



## Catholic Association of Performing Arts

### NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2017

#### **MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR FRANK FINLAY CBE**

As I was unable to attend the Mass, Master of Ceremonies, Michael Slater, has kindly written the following:

A Mass of Thanksgiving for Frank Finlay CBE, our Vice President for many years, took place at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, on 16 February. It was a great joy to see the Sanctuary in all its glory. Frank's son, Daniel, and the actor, Nickolas Grace, gave a very heartfelt Eulogy. Our Chairman, Richard O'Callaghan, Vice President Frank Comerford, Gabrielle Lister and Peter Haycroft all contributed to the readings. We were very honoured to have Dame Maggie Smith do the second reading. Dame Maggie and Frank Finlay were founding members of the National Theatre so it was very fitting that she was able to contribute. Our National Chaplain, Fr Alan Robinson, gave an inspiring homily which brought together the different facets of Frank's life, both at home with his family and in the theatre. Rest in peace, dear Frank.

#### **NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS**

**Toby Stephens** is currently in Vancouver filming a remake of the television series **Lost in Space** which was first shown in the 1960s.

**Jonathan Coote**, who has just finished a run in Vienna in "**Sleuth**" in which he played the role of Andrew Wyke, received very good reviews a couple of which I have included in this newsletter.

"Coote and Polick perform in this breakneck thriller full of wordplay with linguistic mastery and physical integrity"

"Andrew Wyke is obsessed with his little crime-games and he conceals his vulnerability behind a facade of grandiloquence : with Jonathan Coote the part is in the best of hands".

*My thanks to **Peter Haycroft** who sent these reviews to me.*

**Steve Gough's** new play, **Quiet Ever After** was performed as a rehearsed reading at the CAA on 22 February.

**Please keep the news coming for the April newsletter!!**