of the funeral strange things happen to the housekeeper in the kitchen and who is the mysterious figure in the grounds looking at the house? And why has Charles Richmond been locked in his suddenly Arctic bedroom for the night? The next day all is revealed by an unexpected visitor. . . who reveals secrets the Richmond family desperately tried to hide from each other and changes their lives. Forever.

Our Next Production

14th to 17th November 2012

"Look Who's Talking!"

a comedy by Derek Benfield

Character Profiles

Sheila

Attractive, slightly scatter-brained.
About 40 - 45 yrs.

Andrew

Her husband. Somewhat pompous solicitor.
45 - 50yrs.

Brian

Cheeky and charming.
35 - 40 yrs.

Carole

Andrew's secretary. Young, pretty, cute and perky.
About 20 - 25 yrs.

Jane

Sheila's friend. Dry sense of humour.
40 - 45 yrs.

If any member who is considering auditioning would like to read the script now, we now have copies available for you to borrow. Contact Heather if you would like one.

NODA Nominations for two gifted stars!

Nominations have recently been published for the NODA North West Regional Awards 2012 and local Amateur Dramatic Society, Canterbury Players are rejoicing at the

news that two members have been nominated for this year's awards.

This is amazing news for the small Society and has been met with great pride as both members are from the same family!

Jonathan Coupe has been nominated for Best Supporting Male Actor in a Drama for his role as Ross in 'Strictly Murder' which the Society presented in November 2011. He has been involved with the Society for 38 years and became a member of the society as his father was a Governor at the school where the Society was originally founded. His first production with the Society was 'Madame Tic-Tac' in 1974 and he's clocked up over 50 plays with the Society since.

Jonathan's daughter Jennifer Coupe has also been nominated for Best Supporting Female Actor in a Drama for her role as Suzy in the same production. Jennifer joined the Society in 2001 for 'Love Begins At Fifty' following very skillfully in the footsteps of her father and her brother Steven, who joined the Society in 1998 for 'And Then There Were None'.

Jonathan received the Playlight Dias Personality Award for his role in 'No Room For Love' back in 1980. He says the best moment as a member of the Society was in 2002, when he played alongside Steven and Jennifer in 'The Ghost Train'. He remembers fondly that during one act just the three of them were on stage together; it gave him much pleasure to glance over and take in what a wonderful thing they were experiencing as a family.

The Society and its members wish Jonathan and Jennifer all the best in the Awards Ceremony which will be held in Blackpool on 6th May 2012.

April Johnson

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30th April to 5th May 2012
"Hobson's Choice" by Harold Brighouse
 at Altrincham Garrick

4th May 2012
A Murder Mystery Evening
 HATS Drama Group
www.hatstheatre.org.uk

12th May 2012 at 2.00pm
"Murderous Intentions" by Robert Goodier
 Play reading and evaluation at Cornhill Road

17th May to 20th May 2012
"Macbeth" by Williams Shakespeare
 at Barton Theatre Co (Salford Arts Theatre)
 Tel: 0161 925 0111

22th May to 26th May 2012
"Little Shop of Horrors"
 at Urmston Musical Theatre
 Tel: 0161 408 1288
tickets@umt.org.uk
www.umt.org.uk

18th July 2012 at 8.00pm
Canterbury Players AGM
 venue: room 2, Methodist Church, Brook Road.

14th to 17th November 2012
"Look Who's Talking" by Derek Benfield
 Canterbury Players

For more events in the North West visit - amdram.co.uk

Thanks to Gail O'Brien for help with compiling this section.

Did You See Laura In The Paper?

Before our last production, April wrote and submitted an article about Laura to "The Advertiser"; one of our local papers. There's a copy of the cutting in our [online archive](#) on the 2012 page.

Diary Dates

21st April 26th May 2012
"AISA" by Elton John and Tim Rice
 at Altrincham Garrick
 tel: 0161 928 1677
 email: boxoffice@altrinchamgarrick.co.uk
www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk

24th April to 27th April 2012
"Lord Arthur Savile's Crime"
 a comedy by Constance Cox based on a short story by Oscar Wilde. [Worsley Intimate Theatre](#).
 at Worsley Courthouse
 Tel: 0161 790 2842

24th April to 28th April 2012
"Boogie Nights"
 Sale and Altrincham Musical Theatre (SAMT) at
 Waterside Arts Theatre

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