

May 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

Welcome to the latest edition of the Boardreader. For the first time for a while the future is looking a little more promising as we slowly and cautiously emerge out of lockdown. Professional theatres around the country are now beginning to take bookings for live performances. Of course there will be restrictions, social distancing and masks being worn for a while, but hopefully it will not be too long before we return the hobby we love.

As always the theatre have not been idle. I thank Maggie for an excellent zoom play reading of George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*. Today, Sunday 2nd May, Lara has arranged another *Theatreoke* evening and next weekend we are performing another of Carol's Murder Mystery plays.

I hope you support the events as it would be lovely to see you there!

The Senior Youth Group are now meeting in person at the theatre on Friday evenings - with masks and social distancing intact - and it is so wonderful to actually meet up with the youngsters again. Rehearsals for their summer show, a play entitled *Blue Stockings*, is in full flow with act one now fully booked.

Have a lovely month and look forward to next month when hopefully there will be more theatre opportunities. In the meantime, stay well and safe.

Gordon

Gordon Bird

Come along to On-line Theatroke, tonight! Sunday 2nd May at 7.30pm



Having given you all a few months to rest your voices, our next online Theatroke will be starting at **7.30pm tonight**.

As always, everyone is welcome. You can find yourself a backing track for a musical theatre number to sing along to, accompany yourself if you're a musician, join in with the group songs (even on mute if that's your thing) or just listen and catch up with friends. If you're struggling to find a backing track to the song you'd like to sing, contact Lara and she'll try and help you.

The zoom link will be on the SPT Facebook group or email Lara on lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk and she'll send it to you directly.



BLOOMIN' MURDER

By Carol Vockins

Join us on Zoom on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th May 7.30pm



The **PLOT** thickens, can you **SHED** any light on it?

Can you **unEARTH** the murderer?

Can you **WEED** out who's **DUG** themselves into a **HOLE**?

Tickets on sale now £6 per connection

The Mystery is set in a Northern Town, amid smoky factories, Pigeon Fanciers' Clubs, a typical Northern pub and allotment plots. Time: Early 1970's

Book your tickets today

Simply follow the link below and select the day that you wish to attend. You can choose your favourite seats in your house and make sure all your socially distanced party are with you.

How to book:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shinfieldplayerstheatre>

By email: boxoffice@shinfieldplayers.org.uk

By Phone: box office 0118 975 8880

Virtual Play-reading with SPT Night Must Fall by Emlyn Williams

27th May at 7.00pm



Night Must Fall is a psychological thriller, first performed in 1935 and there have been three film adaptations. It is more a kind of sinister psychological play of suspense rather than a murder mystery.

There are 3 Acts and members of the group will be allocated parts to read to ensure that everyone can be involved and read if they wish to do so.

If you wish to listen then you would be most welcome to join.

The script will be available to read on the Zoom screen.

An announcement will be made on Facebook soon.

Please contact Maggie Smith on smaggie63@yahoo.com if you wish to participate by 25th May so that parts can be allocated and zoom details sent out.

AUDITION NOTICE FOR MUSIC BOX



MusicBox

Review of songs from the Musicals

Friday 22, Saturday 23 October 2021

Thursday 28, Friday 29 & Saturday and 30 October 2021

Welcome to the world of MusicBox. As we work our way through this lockdown and social distancing, at SPT we are looking to what may be possible for the new season.

It may not be in the way we would like our musicals to be with live music, singing, dancing and group numbers but we have given thought to how we can safely put on a musical for both audience and cast.

For these reasons we are looking for singing to backtracks NOT to live music and with minimal rehearsals .

MusicBox – the idea is best described as something like the TV series Gogglebox but with songs from the musicals. The characters talk about the song and then someone performs it.

Performers will rehearse at home and become word perfect with just minimal rehearsals before the shows. The directors will pull it all together. It is intended to be performed on stage, with a simple set, and performers singing to backing tracks.

We are now ready to put this out to all our members and beyond to explore the possibilities of what you would like to do.

What are we looking for?

- Performers who would like to sing a song from any musical as a solo, duet or trio.
- People that can character act in between the musical acts.
- Voice over – to be off stage

Auditions

Because of current lockdowns we have not yet set dates for auditions and not decided yet if this will be virtually or face to face at specific times and dates. Ideally we would look to do this in June or July.

Singers - You would be required to bring 2 audition pieces for our consideration and supply your own music. (18 year old +)

Actors- We are looking for several males/females (18 year old+) for these roles. We will provide an audition piece beforehand.

Voiceover- A link between musical pieces (18 year old +) We will provide an audition piece beforehand.

What to do next...

Singers- Decide what 2 songs you would like to bring to audition. provide some name of songs and musicals they are from.

Actors- You can audition for this role as well as singing performance.

Voice over - For a clearing spoken confident person. Not for someone that wants to either sing or act.

Interested ? – PLEASE get in touch with us by 12th May 2021

Martin Butler – Director martin@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

Jane Minchin – Co-Director jane@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

We will be in touch as soon as possible after this date advising when and how auditions will be run.

Please email items for the May Boardtreader by May 26th to:

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