



# Catholic Association of Performing Arts

Newsletter - September 2014

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Dear Member

I hope you all had a good summer break and are feeling refreshed. It was a good summer for most of the time, so let's hope that the winter isn't too cold and nowhere near as wet as last winter.

## **E-MAIL ADDRESS**

My dedicated e-mail address is: [secretary@caapa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@caapa.org.uk) Please use this address in all e-mail communications. **IF YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS AND HAVEN'T LET ME HAVE IT COULD YOU PLEASE SEND IT TO ME. IT IS SUCH A USEFUL FORM OF COMMUNICATION AND SAVES TIME AND ALSO MONEY IN POSTAGE, ESPECIALLY AS SECOND CLASS STAMPS ARE NOW 53p!!! THANK YOU. EVEN IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A COMPUTER YOU CAN ALWAYS ARRANGE TO LOG ON AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY, HAVE YOUR OWN E-MAIL ADDRESS AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE ACCESS TO OUR WEBSITE.**

## **CAA (CONCERT ARTISTES ASSOCIATION)**

Please remember to have your **UP-TO-DATE** membership card with you at all times if you are visiting the CAA. Please also remember that you can only sign yourself and **TWO** guests in up until 7 p.m., apart from an event night. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE STICK TO THE RULES. IF YOU VISIT THE CAA AFTER 7 p.m. ON A NON-EVENT EVENING PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE SIGNED IN BY A MEMBER OF THE CAA BEFORE GOING TO THE BAR. ALSO PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD OR DRINKS INTO THE CAA AS THIS IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.** The bar is open from 12 noon until 11 p.m. Monday to Friday and you can obtain a very reasonably priced lunch or sandwiches from the chef.

## **STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS**

If you still pay your Annual Subscription by cheque why don't you consider changing to Standing order? It is far more convenient for you, me and our Treasurer. You don't have to remember when it is due for renewal and I don't have to send you a reminder. Additionally, it is £2 cheaper!!!! If you would like to switch to paying by Standing Order please contact me and I will send you the Standing Order Mandate or you can download this from the website.

## **WEBSITE**

As you know, our new website, with a brand new logo, is now up and running. If you have not already done so then please log on to [www.caapa.org.uk](http://www.caapa.org.uk) and have a look – it is much easier to navigate, is full of information and also contains a photograph gallery of some of our members. If you have not already done so then do please send your photograph to Jimena – e-mail: [coordinator@caapa.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@caapa.org.uk) We also have a **MEMBERS PAGE** where members can use this facility to share their news with other members. Not many of you have so far registered for this facility so please do so. Once you have registered **Jimena** will send you a password.

**Below are details of how to register. Log on ( obviously!!)**

### **Instructions**

Click on **Register as a Member** (top right-hand corner)

Enter your details – you may choose whatever user-name you like but you **MUST** make sure that first/last names are your **REAL** names.

Click on **REGISTER**

**Once CaAPA has approved your registration and you have received your Password follow the instructions below.**

Click on Log In (top right corner next to Register as Member)

Type in your user-name **AND** password (e-mailed to you)

Click on LOG IN

You are in!!!!

If you experience any difficulties with the above instructions please e-mail Jimena – [coordinator@caapa.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@caapa.org.uk) Please **DO NOT** e-mail me. Good luck and do hope that you will make use of the Members Page .

## **FATHER MICHAEL ARCHER RIP**

Member **David Lloyd** and his wife, **Teresa**, have requested your prayers for **Father Michael Archer**, a priest at Westminster Cathedral, who died suddenly on 2 August. The Requiem Mass took place on 12 August.

**David** was unable to attend due to work commitments but **Teresa** was a part of the very large crowd who were present to pay their last respects to Fr Archer. Fr Archer loved talking to David about the acting profession.. May he rest in peace.

