



Balally Players NEWS

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Recent Events

Hi Folks! Well everything has gone very well recently. Happy Birthday Dear Alice went like a dream and we got excellent feed-back - well done to Jean Monaghan who directed. The Moon Cut Like a Sickle turned into a lovely show with lovely young people (great fun working with them) and even the outdoor version in Cabinteely Park worked very well despite last minute rush to Dunne's Stores to buy sheets and "pink pants" (don't ask) needed as props. Well done to Oran Ó Rua for his directorial debut with this. I'm sure it won't be his last.

Our 25th anniversary night / Christmas party karaoke night in the Dropping Well went very well indeed and it was enjoyed by all.

Coming Shortly

Next week – June 5th, 6th and 7th (Thurs. Fri. & Sat.) we're having our Studio Scenes, which we've called "Bit of a Laugh", in (where else) The Mill Studio. There will be 5 short plays (well, some a bit longer than others) and we want your bums there sitting on seats. The plays will be directed by Gary Wall and Jean Monaghan, so you know they'll be good, and myself jumping in at the deep end with 2 little items.

Our two All-Ireland award winners are having an outing on Thursday 19th June in The Mill. These are "Melody", directed by Gary Wall, which won in 2006 and "Riders to the Sea", directed by Geoffrey O'Keeffe, which won in 2007 (I know you've heard all this before, but I think we're entitled to crow a bit). There are some of you who haven't seen these plays so we've decided to have a sort of an event night/Gala night (well, a glass of wine or two) to once more celebrate our wins. This is just a one-off, so do your best to come and tell your friends also.

This will be followed by our annual Shakespeare event, "As You Like It", directed by Karen Carleton, in Airfield on w/e of 21, 22, 23 June. Always a good show, despite rainy weather some years, but we'll be doing a sun-dance in anticipation. We're also staging this for one night in The Mill. Unfortunately, I've forgotten the exact date, but more of this anon.

Summer School in Limerick University

Now, this year we're going to award a full scholarship for the Summer School in Limerick University, from July 19 – 26th. Some of us are going anyway (and you can cadge a lift) but if you'd like to apply, please use the application form enclosed and return it the secretary Doris Cullen, 7 Millmount Grove, Windy Arbour, Dublin 14 or email it to her at dor.cullen@hotmail.com before 18th June - note that you must be over 18 yrs. We'd particularly like some of our younger members from The Moon Cut Like A Sickle to apply, bearing in mind the age limitation. It's a great week and a great opportunity to really learn about acting.

Annual General Meeting

Take note that the AGM will be in St. Olaf's GAA club (official address is Stillorgan Industrial Park, but it's more the Sandyford side of it) on Wed. 2nd July at 8 o'clock. Please come along to this. Think about standing for the committee, or nominating someone. You must be a member for at least one year before being an ordinary committee member and 3 years (or is it 4?) for the position of Secretary, Treasurer or Chairman. New blood is required. See forms included with this newsletter.

Condolences

At this point we'd like to offer our condolences to both Len Nealon on the recent death of his mother and to Teresa Dempsey on the recent sad passing of her sister. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anaimneacha.

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Scholarship Form for Summer School in Limerick University (2008)

Name

Address

Telephone Numbers

A brief statement on why you think you should be entitled to the scholarship.



Nomination Form for Membership of Balally Players Committee 2008/2009
Annual General Meeting, 2nd July 2008

I, _____, nominate _____ for the position of:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Ordinary Member

on the 2008/2009 Committee of the Balally Players.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this form by Monday, 30th June 2008
to the following address:

The Balally Players Committee
c/o Doris Cullen,
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Windy Arbour,
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