

Welcome to the June issue of the NODA e-mail newsletter, packed with news and information which we hope you will find useful. We are also able to announce a host of special offers on theatre tickets.

AREA CONFERENCES

The weekend of 26 and 27 June sees two NODA Area Conferences, giving local amateur theatre enthusiasts a chance to network and to discuss issues of concern.

Southern Area Day, Saturday 26 June 2004, Capitol Theatre Horsham
The Day includes workshops on Pantomime Make-Up, Wigs, Lighting Design, Salsa Dance, Vocal Technique and Marketing, followed by the Southern Area Annual General Meeting, Awards Ceremony and Evening Entertainment.

To book call Roy Brown on 02392 839888

London Area Annual General Meeting, Sunday 27 June 2004, Heathfield Halls, Dartford

The AGM will take place at 11am and will be followed by the presentation of Area trophies and awards.

For further details call Elizabeth Chamberlain on 01895 623982 or email withy15@aol.com

AMATEUR THEATRE WEEK

Thank you to those groups who have already responded about the first ever national Amateur Theatre Week, taking place from Saturday 23 to Saturday 30 October 2004.

There has been a slight delay in launching the dedicated Amateur Theatre Week website (www.amateurtheatreweek.org.uk), which will contain details of how to register, a list of participating events, downloadable advice packs and logos, and other useful information. We hope to be able to launch it later this month.

Any amateur theatre group interested in taking part in Amateur Theatre Week should contact NODA on 0870 770 2480 or email everyone@noda.org.uk.

GREAT ORMOND STREET PERFORMANCE OF PETER PAN

Our apologies to those of you who were interested in the news item in the May newsletter. We missed out the date for this event, which is Saturday 17 July.

Please contact Martin Sheehan at GOSHCC on 020-7916-5678, extension 1106, or at sheehanm@gosh.nhs.uk if you need further details about the event.

YOUTH MUSIC

Youth Music has four funding programmes open for application. Grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 are available to non-profit making organisations to work with children and young people over a period of three to eighteen months.

The four Open Programmes are: First Steps - Developing 0-5 year olds through music, with training for parents and carers; Music Maker - Music-making in any style or genre for 5-18 year olds, or up to 25 year olds with special needs; Plug into Music - Developing music technology skills for 5-18 year olds. Singing Challenge - Encouraging new and exciting ways of singing for 5-18 year olds.

All organisations in receipt of Youth Music funding must include a trainee or peer-mentoring programmes. Applications are assessed on a rolling basis but you should allow approximately three months for a decision.

Guidelines, application forms and Hot Tips for each of the four Open programmes can be downloaded from their website. For further information Tel: 020 7902 1060 or Email: info@youthmusic.org.uk Website: www.youthmusic.org.uk

NEW PRIME TIME TV SHOW..

Is there something unusual or shocking about your Amdram group? Have you been the victim of backstabbing or big egos? Or even experienced the casting couch? Has your life taken a radically different turn since you got involved in Amdram? Are you proof that the British stage is more sex, drugs and rock and roll than we think? Or perhaps you've been caught up in a backstage scandal?

We are looking for colourful characters and surprising stories for a new TV documentary and we would love to hear from you, filming is to take place from around mid-July to end of August. Please email your stories to:-

nicole.dudley@shinelimited.com or call 020 79857109

SAVE 50% ON LONDON'S LATEST SPECTACULAR MUSICAL

JAILHOUSE ROCK – THE MUSICAL is the new sensational production from the creators of ‘Buddy’. Based on the classic 1957 film, starring Elvis Presley, it is the story of Vince Everett, a kid from the wrong side of the tracks. Whilst doing time in jail he discovers a unique musical talent and upon release emerges to become the world’s greatest rock ‘n’ roll star. This fabulous musical features such classic hits as ‘Blue Suede Shoes’, ‘Suspicious Minds’, ‘The Wonder of You’, ‘Are You Lonesome Tonight?’, ‘Burnin’ Love’ and Tutti Frutti’. A rockin’ show guaranteed to have you dancing in the aisles!

Tickets are available at just £22.50 (+ £1.50 booking fee per ticket) – a saving of 50%. Valid for Monday – Thursday evenings, Wednesday and Saturday matinees until 31 August. To book call now on 020 7907 7056 quoting ‘Jailhouse Rock NODA offer’.

GROUP OFFER: SEE BEHIND-THE-SCENES AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE FOR JUST £5 PER PERSON

National Theatre Backstage Tours are an enjoyable and informative way to experience the magic of a working theatre. The tours take your group behind-the-scenes to see all three auditoriums (the Olivier, Lyttelton and Cottesloe), as well as front-of-house, scenic workshops and backstage areas, all in the company of well-informed, enthusiastic guides.

The National Theatre presents an eclectic mix of new plays and classics with seven or eight productions in repertory at any one time. Recent shows have included the award-winning ‘Jerry Springer-The Opera’ and the highly acclaimed stage adaptation of Philip Pullman’s ‘His Dark Materials’.

Group tours are priced at just £5 per person with educational groups at £4 per person. Each tour lasts for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

To book call now on 020 7907 7002 .

COLLEGE AMATEUR OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THE PYJAMA GAME

College Amateur Operatic and Dramatic are performing 'The Pyjama Game' this year. We are sure you will be familiar with "Hey There (you with the stars in your eyes)", "I'm Not At All In Love", "Hernando's Hideaway", "Steam Heat" and "Once a Year Day". The story takes place in the "Sleep Tite" pyjama factory where the Shop Steward - Babe, falls in love with the Work's Manager – Sid, with many pitfalls and laughs along the way.

'The Pyjama Game' will be performed at the Kenneth More Theatre from Wednesday, 14th July to Saturday, 17th July 2004 at 7.45pm, and there will be a matinee at 3pm on the Saturday. Tickets are available from the Box Office of the Theatre on 020 8553 4466.

WIFE SWAP IS GOING INTERNATIONAL!

Channel 4's award winning series about family life is back, and this time families from different countries are swapping. For this series of International Wife Swap we are looking for traditional British families.

- Fancy the chance to go abroad and spend 2 weeks living with another family?
- Are you curious about how other people in other countries live?
- Do you have children who are still living at home? Are you interested in this unique experience?

If you would like to know more, please call: 0207 751 7371 or email internationalwifewap@rdfmedia.com

Our British wives will get to travel to a mystery foreign location, and meanwhile a wife from another country will come and see what domestic life is really like in Britain. For two weeks our British families will get the chance to experience family life in other countries.

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