### **GEORGE HARLAND RIP**

I am sorry to let you know that **George Harland** died recently. George had been a member for many years and presented his own one man show about the life of Charles Dickens. He performed extracts from this at an Annual Dinner at the Players Theatre some years ago, much to the delight of our then National Chaplain, Canon John MacDonald, who loves all of Dickens' work. George also had a great love of Greece where he had a home in the Peleoponnese. George died in Folkestone where he had cared for his sick wife for many years

### **BEWARE!**

I recently received an e-mail purporting to come from one of our members (who shall be nameless) asking for financial help as he/she had had their passport and all their money stolen whilst on holiday. The person involved had contacted his/her own bank but the funds would not be credited for 4-5 days. Alarm bells rang at this statement as in my experience once banks are certain that you are who you say you are they press a key and hey presto the money is transferred immediately. I might be wrong and, if so, I am sure someone will tell me!! What REALLY made me even more suspicious was the fact that the person concerned was supposed to be "on holiday in Ukraine" – nothing more to be said!! This is the second such e-mail I have received purporting to come from one of our members.

### **WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

This Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes which took place in July was, this year, a very special event as it was the Silver Jubilee. Not just one but two Cardinals were in attendance – Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor. Also there was our Chairman of Trustees, **Mgr Vladimir Felzmann**, who, 25 years ago, was asked by Cardinal Basil Hume to set up the first ever Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage and the rest, as the saying goes, is history because all these years later it is still going strong and is a fitting tribute to Fr Vlad. Also there was Fr Chris Vipers, our former Chaplain, who took over the Pilgrimage from Fr Vlad in 2002. This year 1,100 pilgrims and 50 priests were present and it was a really joyful time. In May this year

CaAPA sponsored a fund-raising concert at the CAA where Entertainment provided by students from Newman House raised a magnificent £600. This sum contributed to the costs of 10 students from Newman House Catholic Chaplaincy and Heythrop House being able to go to Lourdes. Here they became part of a team who looked after the sick and disabled pilgrims at St Frai Hospital and which gave them such a rewarding experience. It is satisfying to know that CaAPA, in some small way, made this possible and our thanks to those members who came along and supported the concert. Our Master of Ceremonies, **Michael Slater**, has been a part of the annual Pilgrimage for many years and until very recently has been their Master of Ceremonies, the Controller of Wheelchairs (a long story!!) and the organiser of the concerts which take place at the end of every pilgrimage.

### **NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS**

**Prue Gillett** appeared as **Lady Bracknell** in the Theatre Mill's Production of **The Importance of Being Earnest** at the Lord Mayor's Mansion House, York, from 11 July-17 August. Hope it all went well, Prue. **Jonathan Coote** has recorded two Audio Books. One is **The Drought** by **J G Ballard** and the other is **Literary Rivals** by **Richard Bradford** which is an account of the history of English-speaking literature with particular emphasis on the rivalries between authors, including Kingsley Amis, Philip Larkin, Truman Capote and others. **Jonathan** appeared in **Jeeves** (based on the Alan Ayckbourn/Andrew Lloyd Webber musical) at the Trinity Arts Centre, Tunbridge Wells, from 23-30 August. **Jonathan** will also be playing Saint Thomas Becket in **Murder in the Cathedral** at the Church of St Bartholomew the Great (near the Barbican) from Saturday 8 November to Saturday, 22 November. To book and for further details please log on to [www.littlespanieltheatre.com](http://www.littlespanieltheatre.com). Good luck, Jonathan and good luck as well to **Julius D'Silva** who is shortly opening in **Made in Dagenham** at the Adelphi Theatre. **Steve Gough's** new play **The Crock** is opening at the Pentameters Theatre, 28 Heath Street, Hampstead NW3 Tuesdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m. with a matinee on Sundays at 5 p.m. from 28 October until 16 November. Conceived as a sequel to Terence Rattigan's **The Browning Version**, it is a study of old age and lost dreams. Good luck Steve. After a long absence **Michael Slater** is back

“treading the boards.” Earlier this year we presented readings from **The Jewellers’ Shop** by Pope John Paul 11 at the CAA. Taking part was **Emily Murray**, the daughter of our late member **Mike Murray**, who put his name forward for the role of a Jesuit Priest in a film in which she was appearing and which role he got. As a result of this he now has a wonderful new agent and a very nice photograph as Fr Thomas!! There is a preview of the film, which is about the life of Blessed Margaret Sinclair, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 30 October and you are invited to join Michael on the RED CARPET (actually the CAA!) to meet the cast and the Director.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **ANNUAL CaAPA MASS – 16 October 2014**

The Annual Mass, at which **Sir Alec Guinness** will be remembered, takes place at Corpus Christi Church on 16 October at 6.30 p.m.

