

DAG DIGEST

Springtime for Us!

Last production of this season; first auditions for next season.

Our next main production is *The Producers*. We had planned to present this laugh out loud, outrageous, crowd pleasing farce back in 2020. For some reason we had to cancel!

When Mel Brooks first wrote *The Producers* all he hoped for was a chance to see the completed film in a movie theatre. “Even if it was only going to be in New York or Chicago or in L.A., I wanted to see my dream come true on a big screen,” His dream came true and then some! Since then, Brooks has transformed it into a record-holding, Tony-award winning Broadway musical and even championed a second film adaptation of the musical in 2005.

At the time of its release, the film, with its tale of a musical about Nazis including a song called “Springtime for Hitler,” shocked many.

Still, he says he never aimed to offend, but rather to champion the power of comedy and humour. “I didn’t think I was sinful in any way,” he says. “I thought it was making a point: You get up on a soapbox and you argue with a Nazi, you’re going to lose. But if you can ridicule him and make people laugh, then you win. It’s as simple as that.” Our production starts on June 29th, the day after Mel Brooks’ 98th birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEL!

[Booking details enclosed \(contains material of an adult nature\)](#)



Don't forget to book for our

Youth Theatre Showcase

Visit our website to book or telephone 07305113408

AETF Ah! Ha! at Bridlington

Our intrepid festival team travelled to Bridlington and presented a fabulous performance of Ah! Ha! by David Foxton. It was wonderful to see Judith Wood there with many others turning up to support us. It really was a fun filled weekend.

We won a few awards – Best Actress – Alison Hartley, Best Set – David Fletcher and Best original script – David Foxton.

We came second overall so, unfortunately, we are out of the competition. It was fun while it lasted.



CAN YOU HELP?

We need volunteers to help out front of house. We really need to add to our team of helpers because there are times when a very few members are covering all of the front of house jobs. If every member took on 3 front of house roles over the season then then we could have a fully staffed and welcoming theatre.

Or perhaps you're a season ticket holder who would like to get involved?

Please think about getting in touch with Stacey Fleming (s.waterworth@hotmail.co.uk) to offer to help for **The Producers** and look out for emails asking for help so you can be the first to volunteer for our productions next season.

Remember, our finances come directly from our theatrical productions making all elements of Dewsbury Arts Group dependent on these productions. Even if you're not 'in it' for the theatre there won't be an 'it' to be 'in' if we don't keep our audiences happy. Thank you



Auditions for our first play of next season are coming up on Tuesday 11th June

Wife After Death by Eric Chappell - 28th September to 5th October 2024

Comedian and national treasure, David Thursby, has died and his much younger glamorous widow has arranged a funeral complete with a horse-drawn hearse and an attendant dog! A very funny play (by the writer of *Rising Damp*, *Only When I Laugh*, *Duty Free* and much more.) Why not come along and have a go?

Please contact Sue Saville for an audition. [Details enclosed.](#)

Annual Summer Art Exhibition

Dewsbury Town Hall Foyer.

8th July to 11th August 2024

Entry to the exhibition is open to all members so why not dust off some of your old art work or, better still, create some new ones. Entry forms will need to be submitted by 14th June with work to be dropped off by 21st June

Contact Zahoor Sakharkar for full details 07979316858 haseenmultimedia@gmail.com



Will be on **Wednesday 10th July.**

Full details will be sent out soon but get that date in your diary.

Dates for the diary

May 17th to 19th – Youth Theatre Showcase

June 11th – Auditions for Wife After Death

June 29th to July 6th – The Producers

July 8th to August 11th – Summer Exhibition

July 10th - AGM