

DAG DIGEST

Reviews, news and previews from Dewsbury Arts Group
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August

SEASON'S GREETING

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On a sultry summer evening, there was no better place than The David and Judith Wood Theatre to let pleasant tunes wash over you. Pal Joey features a relationship triangle between amoral charmer Joey (a convincing Hugh Raine), the worldly rich Mrs Simpson, (played with sensitivity by Jacky Fletcher) and unworldly but moral shop girl Miss English (the sublime Joanne Jarvis). Set in 1930's Chicago, it seems almost everyone is out for themselves. Joey worms his way in to Mrs Simpson's affections to get her to set him up in his own club. The club is the hook on which to hang a series of very likeable review numbers. The show girls zipped their way through several well-choreographed numbers in bright and engaging costumes. Direction by David Fletcher was slick and the transitions from scene to scene seamless and professional.

It was good to see so many people throng the garden for the revived barbecue. It was also good to see so many people getting involved in setting it up and running the show, particularly those from the youth section. Many thanks to Maria Bailey, Helen and Tony Fox for getting it all together.

Dyliss returned to perform a varied evening of comic entertainment. Classics from Monty Python rubbed shoulders with original material and energetic retro disco routines that took dad dancing to a new level.

Youth classes recommence on 6th and 7th September. Classes take place either on Saturday mornings for Juniors or Friday evenings for Seniors. Tuition, direction and technical support is provided by volunteers whilst from time to time professional tutors are brought in for specific projects. A wide range of theatre related topics are covered each year and all youth members are given the opportunity to appear in a stage production. If there are young people aged 11 and over who would like to join the classes, or if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to

provide and support the classes, please contact Maria Bailey on 07586 297492 or email to mandm90@btinternet.com

There were 49 paintings by fifteen different artists when the summer exhibition opened at Dewsbury Town Hall. If you have not been along yet, treat yourself. Drawing classes start up again in September every Wednesday between 7 and 9. Please do come along and release that latent talent

At the AGM we said farewell as treasurer to Chris Ward. Emma Thompson is the new bean counter and has big shoes to fill. We also said farewell as president to Margaret Biglands with many thanks for her graciousness. We welcome in her place as presidents Brian Gibson. Tony Fox has stood down as technical officer. However, he will still be around to help out with sets. Justin Trewyn and Lacey Telford join the committee as does Zahoor Sakarkhar as Art Secretary. A full list of the new committee members is attached along with their contact details. If you have anything at all you would like to see happen, please contact any committee member so that they can take it up for you.

As those cherished sweatshirts, polo shirts and hoodies must be showing wear and tear by now we are happy to announce the chance to refresh your Team DAG wardrobe. You may just want a change of colour. A new range of DAG clothing is now available to order. Hurry hurry hurry to complete attached form

The Opening Social is the kick start to the season and will this year take place on Wednesday 4th September starting at 7.30. This is the chance to chat to directors and tech staff about the forthcoming season and how you might get involved. There are four productions between September and Christmas so there is always something going on. This is not just for members. This is our shop window to the world, the chance to get others involved. You might suggest to friends who up to now have only come along to watch to actually be part of something special. There is a bar to sleek the thirst, there will be presentations to whet the appetite and there may even be entertainment.

Murder Margaret and Me, the fifth play of the season, is set in an empty film studio. Propstar Chris Ward hopes that DAG members and Season Ticket Holders can lend him some suitable film related ephemera. In particular, he needs a couple of "Directors Chairs" as well as items clearly linked to movies such as film cans, clapper boards, boom microphones etc. If you have anything that seems appropriate and which you are prepared to lend, please contact Chris on 078122093355 or chriswardofackworth@yahoo.co.uk

The Group is under an obligation to keep you safe. There are fire regulations to keep the body safe and the GDPR to keep your personal details safe. Attached are important flyers to remind you of the Group's obligations to you. Please keep them safe. (That's enough about being safe Ed.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DAG PRODUCTIONS

- ***Strangers on a Train***

By Patricia Highsmith.

A classic tale of surprise

23rd to 30th September 2019

BOOK NOW (Flyer attached)

Valid for season ticketholders.

- ***The Rock and Roll Years***

A cavalcade of music, events and memories from Bill Haley to the Beatles.

10th to 12th October at 7.30

BOOK NOW (Flyer attached)

TICKETS

www.dewsburyartsgroup.info or call the Ticket Source box office on 03336663366

- *If you have any queries regarding the booking, return or exchanging of tickets, please ring David Fletcher on 01924 505861 or e-mail: dewsburyartsgroup@ntlworld.com*

VISITING PRODUCTION

The John Danbury Show

7th September 2019 at 2.30 and 7.30

Magic – Comedy - Song

(See flyer attached for details)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ***Opening Social***

Wednesday 4th September 2019 from 7.30

AUDITIONS

- ***Hound of the Baskervilles***

Sherlock's most famous case – retold

**Tuesday 10th September 2019 at
7.30**

(details previously circulated).

- **Double Bill**

Party by Tim Basden and

Interior Designs by Jimmy Chinn

**Thursday 3rd October 2019 at
7.30**

(See attached information for details)

ART ACTIVITIES

Drawing Sessions

*These will recommence on
Wednesday 11th September at 7
and thereafter every Wednesday.*

Summer Exhibition

Dewsbury Town Hall foyer

Runs to 30th August