



The Manifest Theatre

# NEWSLETTER

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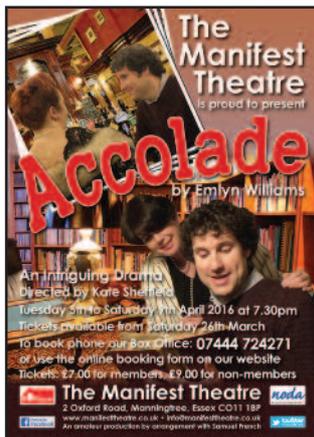
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Dear Members,

May we wish you all a very happy Easteride

We are also pleased to be able to inform you of our forthcoming productions at the Manifest Theatre in 2016.

### OUR NEXT PRODUCTION



The Manifest theatre group are now well into rehearsals for an intriguing "thriller" *Accolade*, written and set in the fifties. The play is being directed by Kate Sheffield.

The storyline could as well apply to the present day. When the personal life of someone who has achieved celebrity status becomes public. A lie told, a careless moment witnessed by a third party, causes far reaching repercussions. When this happens to a successful, well known personality the consequences can be life changing for both the celebrity, family and friends as public opinions reverse.

This is a well written, tense play by Emyln Williams, one of the foremost playwrights of the mid twentieth century.

**Performances: Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th April at 7.30pm.**

**Tickets are available now.**

**To book phone our box office: 07444 724 271 or use the online booking form on our website: [www.manifesttheatre.co.uk](http://www.manifesttheatre.co.uk).**

**Tickets prices: £7.00 for members, £9.00 for non-members.**

### TWO ONE ACT PLAYS FOR MAY

*A Different Way To Die* by Lynn Brittany and Directed by Jan Watkins

The story of Anna Gruber, a Holocaust survivor who has applied to emigrate to the newly created State of Israel. But first she must submit to the ordeal of an interview and psychological assessment by a psychiatrist. A powerful and thoughtful drama about inhumanity.

Cast required: 2 Female & 2 Males

Magda - Young Israeli, Age 20+; Anna - Holocaust Survivor, Age 40+; Dr. Feldmann - Psychiatrist, Age 40+ and Joseph - Anna's husband, Age 40+.

Tagged by Griff Scott and Directed by Alan Wheeler.

An award winning play by local playwright Griff Scott, exploring the impact of how social media has become an all seeing, ever present phenomenon in our lives replacing our traditional concepts of community and communication.

Cast: 2 males and 1 Female

Grandad - Age 60+, Matt (son) - Age 20+ and Jo (mother) - Age 40+.

**Read Throughs & auditions for both plays will take place on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30 pm at the Manifest Theatre. Performances: Tuesday 24th to Saturday 28th May.**

### A FAMILY MUSICAL FOR OCTOBER

During half term week, from the 25th to the 29th October, we will be staging James Leisy's *Scrooge*. Based on Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The rebirth of Scrooge through the discovery of the child in himself is Dickens' central theme. Leisy focuses on this theme from the outset, and fashions all of the elements of the musical play around it, while maintaining Dickens' spirit of playful exaggeration and goodwill toward his audience. Better than life, rather than true to life, it is written with a tone of playful exaggeration.

**Watch our website for further news regarding this exciting production.**



Our next Manifest Movie will be 'Suffragette' (2015) to be screened on Friday 18th March at 7.45pm.

Academy Award nominees Carey Mulligan and Helena Bonham Carter, and three-time Academy Award winner Meryl Streep, lead the cast of a powerful drama about the women who were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality in early-20th-century Britain.

This is a film not to be missed.

Doors open 7pm, showing starts 7.45pm  
Rating PG-13 - Biography, Drama, History.  
Tickets cost £5 and are only sold on the door, non members will be required to join for an additional £2.

### 2016 DRAMA AWARDS

The Manifest Theatre Group having won the Best Director Award from the North Essex Theatre Guild for their May 2015 presentation of *RolePlay* by Alan Ayckbourn and their Best Actress award for Alison Baker in the same play, have now been nominated by the National Operatic and Dramatic Association for the same production. The director, Val Taylor accompanied by Alison, will be attending the NODA awards dinner to be held in Cambridge during April.