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WE NEED YOUR HELP! Often unseen by the audience, every production in theatre is supported by a team of Techies working tirelessly to support the director and actors to stage the play. We are always looking for potential stage managers, wardrobe managers, Sound and Lighting crew. If you have no wish to 'tread the boards' but would love to be part of our team we need you! Interested? Please contact alisonbaker10@me.com. Best wishes, Alison.

WE ARE IN FOR SOME REAL TREATS THIS YEAR

You cannot miss out on this production of Playhouse Creatures. This play captures the essence of theatre.



Bawdy, bloody and bold - this earthy account of the lives of the first English actresses is funny yet honest and gritty. Life was tough and the gutter never far away.

The place: London. The time is 1669. The monarchy has been restored and on his return from France, Charles II has brought

with him a love of theatre and actresses! He decrees, that women are allowed on the English stage for the first time, much to the delight of male admirers! Corsets are pulled tight, cleavage revealed and we discover the extreme lengths these "Creatures" are prepared to go to for success. **Production dates, Tuesday 27th – Saturday 31st May 2025**, directed by our award-winning Kerry King. Tickets £10 for members and £12 for Non-Members (which includes your 2025 membership). On that point, can we give you a little nudge if you haven't renewed your membership to pay it. The costs of productions, especially musicals, is expensive and we need to have all the resources we can muster. Email: membership@manifesttheatre.co.uk You can also download the membership form from our website, on completion and including subs and drop it in to the theatre.



Can we make an appeal to all members and business owners in our area if they could help find people to sponsor our plays by advertising in the Programmes that are produced for each production? Expected sales are usually around 500 over the course of the week. There is also a Media Screen in the bar to use.

THAT'S NOT ALL THAT'S COMING SOON

We are definitely living on the edge with our next



production. The Ferryman by Jez Butterworth. A play about a family in 1981 during the troubles in Northern Ireland.

The play is set in the farmhouse of the Carney in County Armagh, Northern Ireland.

The plot is centred around

two mysteries, the fate of Seamus Carney, who was disappeared by the IRA in 1972. The unspoken love that has grown between Seamus's brother, Quin and Seamus's wife Caitlin.

The play explores themes of, The Passage of Time, The fickleness of ideals, The catastrophe of living with loss and uncertainty, The toll that divides can take on a family and country.

Wednesday 30th – Saturday 2nd August 2025, **directed by Ben Maytham, who is assisted by Alison Baker** Tickets £10 for members and £12 for Non-Members (which includes your 2025 membership).

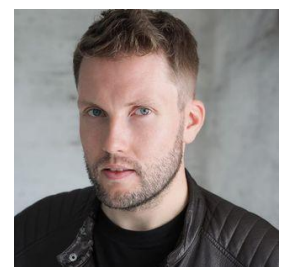
This play does have some strong adult language.

For more information email Ben at: benmaytham@outlook.com you can also check out our website:

www.manifesttheatre.co.uk .

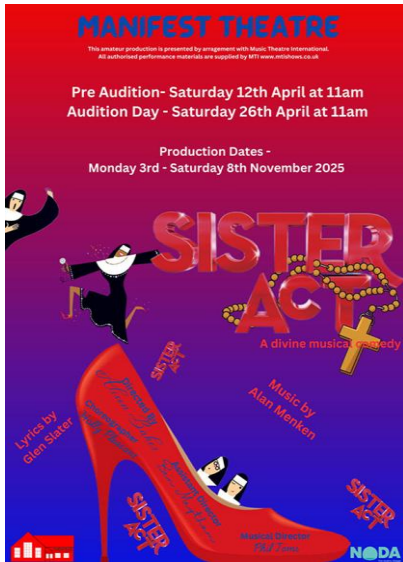
For anything else you can email the theatre at

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WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT ANOTHER AMAZING MUSICAL

From the same team and technicians that produced that fantastic musical "Made in Dagenham" are now



to create that magic on **SISTER ACT** the musical. Based on the movie with music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Glen Slater.

Directed by **Alison Baker** assisted by **Ben Maytham** with **Musical Director Phil Toms**.

The story is around a singer who falls foul

of her mob boyfriend and is hidden in a convent by the police. Anyway, more of that later. What you need to know if you would like to participate in this production is that on Saturday 12th April there is a workshop followed by Auditions on Saturday 26th April 2025 both from 11am.

If you would like to attend these events you would need to book a ticket from ticketsource {no cost} at: ticketsource.co.uk/manifesttheatregroup. For more information visit our website, it's all there: manifesttheatre.co.uk. Rehearsals start in June and anyone involved from there on in must be, or become, a member of Manifest Theatre group.

CLUB NIGHTS AT THE MANIFEST

Every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm
All welcome. Come along to our theatre for a chat, a drink and admire our newly refurbished bar, and the opportunity to become involved. A grateful thanks to all those generous volunteers who gave up their time to complete this amazing transformation, with special thanks to Jon our project manager.

The committee are looking to set up a cleaning rota with volunteers helping to keep our little theatre in the best condition we can. Look at it as a social event, groups of friends meeting up to maintain the theatre and enjoy good company. If you feel you can help with this, please email us at info@manifesttheatre.co.uk and someone will get back to you.

New members always needed to join or teams in all departments. If you have practical skills, we need your help. Millions of people involved with amateur theatre and dramatics can't all be wrong. You will make friends for life.

SEE YOU THERE

MANIFEST JUNIOR AND YOUTH GROUPS

The Junior and Youth Groups are going from strength to strength under our new coach Claire and we are looking to expand our membership. We particularly need new junior members as each year we lose some as they progress into the youth group. We meet on Thursday evenings during term time, the juniors (from eight years old to end of school year six) from 5.30 to 6.30 and the youth (from year seven to



eleven) from 6.30 to 7.30. We have three terms a year in line with School years.

Both groups will start rehearsing for their July production when they return after Easter, while this year's main production will be in December. If you have children in this age group and would like to give them the opportunity to participate in something that is character building and would improve self-confidence with a chance to build new friendships, and would like to arrange a taster session for your child, contact Chris @ spookysadd@gmail.com.

Also, we are looking for members with acting experience and skills that they would be willing to volunteer to assist with the development of our younger members. If you would like to be involved in introducing our junior members to the thrills and skills of the theatre, please take that step and contact the youth group team. We are looking to increase the Junior and Youth group team and the number of activities offered. If you can spare from two to eight hours a month (two hours a week on Thursday evenings) and have or are willing to obtain a DBS or Chaperone licence please contact Chris Sadd at:- spookysadd@gmail.com

If you are unable to commit regularly, perhaps you could go on our "back up list" to cover in the event of illness or holidays. It is very rewarding; the kids are talented and very enthusiastic. We look forward to hearing from interested members.

APPEAL FOR HELP

SISTER ACT is going to be a huge production with many challenging set design and construction aspects and we would ask for any members with construction skills, i.e., carpentry, painting or jack of all trades to volunteer help.

If you can offer some assistance, please contact Jon by email jonathan.abbottadi@hotmail.co.uk or call him on 07581 060492 to discuss times and skills you may like to provide. The success of our productions doesn't only rely on good acting skills, there is a whole team behind it. They are a friendly bunch and you would be more than welcome, so please think about how you could be part of this great theatre company.