



The Manifest Theatre

NEWSLETTER

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At last our theatre has now been able to open its doors again. Already we have been able to welcome members back to enjoy two Mamma Mia! singalong film nights. These were a great success and it was wonderful to see members back in the theatre. If you missed them, don't worry, more are planned. These were just precursors to the programme we are putting together for the rest of this year and 2022. All members who paid subscriptions for 2020 and those renewing this year may also enjoy free membership until the end of 2022. Not sure if your membership has lapsed? We will be happy to check for you.

YOUR 2021 - 2022 COMMITTEE

At the 2021 Annual General Meeting your new committee was elected for 2021 - 2022.

Committee members are as follows:

Chairperson - Alison Baker, Vice-Chair - Chris Sadd,

Treasurer - Sue Halsey, Secretary - Nigel Rowe,

Membership Secretary - Nigel Morton,

Box Office Manager - Heather McCollin,

Publicity Officers - Lea Friend and Alison Baker,

Bar Manager - Amanda Rowe,

Social Secretary - Lea Friend,

General Committee members: Jon Abbott,

Ben Maytham, Jo Simons, Alfie Lucas and

Alan Wheeler

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

The Thrill of Love

By Amanda Whittington

It's been a very tough time for us all over the last 18 months but we are now delighted that after almost a two year wait, our production of The Thrill of Love will finally be staged at the Manifest Theatre.

Having suffered postponements and cast changes along the way, the director, Ben Maytham and his talented cast have worked tirelessly to ensure that the show will go on. To maintain momentum, they have been rehearsing online and creating trailers for you. Without the determination of all involved we would not have a show. So book your tickets and support our comeback show....two years in the making. You won't be disappointed.

Performances dates: the 12th to the 16th October at 7:30pm plus a Saturday matinee at 2:30pm on the 16th October.

Tickets are now available through our website at manifesttheatre.co.uk or via our dedicated booking line on 07444 724271 (If no one is available, you may leave a message and we will get back to you).

MANIFEST JUNIOR AND YOUTH GROUPS

For all our younger members, we are pleased to announce that our Junior and Youth Classes are about to recommence on Thursday evenings.

Chris, Amanda and Kate are looking forward to welcoming you all back to the Manifest. Chris has been contacting parents with further details. If you have not heard from her please drop us an email.

2021 CHRISTMAS SHOW

Remember our popular Christmas productions?

Well this year we are planning to put you in the festive mood with another musical extravaganza.

All members are welcome to join us on Monday 13th September to hear all about our Christmas production. We would love you to come and share your talents on or off stage, sing some Christmas songs, audition for the mini panto or Christmas themed sketches and have a fun evening together. Rehearsals for the show will be held on Monday evenings at 7:30pm and Thursday evenings from 8:00pm commencing Thursday 16th September. Then, following our production of The Thrill of Love in October, will resume on Mondays and Wednesdays until our production week - the 6th to the 11th December. If you cannot make the 13th but would like to be part of the show, please contact us for further details.

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

VOLUNTEERS

To all you talented and community spirited friends out there. We would love to have you join our team of volunteers at the theatre. Let us know what you like to do and how you think you could help us, the roles are many and varied and we are a welcoming happy bunch who would love to have you on board.

Current vacancies include occasional bar staff . But if you can paint, build, sew, mend, create, organise, photocopy, or clean WE NEED YOU!!

SOME EXCITING NEWS!!

Whether we are in rehearsal or not we've decided to open the Theatre for a club night. The only time it won't be possible of course is when it's show week. Club Nights will start on Wednesday the 1st of September at 7:30pm, finishing at around 9:30pm.

Our extremely well priced, licensed bar will be open for members. It would be great to meet up and see some new faces and maybe get some of you more involved. Every third Wednesday in the month we thought we might include a play reading for those who would like to take part. More information on that as we go along.

We hope to see you there.