



Catholic Association of Performing Arts

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Dear Member

January has been a quiet month so not much news, but if you would like to find out what is happening in the Westminster Diocese then log on to – www.indcatholicnews.com. You will find a photograph of **Richard O’Callaghan** at our Annual Dinner!

FR PAT

I am so pleased to let you know that **Fr Pat** has recovered very well from major surgery, is out of hospital, fighting fit and is now away with friends for a few weeks to recuperate. Thank you for your prayers.

MIKE GANNON

Some of our members will remember **Mike Gannon** from **CSGNorth**. He sends his best wishes to us all for a happy and peaceful New Year.

JONATHAN COOTE

Jonathan recently appeared in an episode of **Casualty**. He said it went well but we probably wouldn’t have recognised him as he was heavily disguised in surgical gear!! **Jonathan** will be appearing in **Absolute Hell** at the National in April – date and further information in the March Newsletter.

KENNETH MICHAELS

Ken is appearing in Rare Fortune Productions **Liberty Hall**, a new farce by **Robin Jennifer Miller** at OSO Arts Centre, 49 Station Road, Barnes, SW13 0LF from 6-10 February. “Don’t miss the world premiere of a sparkling new farce by this professional company of actors. Guaranteed to make you laugh out loud. Fabulously funny”. Advance tickets - £14. Concessions £12.

STUDENTS EVENING AND SIR ALEC GUINNESS AWARD

The Students Evening will be taking place at the CAA on 20 February. This is also when the Sir Alec Guinness Award is made. **Richard O’Callaghan** will be chairing the Students Evening and **Janie Dee**, who was our guest of honour at the Annual Dinner a few years ago, will be presenting the **Sir Alec Guinness Award** to the winner. Just to remind you, this is **NOT** an event for CaAPA members – it is purely for third year students at recognised Drama Schools. This is just to keep you informed.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Newman House Catholic Chaplaincy – 20 March at the CAA commencing at 7.30 p.m.

There will be a fund-raising concert to support 20 students from Newman House to take part in the Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 21-27 July. These students will be working at St Frai Hospital to look after our sick pilgrims. This concert is for a very worthy cause and is also an opportunity to enjoy the musical talents of the students. Family and friends are welcome. The Westminster Pilgrimage was formed 30 years ago by Cardinal Basil Hume and Mgr Vladimir Felzmann and is **STILL** going. All donations will be very gratefully received.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF OUR PLAYWRITERS

Following our very successful evening – **Women in the Church** – last October, the theme this year is “**Refugee(s)**”. This is an invitation to members for new playlets which will be performed at the CAA on 14 November. They can be contemporary or historic. Story lines, however, should ideally have some connection with the Church. The evening will be co-produced by **Robin Marchal** and **Michael Harrington** and overseen by Director, **Kenneth Michaels**, who will also act as Head Judge on the selection panel.

Playlets should be no longer than **10 minutes maximum**. Playwrights, who will be responsible for casting and directing, should, in the first instance, consider CaAPA members for these roles.

All submissions should be made to **Jimena Larraguivel**, (coordinator@caapa.org.uk) **on or before 31 July**. Authors of selected playlets will be notified of the results at the end of August. There will be a ten minute talk by a member of the SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) at the end of the performance. There will also be a voluntary retiring collection for this Society.