

August 2021

Shinfield Players' Theatre's mission is to provide a venue for creating and experiencing theatre in all its forms. We aim to continue to train and develop our membership so that everyone enjoys socialising, working together and participating in theatre.

From the Chairman

We have managed to perform two shows since the last Boardtreader!

The youth groups managed to perform their summer shows to an empty auditorium but were filmed so that parents and friends were able to see how hard our talented youngsters performed. Well done to everyone who managed to make these events possible.

The closed season may be upon us and there is much to do - please come along and help. There is a full list of jobs that need to be done below.

No Naughty Bits is in full rehearsal now and have even had a couple of face to face rehearsals! There are still a lot of tasks that need take place - so please help out on a Sunday morning or a Tuesday evening - all welcome.

And finally, enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Gordon

GORDON BIRD

Notice for the Annual General Meeting of Shinfield Players Theatre CIO

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Shinfield Players Theatre CIO will be held at the theatre on Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 7:30pm. All members and friends of SPT are welcome to attend. A letter inviting you to the AGM and a form to nominate members to stand as trustees or to send a question to the committee are attached to the email from Board Treader August Edition. Please contact Cate Naylor (secretary) on secretary@shinfieldplayers.org.uk if you would like more information.

BLUE STOCKINGS - YOUTH GROUP

... a snapshot from the dress rehearsal



Did you know that our youth groups have continued to run over the past year? Whilst we were unable to put on 'adult' (no... not anything like that!) shows due to the restrictions, the youth groups have met either online or - when the out of school activities rules permitted - in person.

The Senior Youth Group's production of Blue Stockings was presented virtually earlier in June and the Junior and Middles have virtually performed Alice in Wonderland on 30th June to 31st July. They also put on a Leavers Concert to an invited, socially distanced audience as a way of showcasing, celebrating and marking the moving on of the most senior Senior members!

It has been great that our young talent has been able to be nurtured during this uncertain time. A big thank you to all the youth group leaders for all they have coped with as rules changed at an alarming rate and plans had to be changed - often at the last minute. And particularly well done to the new Junior and Middle leaders who had hardly any time to get their heads round their new roles before COVID changed everything.

We are very lucky to have these fantastic groups that nurture and develop the skills and confidence of a new generation of performers and what they achieve is wonderful to see.

JUNIOR AND MIDDLE YOUTH GROUP LEADER URGENTLY REQUIRED

If you are passionate about theatre and you wish to be part of the future of our theatre then this could be an ideal opportunity for you.

We are looking for a new leader for the Junior and Middle Youth Group. There are currently three leaders who are extremely committed and enthusiastic about the group and would love an equally dedicated person to join us.

The youth group meets every Wednesday 6pm – 7.45pm and the occasional Sundays during the lead up to the Summer Show. The role requires a DBS check and a chaperone license.

If you are interested in this fantastic opportunity then please contact Gordon Bird, chairman@shinfieldplayers.org.uk

Panto - Jan 2022 - Snow White and the Four Swedish Popstars

January 14-16th and January 21-23rd (4 shows per weekend)



We hope that you are looking forward to the future when Sharon Young and Sue Gowen bring you the Panto!

We are looking to holding read throughs in September, subject to COVID restrictions:

Read Throughs: 6th (Mon) and 8th (Wed) September 7.45pm (foyer)

Sing Throughs: 13th (Mon) and 15th (Wed) September 7.45pm (foyer)

Auditions will be held end of September 21

We hope to start rehearsals October 21. Monday and Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Planned show dates: January 14-16th and January 21-23rd

Look forward to seeing you all again

Sue & Sharon



Your Theatre Needs You...

ALL WELCOME

CLOSED SEASON JOBS AROUND THE THEATRE

Please can you spare just an hour or two on any Tuesday Evening or Sunday Morning... No previous experience required just enthusiasm, a sense of fun and a willingness to join in

Job Descriptions:

List of easy cleaning type jobs:

- Unblocking and clearing Hoovers before they are put to the task of cleaning the theatre otherwise they won't work!

Auditorium requires

- Hoover
- Dust
- Cobweb clearing
- Auditorium seating needs checking for damage and cleaning polishing etc
- Bleach loos
- Clean sink areas
- Clean Floors – (Clean wall tiles if you really enjoying yourself)

Foyer requires

- Clean Toilets – Men's, Ladies, Disabled
- Hoover
- Dust
- Polish brass rail at bar
- Cobweb clearing

Dressing rooms require

- Clean Toilets – (Workshop and Dressing room Loos)
- Hoover
- Dust

- Cobweb clearing

Green Room requires

- Hoover
- Dust
- Mop floor

Any time given freely is greatly appreciated especially by the building itself. It is getting old and needs our love and care to be able to continue.

For the more adventurous types:

(A bit of experience required or just a willingness to learn)

- Empty furniture store
- Check furniture for damage
- Vacuum and steam clean sofas and chairs
- Clean and polish furniture
- Re-stack furniture (**This is a physical job and Tetris skills are useful**)
- May need assistance from crew regarding damaged furniture
- Jet wash the flats clean ready for painting white
- Sort and clear wood in workshop and stack neatly (Again quite physical and Tetris skills needed)
- Help clear wardrobe and sort – Carol supervising.
- Hang and secure cleaned backdrops on rollers and size – crew supervision needed
- Steam clean stage curtains
- Weeding in car park & trim trees
- Clean & paint outside benches in garden
- Cut grass in garden
- Clear guttering of leaves and debris round the Theatre

And finally the most important job in the theatre – this requires some skill but will be always appreciated...

Make Tea & Coffee for all the workers!



Looking forward to seeing you all!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW - DON'T MISS A GREAT EVENING.



MusicBox

Review of songs from the Musicals

Friday 22, Saturday 23 October 2021 at 7.45pm

Thursday 28, Friday 29 & Saturday and 30 October 2021 at 7.45pm

We are happy to announce that we have found a great cast with a superb array and variation of songs and styles for the forthcoming Music Box show.

We are looking forward to presenting this musical review of songs from shows for everyone's entertainment.

Please email items for the September Boardtreader by August 26th to:

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