

News, Shows, Casts, Upcoming Events : All the stories behind the scenes in your Drama Group

It's AGM Time.... Shakespeare Season.....
Summer Theatre Training..... Balally Break-Away Day.....and the Crucible.

Shakespeare's festive comedy *Twelfth Night* will open in Airfield Gardens on Wednesday 27th. Directed by Bernard Doyle, the cast includes the comedy trio of Brendan Dunne, Paul Sharpe and Ruth Blayney as Andrew Aguecheek, Toby Belch and Maria. Oran O Rua plays Feste, the role Bernard himself played in 2002. The love interest Olivia and Viola are played by Jacqueline Dooley and Carol Hayes while Rupert Heather plays Duke Orsino. Niall O Kennedy takes on the major role of Malvolio and we welcome Tom Ronayne from Sandyford as Antonio. Lorcan Dunne is involved in the production too as is Ciara O Byrne our Chairperson. 'Twelfth Night' plays at Airfield for four nights. It transfers to The Elm Park Golf Club on Saturday July 14th for one night only. Break a Leg All...not literally..watch out for the trees.....fingers crossed for good weather!

Balally Players present William Shakespeare's

Wed. 27th-Sat. 30th June 8.p.m.
Twelfth Night

Airfield Gardens



'Why, this is a very Midsummer Madness!'

Booking 01 2956015

BALALLY PLAYERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ST.OLAFS GAA CLUB
Balally. 8.30p.m.

See over for outgoing committee...why not go forward ???Nomination paper on page 3....

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
JUNE 20TH.

Notice of Your Annual General Meeting to be held at St.Olaf's GAA Club On Wednesday June 20th at 8.30p.m. All members are welcome. Paid up members only may vote. Draft accounts for 2006-2007 (Shakespeare not completed) will be available as will reports on the years activities. Theatre Training Bursaries will be presented. Our end of year day-away will be finalized. The committee for next year, our 25th Anniversary will be elected. Discussion on the upcoming plays for 2007—2008 will take place. Dates for two shows at the Mill will be agreed. Directors who wish to put forward their plans for 2007-2008, please do so prior to June 20th.



TWO FULLY
PAID
BURSARIES
TO THEATRE
TRAINING
THIS
SUMMER.
Aug 5th-12th
Limerick
University

Balally Players has always believed that training as an actor, director or technician is essential to good performances, good direction and good production values. Workshops are held each year and importantly, the group has invested in its membership by offering fully paid scholarships each year to two or more members. Margaret Twomey, Muriel Caslin O Hagan, Peter Flood, Geoffrey O Keefe, Claire

Reilly, Joanne Keane, Ciara O Byrne, Oran O Rua, John Canning, Doris Cullen, Tony McGettigan, Judy McKeever, Dave and Lisa Walshe and many more have paid to put themselves through drama training. Karen and Jean attend and pay for their own training each year at University of Limerick.

Fail to prepare

Prepare to fail.

In 2007 as a tribute to the many directors who have worked this year and to those who have expressed a wish to direct, the committee are offering two scholarships aimed at Directors only:

A For New or Nearly New Directors who have produced two or three plays.

B For Directors who may wish to work on an outdoor performance.

Application form see over



THE BIG DAY OUT.....Why Not??

Once upon a time—like every good story- some of our weekends away had very happy and fruitful endings but this time its not a weekend away we are planning but

A **BIG DAY OUT** for the whole group.

Tour Guide extraordinaire Judy McKeever is helping to plan this ex-

travaganza so beware!

Date: Saturday June 23rd

Time 10.a.m

Bus Pick Up: Old Shopping Centre Car Park

Wear Casual Clothes

Gourmet Picnic Lunch provided

Dinner at own expense

Bottles of wine a must!

So throw off all the cares of the year, get to know everybody too well and have a day out.

If you are rehearsing Shakespeare ask the Director to bring you all along too.

The last fling for 2006-2007.

BOG OF CATS A REAL THRILL FOR JEAN

Pat Monahan and Catwoman Margaret Twomey in make-up for Sunday Night

Jean Monahan as most of you know is a founding member with Karen Carleton of our company so it was particularly appropriate that Jean direct one of our productions at The Mill Theatre in our 25th year. She chose the Marina Carr story of violence, obsession, love and rejection 'The Bog of Cats'. Aided by a strong cast, she gave us a stunning production. Set and costume design were by Dymrna Murray. The set when lit by Barry Donaldson was evocative and atmospheric and served the play well. Barry's lighting enhanced as good lighting should and the show was a joy to see. The performances at the Mill were of a high standard. Audiences were good but it was disappointing that not all Balally members attended. Please support our own. An excellent production, Jean was

asked to bring it to The Tain Theatre in Dundalk as part of their Samhradh '07 festival where it played on Sunday Night June 3rd to a good sized and enthusiastic audience. Surprise of the night was the cameo performance by Pat Monahan as the tipsy priest. Pat replaced Jim Carroll for this performance as Jim is in France. A Star is Born!