**Breda McKinney** is the soloist. Please do try to attend this Mass as it is an opportunity for CaAPA members to gather together, give thanks for our blessings and remember not just Sir Alec but all the other members we have lost over the past years.

#### **TWO HALVES OF GUINNESS**

Following the Annual Mass, actor **Trevor Littledale** will be performing **Two Halves of Guinness** at the CAA commencing at 8 p.m. As some of you may not have had the opportunity of eating before the Annual Mass or coming directly to the CAA, we have arranged with the Catering Manager for sandwiches to be available. If you wish to take advantage of this facility please e-mail her to place your order no later than 15 October. Cost per sandwich £2.50 (cheese and pickle or tuna and egg), £3.00 smoked salmon. E-mail: [sally@sallys-catering.co.uk](mailto:sally@sallys-catering.co.uk) and please remember to leave your name.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 29 October at the CAA commencing at 6.30 p.m.**

#### **DRAMA COMPETITION – 20 NOVEMBER – 7 p.m.**

There are 13 entries for the competition. We are still looking for volunteers to judge the plays. If you are interested please contact Penny Culliford e:mail – [penny.culliford@gmail.com](mailto:penny.culliford@gmail.com), If you would like to be considered to perform in the plays please contact the Casting Director, Robin Marchal – E-mail: [member@1priorsfreeserve.co.uk](mailto:member@1priorsfreeserve.co.uk) – with details of your playing range, character types etc. The event

commences at 7 p.m and each performance will last approximately 15 minutes. **If you do not have access to e-mail please leave me a voicemail message at Corpus Christi, telephone number 0207 240 1221 and I will get back to you.**

**Please give this event your support. The playwrights have worked really hard, as have the organisers. I am sure this will be a really good evening and we all look forward to seeing you. REMEMBER – family and friends are VERY welcome to join us.**

**CAROL SERVICE – Wednesday, 10 December at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, commencing at 5.30 p.m.**

**ANNUAL DINNER – Friday, 12 December at Allen Hall.**

This year is the Silver Jubilee of the Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes. To mark this occasion, we have invited our Chairman of Trustees, **Mgr Vladimir Felzmann**, to be our guest of honour. Before he died in 1999, Cardinal Hume wished to publicly recognise **Fr Vlad's** (as he then was and still is to many people) hard work and dedication, not only in setting up the first ever Lourdes Pilgrimage but also taking over at the Pastoral Centre in London Colney as Director, and founding SPEC (Young Adults), The Loft (children) and the Young Adults Pilgrimage to Lourdes, all causes in which the Cardinal had a great interest. At the Lourdes Pilgrimage in 1999, just a few months after Cardinal Hume had died, Fr Vlad was made a Prelate of Honour and, as someone said to me, "He went to Lourdes a Father and came back a Monsignor." Mgr Vlad has formed the Friends of Bethlehem University (FOBU) which set up a Chair of Religious Studies in the name of Cardinal Hume. He also formed The Three Faiths Forum, which consisted of Christians, Jews and Muslims who met every 3 months or so to discuss various issues which affected all three faiths.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's Annual Dinner. It is a chance to socialise and catch up with other members.

## **AN ACTOR'S PRAYER**

**My Jesus, bless me in this my actor's life  
Whether I draw tears from the audience**

**Or make them laugh**

**Off stage let me be serious minded**

**Yet keep my sorrows behind the scenes.**

**May I be undeceived by success**

**And undismayed by failure.**

**Make me generous towards the work of  
others**

**And a good influence wherever I may go.**

**Let me always return to the Sacraments**

**However often things go wrong**

**On stage**

**Off stage**

**In life**

**In death**

**Jesus, have mercy on my soul**

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**In these troubled and worrying times  
especially in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and all  
the other war torn countries**

**Dear God of all, we pray**

**That peace may overcome war**

**For all those who are in pain because of war**

**For women, children and men who suffer  
because of war**

**For families who mourn the loss of loved ones**

**For dignity for the people of the world**

**For diversity to be respected**

**For people of peace everywhere**

**For our own communities that we may love  
one another**

**We pray in God's name**