



The Manifest Theatre

NEWSLETTER

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Despite our theatre having remained dark for 15 months, we continue to be optimistic that we will be able to hold an Annual General Meeting this July and make plans to welcome our members back shortly thereafter. In this newsletter we are outlining our plans to reopen the theatre and recommence productions later this year.

A date for an Annual General Meeting has been set for the 22nd July, this year. Further information may be found below together with dates for proposed social evenings and productions.

Of course, our main priority continues to be the health and safety of all our members. Therefore, it may be necessary to reduce audience numbers to maintain social distancing and comply with HM guidelines.

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are cordially invited to attend the AGM which will be held at the theatre on 22nd July at 7:30pm. In addition to reports from the Chairman and Treasurer, your committee for the coming year will be elected.

Nominations, in writing (via letter or email), are invited for the following posts:

Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Box Office Manager, Publicity Manager, Bar Manager, Social Secretary and up to six ordinary committee members.

Please note: Only serving committee members are eligible to stand for the posts of Chairperson and Treasurer but any paid up member may be put forward for other committee positions.

All nominations must be received by secretary on or before the 8th July in accordance with the Manifest Theatre Rules of Membership along with any notices of proposals affecting the said rules of membership. All nominations and notices to be sent to the address(es) at the head of this newsletter.

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

The Thrill of Love

By Amanda Whittington

In October 2019, director Ben Maytham made preparations for our 2020 spring production - The Thrill of Love.

Incredibly, we still have a cast and crew in place to bring you this thrilling story dramatising the life of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain.

We cannot wait to welcome you back to our lovely theatre and have set dates for performances in October, between the 11th and the 16th.

Ticketing information to follow after the AGM.

A CHRISTMAS SHOW

Remember our popular Christmas productions? Well this year we are planning to put you in the festive mood with another musical extravaganza.

With something for all the family, the proposed dates are the 6th to the 11th December.

You may have forgotten how uplifting a Christmas show can be but we'll be happy to remind you!

MAMMA MIA!

For those of you who enjoy a good musical and cannot wait until December, there will be a special screening of the film Mamma Mia! Come and sing along to all those wonderful Abba melodies on the 6th and 7th August. Due to social distancing guidelines, tickets will be available for purchase before the showings.

MANIFEST JUNIOR AND YOUTH GROUPS

We know our younger members have been missing our popular Junior and Youth Classes on Thursday evenings. Indeed we have been regularly asked when the theatre will be able to start them again. Well, Amanda, Kate and Chris can't wait to see everyone too. So, Chris will be contacting you all to come along for a get together and some fun on stage, as soon as we are able. Hopefully, this will be in the next few weeks and all be well we plan to hold some workshops during the summer holidays for anyone interested.

GETTING READY FOR REOPENING

We know many of you have been stuck at home during the recent lockdowns and are now 'dab hands' at cleaning and painting. Well, we need you!

To help us spruce up the theatre and clear the cobwebs, we will welcome anyone who can spare an hour or two to help in mid August.

We promise no slave driving and a chance to meet and chat with other members you may have missed. Don't be shy and bring your friends!

AND NEXT YEAR...

Remember what a great show 'Ladies' Day' was? Those four fish-filleting ladies from Hull will be back to bring you the sequel 'Ladies Day - Down Under' from the 4th to the 9th April next year. Come along and follow their adventures 'down under' in Oz.

Do you suffer from post Christmas blues in January? We have a cure. 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' returns to the Manifest at the end of January, 2022. Not for the faint hearted but a wonderful chance to dress up and enjoy the interaction, led by our own actors who will make it a great evening for all you Rocky Horror fans.