It was great to see Mary and John Ryan travel from home to support and the cast and crew stayed overnight at The Fairways Hotel. A great musical session with three guitars and a fiddle went on to 5a.m.



THAT WAS THE YEAR..THAT WAS!!

First show of the Year was in October:

The Cripple of Inishmaan:

Cast in alphabetical order: Francis Cahill, Doris Cullen, Robert Duff, Peter Flood, Anne Lucas, Tony McGettigan, Judy McKeever, Oran O Rua, Mary Ryan, (9)

Melody

Won The All Ireland One Act Finals for Balally with Geoffrey OKeefe and Hilary Madigan. (2)

Christmas at Airfield

Twenty six performers at Airfield put on a wonderful show, full of music, laughter, song and nostalgia. (26)

Bray Festival

Forward to the Right

Declan Brennan and Carol Hayes.

Out of Order Minister starred:

Francis Cahill, Jim Carroll, Sally Anne Doddy, Brian Molloy, Len Nealon, Susie Nix, Ciara O Byrne, Niall O Kennedy, Margaret Twomey and David Walshe. (10)

Studio Scenes Love and Vengeance

Ruth Blayney, John Canning,

Teresa Dempsey, Izzy Fox, Audrey Harte, Jackie Lee, Mags O Driscoll, Karina Steffans, Eithne Quinn (9)

Bog of Cats

Jim Carroll, Deirdre Connolly, Doris Cullen, Jacqueline Dooley, Rob Duff, Rachel Fitzpatrick, Peter Flood, Niamh Holland, Claire Reilly, Megan Rudden, Fionn Staines. Anna O Duffy, Muriel Caslin O Hagan, Geoff O Keefe, Margaret Twomey. (15)

Much Ado About Nothing

Baz Ashmawy, Antoinette Fahey, Patrick O Malley, Hilary Madigan, Sean Murphy, Tony McGettigan, Len Nealon, Claire Reilly, (8)

Twelfth Night

Ruth Blayney, Jacqueline Dooley, Brendan Dunne, Lorcan Dunne, Carol Hayes, Rupert Heather, Niall O Kennedy, Oran O'Rua, Tom Ronayne, Paul Sharpe plus two (12)

THAT'S 9 SHOWS AND 93 ROLES.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO KEPT THE TECHNICAL AREAS RUNNING SMOOTHLY:

Declan Brennan, Brian Dempsey, Gerry Doyle, Dave Foley, Pat Hand, Carol Hayes, Michael Kennedy, Oran O Rua, Paul Macken, Jean Monahan, Orla Morgan, Dymrna Murray, Cat Steele, Gary Wall and all who helped.

Who
Played
What in
2006/7

Directors in 2006/7

The Cripple of Inishmaan:
Karen Carleton

Melody : Gary Wall

Christmas at Airfield: Mary Ryan

Forward to the Right : Lorcan Dunne

Out of Order : Kevin Fahey

Bog of Cats : Jean Monahan

Studio Scenes & Cabinteely
Karen Carleton

Twelfth Night: Bernard Doyle

*Application Form for Scholarship to University of Limerick. DLI
Summer School August 5th-12th. Full Board and Tuition*

PLEASE SEND TO CIARA O BYRNE, 23 BEARNA PARK. SANDYFORD, DUBLIN 18

Name, Address, Mobile Number.

Write a short paragraph saying what your ambi-
tions are as a Director

COURSE A

The ABC for Directors with Roisin McBrinn

COURSE B

Shakespearean Performance with Belinda Wilde

Tutors are highly acclaimed working pro-
fessional directors. The recipients will be
very lucky to work with them.



Committee 2006-2007....2007 -2008???Could be YOU

Outgoing Committee

Chairperson: Ciara O Byrne

Secretary Jean Monahan

Treasurer Karen Carleton

Members Ruth Blayney, Pat
Hand Len Nealon

A NIGHT AT THE CRUCIBLE

For those who played in our 1995 production and for anybody interested in a night of really good acting and superb direction, then join us in the Abbey on Monday night next June 11th. Meet in the foyer at 7.30. Special concession rate. Text Karen on 087 670 1252 to reserve your ticket.

The Committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting, by secret ballot.

The election of the officers and members of the Committee shall require a simple majority of those present and voting. They shall take up office immediately on being elected.

No member shall be eligible for office on more than three consecutive years unless by special resolution of the Group, passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting

- Ordinary membership of the Committee is conditional on one

or more years' membership of the Group.

ii. Membership of the Executive Offices shall be conditional upon experience as a Committee Ordinary Member.

iii. No member shall be eligible for Executive Office unless they have had three years' group membership.

If you wish to put your name forward, FILL the nomination paper or text 'Committee' or 'Chairperson' etc and your name to

087 694 4088 or

Email: