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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2005

Dear All,

Rehearsals are in full swing for our autumn production '**Oh What A Lovely War (24th-29th October 2005 7.30pm)**'. The cast and crew are working really hard and ensuring that this poignant musical is brought to life as it chronicles the First World War through songs and events of the time. It promises to be a great show! Box Office opens on 8th October. Tickets are £6, (*plus membership - £2 for the season*) and are available on Monday and Wednesday evenings 7.30pm - 9pm and Saturdays 10.30am - 12noon.

Our production coincides with Amateur Theatre Week and we are pleased to be a part of this nationwide event. For more information visit www.amateurtheatreweek.org.uk

At the North East Essex Theatre Guild Awards we were, once again, nominated in several categories. Last year's 'Blithe Spirit', directed by Kerry King, was not only a winner with audiences at the Manifest but the adjudicators too. Val Taylor was nominated for Best Actress for her portrayal of Madame Arcati, Nigel Lister for his part as Charles Condomine and the team for Best Set Design and Best Costumes.

As some of you may know, the Manifest Theatre will celebrate its '21st Birthday' next year, and in honour of the occasion the bar has been given a makeover! A team of volunteers from the theatre has stripped, plastered, painted and spruced and a new fire has been installed to keep us cosy in the winter. We have also installed a new heating and air-conditioning system in the auditorium to keep us all comfortable so we hope you enjoy these improvements!

Spring Production

We will be having a read through of two possible plays for the February/March 2006 production, to be directed by Val Taylor, on Wednesday 9th November 2005 at 7.30pm at the theatre. New talent always welcome so do come along!

Music Group

We're always trying to broaden our horizons and are considering setting up a music evening/group where members can get together and exercise their musical talents. The format will really be up to you members so we'd like some feedback. Let us know your talents and your ideas. Write, call, email or pop into the theatre any Monday or Wednesday evening for a chat.

Committee Member

Following the AGM, our committee finds itself short of one member and we'd like to know if any of you enthusiastic, committed and active members would be interested in taking on this role? Meetings are generally held the last Friday of each month. Please contact us for further details.

Christmas Party - Friday 16th December 7.30pm

Last, but most definitely not least, the Manifest would like to welcome all its members to their annual festive get together! Mince pies, refreshments, music and a great opportunity to meet up for a relaxed evening and socialise and it's free to members. We'd love to see you there!

Don't forget to visit our website at www.manifesttheatre.co.uk for the latest news on productions, auditions, events and information (*and photos!*) of past productions.