

NEWSLETTER

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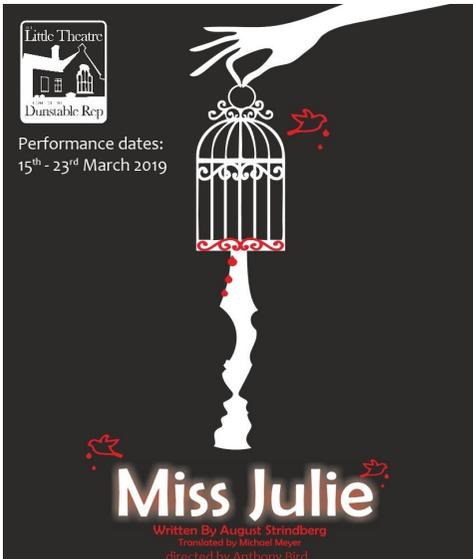


Dear Friends

Welcome to the first of our 2019 newsletters. I am delighted that the first three productions for the season have been so warmly and enthusiastically received. A big congratulations to Chris Young for his direction of Glorious. As always we thank our excellent set construction and tech teams for all their hard work. They work all year round to support the directors and cast and are unsung heroes!

Next up is 'Miss Julie' directed by Anthony Bird. I had the privilege of helping Anthony select the cast for this play, and I am really excited with the line up, so cannot wait to see it brought to life.

Box Office opens 2 of March



Peter Carter-Brown, Hayley Vaughan and Christine Hobart Rayment.
The cast of our forthcoming production of Miss Julie

I hope to see many of you at the forthcoming performances of Miss Julie.

Angie Goss
Rep Chair - 2018/19

PERFORMANCE NEWS



We were delighted that the Mayor and Mayoress of Dunstable and their guests attended a performance of *Glorious* as part of the Mayor's charity events. Money was raised for the Mayor's charities "DADDS" Dunstable and District Disabled Sports and the Dunstable Sea Cadets. It was a pleasure to entertain them.

THE PICTURE OF **DORIAN GRAY**



Oscar Wilde
adapted by Neil Bartlett directed by Alistair Brown

Friday 10th - Saturday 18th May

THEATRE ACCESS - WINTER SAFETY NOTICES

We know that gaining access to the theatre during winter weather can be an uphill struggle when the weather is icy! We want you to stay safe when attending our performances and social events so please remember that we do have an alternative access to the theatre. Simply take the path in front of the theatre, go through the gates, up the path and enter by the Box Office.

Please stay safe!



PHOTOS & COMMENTS

"Just walked back from the Little Theatre with a spring in my step and joy in my heart. What a great evening's entertainment. Well done Angela Goss, Alan Goss, Susan Young, Barbara Morton, Anthony Bird, et al, all cast and crew. Glorious!!"



"Last night I came to see 'Glorious' and wasn't it just! Such a slick, classy production, Angela Goss as Florence was fabulous! Congratulations to the cast and production team. 'QUALITY THEATRE ON YOU DOORSTEP' thank you for a fantastic evening."



UPCOMING AUDITIONS

'The Picture of Dorian Gray'

by Oscar Wilde adapted by Neil Bartlett

10 - 18 May 2019

Directed by Alistair Brown

Audition Date

Thursday 28 February at 7:45pm @ The Little Theatre

Audition Notes & Characters

As London slides from one century into the next, a young man is cursed with the uncanny ability to remain both young and beautiful while descending into a life of heartless debauchery. With its glittering dialogue, provocative imagery and radical questioning of sexual and moral freedoms, Oscar Wilde's infamous parable has lost none of its power to provoke and disturb.

Basil Hallward - (*Playing age around 30*) A reclusive painter much respected by the London aristocracy. He admires Dorian to the point of adulation and paints the titular picture of him.

Lord Henry Wotton - (*Playing age around 30, but later in his seventies*) A champion of sensual pleasure, notorious among London's high society for his dazzling conversation and brazenly immoral views. He values beauty above all else, and is chiefly responsible for Dorian's corruption.

Dorian Gray - (*Playing age of 20 absolutely essential*) A physically beautiful young man, naive and good-hearted until corrupted by vanity. Dorian makes a Faustian bargain: his body remains young and beautiful, while his portrait alters to reflect his age and increasingly guilty conscience. He eventually brings corruption, pain, and death to all in the social circles in which he moves.

Francis - Dorian's second valet is the play's 'Master of Ceremonies' assisted by:

Mrs Leaf - Dorian Gray's housekeeper, a bustling older woman.

A 'chorus' of other actors form an onstage company who repeatedly double to play the other characters (widely varying ages):

Sibyl Vane - A beautiful, 17-year-old Shakespearean actress in a rundown low class theatre.

Mrs Vane - Sibyl's aging, single mother.

James Vane - Sibyl's younger, fiercely protective brother.

Victor - Dorian's faithful first servant, of whom he is unnecessarily suspicious.

Mr Hubbard - A celebrated London frame-maker.

Alan Campbell - A talented chemist and musician who is blackmailed by Dorian.

Victor - Dorian's first valet

And a sextet of aristocratic ladies - Lady Narborough, Lady Ruxton, Mrs Eryllynne, Lady Agatha Carlisle, Lady Victoria Wotton and The Duchess of Monmouth.