

Welcome to the October issue of the NODA e-mail newsletter, packed with news and information which we hope you will find useful, including details of funding opportunities and special offers on theatre tickets.

Amateur Theatre Week

Registrations continue to roll for the first ever national Amateur Theatre Week, with over 130 productions already registered. If your society is performing or putting on an event between Saturday 23 and Saturday 30 October, then make sure you visit www.amateurtheatreweek.org.uk and register online.

StageFest Networks Across the Country

The next StageFest will take place on Saturday 16 October at the Tameside Hippodrome, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The StageFest events are free and are open to all amateur groups or individuals who wish to participate or just to visit and run from noon to 4pm. Each event is a celebration of amateur theatre in the area and is not only an opportunity for members of societies to network and exchange views, but more importantly, to have the opportunity to participate in question and answer sessions with senior management from Clear Channel, who will demonstrate their commitment to giving maximum support for community users of their venues. The events will also be promoted to the public, and will serve as a useful tool for recruiting new volunteers.

National and local suppliers and advisers to amateur theatre, from publishers of plays to costumiers, lighting and sound suppliers will also be hand to promote their services. Short seminars will be given by leading experts on a range of such issues, such as Health & Safety, providing up-to-date advice to the benefit of the amateur theatre movement.

For further information contact Amateur Stage on 020 7636 4343 or email cvtheatre@aol.com

Newhampton Children Arts Festival

The Newhampton Arts Centre has received funding from ACE West Midlands, Awards for All, Sure Start and Wolverhampton Council to run a a year long programme of holiday arts activities for children and are looking to hear from artisted interested in taking part.

The programme will culminate in an all day festival on site on June 5th 2005. This will involve Drama, Dance, Music Performances and workshops from local and national companies, voluntary organisations and young people. The theme of the Festival will be One World.

Interested artists and organisations should contact, Christine McGowan, Centre Manager, for further information, and the following:

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Get Connected

BT Community Connections, the award scheme which provides community and voluntary groups with a multi-media PC, software and an internet connection, is open for applications to this year's Round Two. Groups need to show how they will benefit from getting connected. Apply online up to 2nd December, or a week earlier by post. And note that the e-effective Connection Award is only open to previous winners. See www.btcommunityconnections.com or get a pack from BT Community Connections, PO Box 4500, London, W1A 7LF.

Voluntary Arts Wales Conference - participation policy

Attached are details of the forthcoming Voluntary Arts Wales conference. The main purpose for this conference will be to form a policy for arts and crafts participation in partnership with the Arts Council of Wales.

Volunteering Kitemark Launch

The UK quality standard for organisations which use volunteers, Investing in Volunteers, launches officially on 1st October 2004 after running pilot schemes.

The standard will be managed separately in England, Wales, Scotland and N Ireland. See www.investinginvolunteers.org.uk

New Community Bank Account Launched

The Halifax Bank of Scotland Group have created a new Community Banking Current Account. A step up from typical clubs and society facilities, it offers a high interest cheque account with a minimum deposit of £10,000. Up to 50 cheques a month are free.

For further details go to: http://www.hbosplc.com/community/community_banking.asp

QuickGuides for Voluntary Sector Published

Wiremill Publishing has launched 23 titles in its series of 24 page books which cover different aspects of the voluntary sector. 50 more titles are planned for next year, and those released so far include guides to fundraising, marketing, technology and governance.

These guides will be invaluable to the sector as a quick-reference and are a relatively inexpensive way to find out about pressing issues. QuickGuides cost £8 each

Grants for the arts - individuals, organisations and national touring

Arts Council England Grants for the Arts are for individuals, arts organisations, national touring and other people who use the arts in their work. They are for activities that benefit people in England or that help artists and arts organisations from England to carry out their work.

Applications are being accepted up until 31 August 2005.

