



The Manifest Theatre

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

Local builder Jon O'Connell completed the main construction work on the extension to the theatre at the end of September.

As regular readers of our newsletter will know, Jon was contracted to build the shell. The internal works have been carried out by a small team of volunteer members led by Andy Terry, your Vice Chairman. This work continues.

The stud work for the internal walls has been completed and they have now been lined with plasterboard. An amazing transformation is taking place.

CLEAN UP TIME

The builders have gone and we have cleaned the auditorium and bar to get rid of the dust and debris left behind but before we can put on this month's performances, we need to give the rest of the theatre a good spruce and shine. If you can spare an hour or two on Saturday 12th October, please let us know. Your help will be most welcome.

Contact us by email at info@manifesttheatre.co.uk or phone us on 01206 391309 and leave your contact details.

THIS MONTH'S PRODUCTION

MURDER MYSTERY



The Final Act

by Andy Hawkes

It's the final night of the run of The Final Act, and the Shadow Drama Players are meeting the audience at their after-show party. But all is not well... has someone been lining his or her pockets with company funds... and who is the mysterious benefactor who has been keeping the company afloat all this time?

Come along, watch the drama unfold, then read the evidence notes of Inspector Foot of the Yard which you may ponder while you enjoy drinks and refreshments - food for your 'little grey cells'. Next, question the suspects then retire to make your final deliberations and write down your findings and verdict. Finally, take your seats in the auditorium to find out the true identity of the murderer and hear their confession. Those of you who have identified the culprit and shown the best use of the evidence and clues will be declared the winners and receive a prize.

Performances on 18th and 19th October. Curtain up at 7.30pm. The theatre Box Office will be open each Saturday from 10.30am to 12 noon and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm until the performances. Telephone: 01206 391309. Tickets, including refreshments and a drink are just £5.00 for members. £7.00 for non-members.

CAR PARKING

If you drive to the theatre please bear in mind that there is little parking space in the adjacent roads. Limited parking on the theatre forecourt is available for Blue Badge holders and those with restricted mobility. We respectfully ask you not to park in Oxford Road or Norman Road and advise you to bring a pocket torch as street lighting is limited.

IT WILL SOON BE PANTO TIME!

Ali Baba and the Faulty Thieves

Come and see our version of this classic pantomime, complete with dame and pantomime camel.

Rehearsals are now under way to make this a truly enjoyable family show.

Production dates will be the Monday the 9th to Saturday the 14th December at 7.30pm.

Tickets, just £7.00 for members and £9.00 for non-members, will be on sale at the Box Office on Saturdays starting 23rd November from 10.30am to 12 noon and then on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Please remember: subscriptions for 2014 are due in January. Will you please renew when booking your pantomime tickets.

By renewing just a month early you will help reduce our postage costs in the New Year.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2014

Our spring production will be an evening of comedy featuring not just one, but two plays: The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish by David Tristram and The Real Inspector Hound by Tom Stoppard.

Production dates will be Tuesday 25th February to Saturday 1st March. There will be a read through of both plays on Tuesday 18th November and auditions will be held on Thursday 21st November. Both taking place at the Manifest Theatre at 7.30 pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

There is still work to do to complete the theatre extension. This includes electrical wiring, plumbing in of the new toilet facilities, tiling the toilet area walls, laying new flooring and once this has been done, painting and decorating. If you think you may be able to help, please contact us by sending an email to info@manifesttheatre.co.uk or pop along to the theatre and speak to a member of the Committee on a Monday or a Wednesday evening.

We will be happy to show you the progress and discuss just how you may be able to help.

'Buy a Brick!'

All bricks on the 'wall' were taken by sponsors and a winner of the £100 prize was drawn at our Committee Meeting on 27th September. The winner was Hollis Drake of 'Whimbrels' Long Road, Mistley. A most sincere thank you to everyone who supported 'Buy a Brick'.

Saturday 26th October and
Saturday 30th November



More great film nights with Laurel and Hardy.

Manifest members are welcome to attend but ticket price will include a fee to join the 'Sons

of the Desert'.

For more information call Paul on 01255 429 887.

● 7:30pm-10:00pm.

See our website for more information at:
www.manifesttheatre.co.uk.