



The Manifest Theatre

NEWSLETTER

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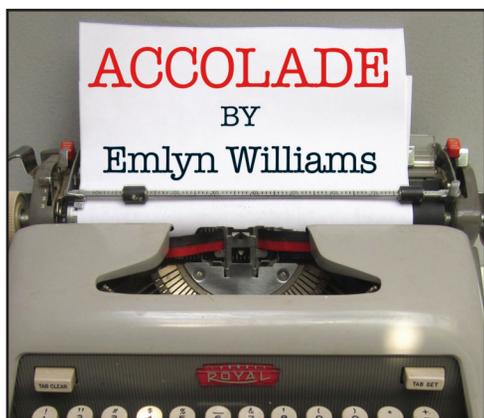
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Dear Members,

Your Committee would like to wish you all a Happy 2016. After another year during which we staged four very successful productions we would like to thank you for all the support you have given us. As it is the new year, now is the time to renew your membership. To help the speed of ticket sales for our first production, it would be appreciated if members could renew beforehand. Annual membership rates remain the same. A form is included with this newsletter for your details. If you are unable to print the form a simple letter will suffice.

OUR FIRST PRODUCTION OF THE SEASON



Our next production will be 'Accolade' by Emlyn Williams, directed by Kate Sheffield. Performances will run from Monday 4th to Saturday 9th April.

There will be a read through of the script on Monday 11th January and casting will take place on Monday 18th January. All members are welcome to attend.

Rehearsals to commence with a first get together of cast and crew on Wednesday 20th January.

SYNOPSIS

Will Trenting is the central character of this intriguing drama set in the 1950s. He is a popular novelist who writes well researched stories and lives with his wife and teenage son in comfortable accommodation near Regents Park. Albert is Trenting's "right-hand man" - valet, secretary and confidante. The publisher of Trenting's novels is Thane Lampeter; a charming, respectable gentleman.

When the play opens we learn that Will Trenting is to be awarded a knighthood for his contribution to literature. Shortly afterwards, two "friends" from Rotherhithe, the area which Will uses to research his material, come and ultimately disturb the smooth running of this celebrity's household by exposing Trenting's private life. The collision of his two worlds, private and public, demonstrates the double standards society displays as press and previous admirers turn against him. How does he and his family cope?

CAST REQUIRED

Will Trenting – 45 - 50 years old. A novelist. Lively and enthusiastic but quite modest, friendly.

Rona Trenting – 40 - 45 years old. Will's wife. Pleasant, spontaneous and supportive, she has a good relationship with her husband.

Albert – Will's valet/chauffeur. 30 - 40 years old. Londoner. Cheerful. Will's "right hand man".

Thane Lampeter – 45 - 50 years. Will's publisher. Kindly, with the manner of a sophisticated barrister.

Harold – 25 - 30 years old. Londoner. Lively, enjoys "a good time".

Phyllis – Harold's wife, 25 - 30 years old. A happy, lively person who takes life as it comes. A Londoner.

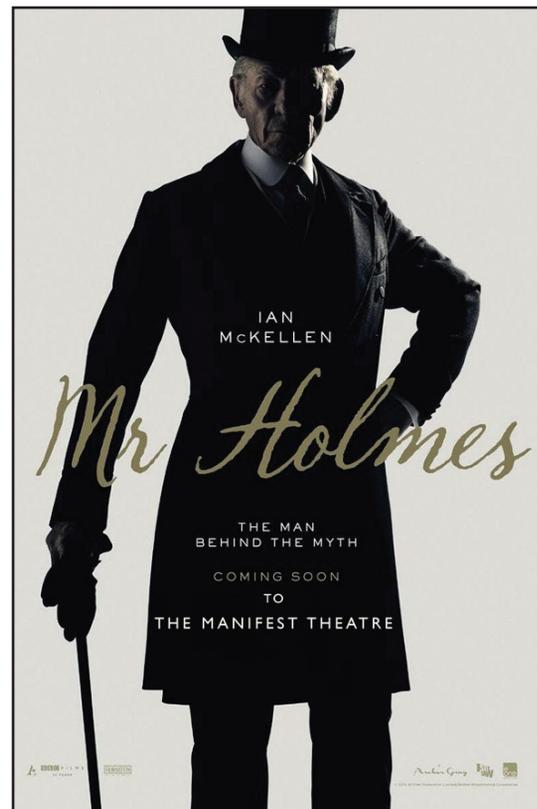
Marian Tillyard – A friend of the Trenting family. Intelligent, with a warm and attractive personality.

Ian Trenting – A schoolboy. Son of the Trentings. An innocent teenager who is bookish and rather shy but polite.

Daker – 50ish Rather shabby and unremarkable looking. Somewhat subservient and careful of speech. Cynical in tone at times, especially when drinking.

Parlour maid – Pleasant and polite.

MANIFEST MOVIES



Our next Manifest Movie will be 'Mr Holmes' (2015) to be screened on Friday 22nd January at 7.45pm.

This is a film not to be missed.

An aged, retired Sherlock Holmes, deals with early dementia, as he tries to remember his final case and a woman, the memory of whom still haunts him. He also befriends a fan, the young son of his housekeeper, who wants him to work again.

Director: Bill Condon

Starring: Ian McKellen, Laura Linney, Hiroyuki Sanada

Rating PG - Drama, Mystery.

Tickets cost £5 and are only sold on the door, non members will be required to join for an additional £2.

Doors open 7pm, showing starts 7.45pm

2015 DRAMA AWARDS

We were delighted to receive two very prestigious awards from the North Essex Theatre Guild at their 2015 awards evening.

The Doris Griffith Memorial Cup for Best Production, 'RolePlay', was collected by the director, Val Taylor and the Best Actress in a drama, award went to Alison Baker for her wonderful portrayal of Julie-Ann in that same production.