



Catholic Association
of Performing Arts

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Dear Member

I hope you all had a good summer break. We have several events in the next few months so do hope to see you at some of them.

CONCERT ARTISTES ASSOCIATION (CAA)

Please remember to have your Membership Card with you when visiting the CAA otherwise you may not be allowed in by the Security Officer. You can sign yourself and no more than two guests into the CAA up until 7 p.m. (Tuesdays to Fridays) apart from when you are attending a CaAPA event, in which case you can sign in after 7 p.m. No food or drinks are allowed to be brought into the CAA.

SIR ALEC GUINNESS AWARD

The winner of this year's award is **Hannah Traylen** who graduated from Italia Conti in early July. She has since been cast in the forthcoming series of **Call the Midwife AND Unforgotten** which is a tremendous start, even though **Hannah** told me "blink and you will miss me."! We have had some lovely winners over the past years. The winner in 2009, **Asif Khan**, keeps in touch and lets us know when he is appearing in a play – **Gabrielle Lister** always supports him – and he came along to the Garrick Club reception in 2011 when we celebrated our 100th birthday. Last year's winner, **Dominic Rye**, came along to one of our Drop In's at the Golden Lion. **Hannah** is a delightful girl, very thrilled and grateful to have won the Award. I will miss exchanging e-mails with her – but I am sure she will keep in touch. As all of us involved in the Students Evening and the Award (**Gabrielle, Michael Slater, Jane Garioni, Patrick Lee and Charlotte Williams**) will agree - it is hard work, but the end result is well worth it. And to see the reaction of all the winners of the **Sir Alec Guinness Award** over the years has been something else. Well done to them all and this year, especially to **Hannah**.

Please remember Patrick Lee and his father in your prayers. Patrick very sadly lost his mother very recently.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Jonathan Coote is appearing in King Lear with Glenda Jackson at the Old Vic from 25 October to 2 December. **Richard O'Callaghan** popped up in an old episode of **Dalziel and Pascoe on Drama TV**, in which he played the part of a Forensic Pathologist – pretty gruesome it looked too!! **Kenneth Michaels** has been directing a play in Germany. **Phyllis McMahan** has been very ill but I am glad to say that she is making good progress so please keep on remembering her in your prayers. **Mary Drake** was one of a cast of three at the **Tootopia Festival** when performed readings of six short plays took place at The Antelope, Tooting, on Sunday, 25 September. A performance of **Seven Letters** will take place at the Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham, at 7.30 p.m. 28th September-1st October and at Waterman's Theatre, Brentford, on Friday, 4th and Saturday 5th November. Box Office (Watermans) 020 8232 1010 and (Mary Wallace) 01784 469447. "**Steve Gough's** compelling, award winning play, **The Call**, takes us deep into the lives of ordinary people caught up in extreme – yet all too familiar – circumstances". Some of you will remember that **Steve** was the winner of the competition organised by CaAPA in conjunction with the Association of Christian Writers with **The Call** which was held at the CAA almost two years ago. Obviously the whole play was not performed but from what we saw it was certainly gripping and I would love to know who was guilty!!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ArtsMinds is a collaborative initiative from BAPAM (British Association of Performing Arts Medicine), Equity, Spotlight and The Stage.

BAPAM

BAPAM is a healthcare charity giving medical advice to people working and studying in the performing arts. BAPAM helps you overcome (and preferably avoid) work-related health problems and are dedicated to sharing knowledge about healthy practice.

www.bapam.org.uk

EQUITY

The UK trade union for professional performers and creative practitioners. A campaigning, caring and organising union they are proud of their strong record of making things better for professional artists. Members are at the heart of all Equity activities and they drive forward the work of the union.

www.equity.org.uk

THE STAGE

The Stage provides news and services for the entertainment and performing arts industry. Established in 1880, The Stage is a must-read

for anyone working in the theatre industry in the UK and beyond, offering news, reviews, interviews advice and more. Each month 500,000 people read The Stage across the website and its weekly newspaper and use the job site.

www.thestage.co.uk

SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight is the UK's leading casting platform, connecting professional performers with the most influential casting directors across the UK and in Europe. They are passionate about helping each performer on Spotlight establish and maintain a successful career and, alongside having access to the best roles in television, film and theatre, we provide our members with regular career development opportunities and tailored, supportive advice. **www.spotlight.com**

CaAPA's New Initiative - FUNDING

Want some money for your new project? Would it qualify? Want to find out more?

Access our website – www.caapa.org.uk. Having registered, gain access to the Members' Area* There you will find the *Funding Selection Criteria*.

**** You can only find out more about the Funding Initiative if you have already registered for the Members' Page. If you have not done this so far and to find out how to do this please e-mail Jimena Larraguivel – coordinator@caapa.org.uk – and she will send you instructions.***

PAST EVENT

DROP IN AT THE GOLDEN LION – 14 September

The only member to turn up at the Golden Lion on 14 September was Michael Slater. As you will remember those attending the EGM in 2015 voted for this event. Before arranging another Drop In can you please let me know whether you wish us to carry on organising this on a regular basis.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MASS – SUNDAY, 9 OCTOBER at 11.30 A.M.

As so few people were present at last year's Annual Mass, we will this year be joining the parishioners at Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane. Our Book of Remembrance, in which the names of past members, sadly no longer with us, are recorded, will be taken to the sanctuary as always. Following Mass there is the opportunity to have lunch at the Bella Italia. If you wish to attend the lunch please let me know by e-mail **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 5 October** so that we can book a table.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST (WITH MICHAEL SLATER)

A member of the Catholic Stage Guild for 35 years

Master of Ceremonies for 25 years

An actor for 64 Years

A Pilgrimage veteran of 23 years

October 2nd 2016 – 80 years!

“Highlights” of the Catholic Stage Guild and the characters who gave so much to keep the Guild going.

A sprinkling of Memoirs of the Theatre from 1952 and on Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A little musical entertainment.

No presents please – just in case!! Just yourselves. There will be a collection towards the cost of a frame to include the names of past Chairmen (“Chairperson” if being politically correct!). It is intended to place this at Corpus Christi if permission is granted by the Church Heritage.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are attending please email me – secretary@caapa.org.uk – NO LATER THAN 4th OCTOBER. Any later then too late - sorry, but arrangements have to be made early with the CAA.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 20 OCTOBER (definitely!)

The AGM will take place at the CAA on Thursday, 20 October commencing at 7.30 p.m.

CaAPA EVENT, TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER – commencing 8 p.m.

There will be an Open Evening at the CAA on Tuesday, 15 November which is an opportunity for members to get together, to bring family and/or friends – maybe some of them haven’t been to the CAA and would be interested in its history. A time to sit and chat in comfort with the added benefit of a drink in your hand – and a bag of crisps perhaps!!

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FRANK FINLAY CBE

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of **Frank Finlay CBE** will be held at Corpus Christi on Thursday, 17 November commencing at 12 noon. The celebrant will be our National Chaplain, **Father Alan Robinson.**

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will take place at Allen Hall on Friday, 9 December. The guest of honour this year is **Toby Stephens**, who as you will know is the son of **Dame Maggie Smith**. He will be accompanied by his actress wife, **Anna-Louise Plowman**. There will be a welcome drinks reception commencing at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7.45 p.m. The cost £30 per person. Wine can be purchased at Allen Hall at a reasonable cost

CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service will take place at Corpus Christi on Friday, 16 December commencing at 6.30 p.m.