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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2018

PAST EVENT

The Annual Students Evening and Sir Alec Guinness Award took place at the CAA on 20 February and was, again, a great success. The students learn so much from the panel – Actors, Agents, Equity, Spotlight, Casting Director, Photographer at the Question and Answer session. **Richard O’Callaghan** chaired the event and we were delighted to have actor, **Janie Dee**, with us to present the Sir Alec Guinness Award to the winner. **Janie** and **Richard** are old friends having worked together in the past. The winner of the Award for 2018-9 was **DONAL FINN**, a student from LAMDA who, regrettably, was unable to be with us to collect the Award in person because he was performing in a play. (Have a look on our website – www.caapa.org.uk) - to see the photograph taken by **Patrick Lee**). However, the Development Manager at LAMDA, Grace Archibald, very kindly came along to collect it on his behalf. A lot of VERY hard work goes into this every year and CaAPA’s thanks go to **Gabrielle Lister** who puts the Students Evening together. This is no mean feat. To **Michael Slater** who always manages to find an Actor to come along each year and play a vital role. **Jane Garioni** and **Patrick Lee**, who, as well as being Administrators of the Sir Alec Guinness Award together with Michael Slater, also take photographs of the whole event. Last but not least to **Charlotte Williams** who has been a stalwart for many years in checking the Students in. This can be quite a task when several Drama Schools arrive at the same time!! A big thank you to all of them

FROM MICHAEL HARRINGTON

It came as a bit of a shock to me as I was munching my way through a large box of popcorn (sweet and salty) when I saw a vision in a gold chic dress in front of me. Blinking twice to make sure it wasn't an aberration caused by an earlier pint of Guinness, I realised that it was our very own **Phyllis McMahon**, who was starring opposite three times winner **Daniel Day-Lewis** in **Phantom Thread**. **Phyllis**, with one of her knowing looks, put this soon to retire giant very firmly in his place. It's a beautiful film, made even better by Phyllis's fine performance.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - A REMINDER

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.

PLAYWRIGHTS

Please do not forget to submit your 10 minute playlets on Refugee(s). It will be another great evening at the CAA

JANE LOWE

Jane appeared in an episode of **Casualty** on BBC 1 earlier this month. It was quite a big part which unfortunately led to a sad ending. **Jane** survived but one of her friends didn't - sliming pills are obviously bad for you!!!