For further information and a funding pack, please go to www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding

New BBC Documentary Pay Off Your Mortgage

Is paying the mortgage stopping you getting what you really want out of life? If you never had to pay a mortgage again, what would you do? Give up work? Take up a new career? Move abroad? Or spend the money you would have spent on the house on a new lavish lifestyle?

The BBC is looking for people to take part in a new BBC2 series that will give participants the opportunity to make this dream into a reality. If you want to take up our challenge of clearing your mortgage completely, in just two years, and it's under £70,000, then we would like to hear from you.

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NODA's Online Store Now Open!

Don't forget that NODA's online presence is now complete, with the launch of the new and exciting online store. The first stop for all your theatrical needs, with an unrivalled range of quality scripts, scores and publications.

Also available within the archive section is possibly the largest collection of hard to find and out of print vocal scores, opera scores, libretti and chorus parts. However, be warned we only have a limited stock of these heavily discounted items, so act fast to avoid disappointment.

To visit the store click here www.noda.org.uk/store

NODA Theatre Club

SEE THE MULTI-AWARD WINNING JERRY SPRINGER-THE OPERA AND EAT AT NAVAJO JOE'S FOR LESS THAN THE PRICE OF THE TICKET!

One of the funniest and most original musicals that London has ever seen, JERRY SPRINGER-THE OPERA, is the first show in theatre history to have won the title of 'Best Musical' an amazing four times at the Olivier, Evening Standard, Critics' Circle and Whatsonstage Awards. David Soul, star of 'Starsky and Hutch', is currently playing Jerry Springer. Come and see America's favourite talk show host suffer the worst day of his career.

Situated on the cusp of Covent Garden's famous piazza, Navajo Joe's stocks a huge range of 229 rare and fine tequilas and is well-known for its excellent cocktails. It serves a selection of delicious spicy food.

The package price is just £28.50 for an Upper Circle seat and a two-course meal (main course and dessert) from the pre-theatre menu at Navajo Joe's. Price excludes drinks and service. Offer valid for all evening performances, except Saturday evenings, until 8 January 2005.

To book call now on 020 7907 7056 quoting 'Jerry Springer meal deal offer'.

GROUPS OF 8+ - SAVE UP TO 50% ON TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS WITH THE RAT PACK

From 22 November, the hit show The Rat Pack-Live From Las Vegas will be transformed for a limited season into CHRISTMAS WITH THE RAT PACK.

Celebrating the amazing talents of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Junior and Dean Martin, this is definitely the coolest party in town. Three talented performers and the 15-piece Rat Pack Big Band will perform a number of seasonal favourites such as 'Winter Wonderland', 'White Christmas' and 'Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!'. The festive banter will be flowing, guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit and the party mood!

Groups of 8+ can get best available seats at only £22.50 per person – an incredible saving of up to 50%. Valid for Monday - Friday evenings, Thursday and Saturday matinees until 8 January 2005.

To book call now on 020 7907 7002.

MIX WITH THE STARS AT THE CHICAGO CHARITY GALA



CHICAGO RAZZLE DAZZLES 'EM FOR BREAKTHROUGH ON THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER

October is Breakthrough Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and to mark the occasion, **CHICAGO** the Musical is hosting a celebrity-packed Charity Gala performance on Thursday 7 October.

Tickets for the gala are priced from £15.00 - £40.00 with Breakthrough receiving a minimum donation of 10% of the ticket price of seats.

BOOK NOW

A limited number of VIP tickets are available for £75.00 each which includes a top price ticket, a souvenir brochure, interval drink and an invitation to meet the cast at a post-show drinks reception. 100% of the VIP ticket price goes to Breakthrough Breast Cancer. VIP tickets can be booked on 020 7025 2426 at £75.00 each.

Currently in its 7th year, the cast of **CHICAGO** the Musical includes Jennifer Ellison as Roxie Hart. Jennifer is best known for her role in Brookside and as winner of Hell's Kitchen. She is joined by West End favourites Anna-Jane Casey, John Barrowman, Paul Baker and Sharon D Clarke.

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