



The Manifest Theatre

NEWSLETTER

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Our Autumn Production

The Matchgirls

By Bill Owen and Tony Russell
Directed by Kerry King

The Matchgirls musical is a political story of women's empowerment and is quite relevant this year as it is 100 years since the suffragette movement made a difference for women.

It focuses on the lifestyle of the women match cutters at the Bryant and May factory in Bow, London who went out on strike in July 1888 to protest about the poor working conditions and severe health threats in the match factory.

Essentially it's a musical designed, like all musicals, to tug at the heart strings.

Performances dates: **Tuesday 23rd to Saturday 27th October**. Tickets: £8.00 for members. Non-members are required to pay an additional £2.00 to cover this year's membership fee.

The Box Office is now open.

Just go to our website - manifesttheatre.co.uk and click on box office or telephone our ticket line on **07444 724 271**. Telephoned orders may be collected from the theatre on Monday or Wednesday evenings by arrangement.

THEATRE TRANSPORT SERVICE

We have had feedback from some of our members and past members that they have difficulty in getting to the theatre in the evenings and are missing out on our productions. We would like to address this by offering return journeys to the theatre, with either the community bus or willing members facilitating. There would be a small charge.

If you have pals who no longer come because of transport difficulties, please let them know.

If this service would be of use to you please contact Sarah McCarthy on 01206 395649

NEW YOUTH GROUP

Following the success of our Junior Group, we are adding a Youth Group to include twelve to fifteen year-olds on Thursday evenings from 6.30 and 7.30. These classes are run solely by the Manifest Theatre. No other commercial entity is involved and they are non profit making, hence fees are minimal.

Please contact Chris Sadd for further information on **07860 328 770** or email info@manifesttheatre.co.uk.

PLAYS, PINTS AND POT-LUCK

All members are welcome to come along and join in or listen to our next play reading on **Friday 5th October**. The play to be read is 'Witness for the Prosecution' by Agatha Christie. The bar will be open and you are invited to bring along a little something to contribute to a pot-luck supper.

This will be the last Plays, Pints and Pot-luck in this format but there will be future play readings in conjunction with the newly formed play selection sub-committee. Sarah would like to thank all those who have supported the play readings and made them so enjoyable.

MANIFEST MOVIES

Our next movie night will be **Friday, 21st September**. We will be showing 'Goodbye Christopher Robin'. The film has a PG Certificate. Pay on the door.

On **Friday 28th September** we will be screening the film 'Breathe'. This will be a charity film presentation in association with Manningtree Rotary. Tickets will only be available from the Rotary club - telephone 07746 858326 or email: rotarymanningtree@gmail.com. Doors and bar open at 7pm on all film nights.

Films begin at 7.30pm. Tickets are just £5 for Manifest Theatre members and £7 for non-members (includes annual theatre membership).

NORTH ESSEX THEATRE GUILD AWARDS 2018

Despite having only one production eligible for this years NETG Awards we are pleased to have received four nominations for 'Talking Heads'.

Kate Sheffield has been nominated for Best Director and Jenni Horn for Best Actress. Our crew members also received a nomination again for technical achievement (lighting, sound and effects) and another for set design, construction and dressing.

MANIFEST THEATRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the Manifest Theatre Group AGM on Thursday 19th July, 2018, the following members were elected to the 2018-2019 Manifest Theatre Management Committee:

Alan Wheeler, Chairman; Chris Sadd, Vice-Chair; Sue Halsey, Treasurer; Jude Hussey, Secretary; June Wheeler, Publicity Officer; Nigel Rowe, Bar Manager. We welcome Nigel Morton who has been co-opted to the post of Membership Secretary and we are pleased to welcome back Lea Friend as Social Secretary.

The post of Box Office Manager is currently unfilled. Amanda Rowe has kindly agreed handle ticket sales for the next production.

We have a new general committee member, Ben Maytham and we also welcome back Alison Baker. Patience Ling and Sarah McCarthy were re-elected.