

Bury Theatre Workshop

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A Midsummer Night's Dream 'Script in Hand'

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Rehearsals are progressing very well and members are welcome to come along to observe at any time. Performances will be in the Abbey Gardens, **21, 22 and 23 June**. Tickets are available from the Secretary or from cast members price £11.50 (£8.50 for under 16's). Or you can buy them from the Tourist Information Office in Bury St Edmunds, 01284 764667.

Directors Soiree

Meet the cast and crew of Dream and other BTW members at the 'Directors Soiree' on **Sat 9 June**, 7.30pm at The Ivory Bar, 2 Abbeygate St, Bury St Edmunds. Bring your friends! There's a charge to cover canapés/savoury nibbles. If you'd like to attend, please send £5 to Susan (cheques payable to Bury Theatre Workshop) at Treetops, Hunston, Bury St Edmunds IP31 3EL, or pay on the door.

In association with the Theatre Royal Writers' Group, BTW will shortly be casting from among our members for three (one act) 'Script in Hand' plays to be performed at Benson Blake's Attic on **3 July**, 7.30pm. The three comedies, all written by upcoming local playwrights, are: 'Suit' by Geoff Barford, directed by Suzanne Simpson

'Going to Alaska' by Tim Kenny, directed by Lucy Middleton

'Collateral Damage' (part 1) written and directed by Richard Stainer.

Please contact Susan if you'd like to help out with what promises to be a thoroughly entertaining evening!

Lettice and Lovage

Written by Peter Shaffer (Amadeus, Equus...) and directed by Clare Powis, BTW will be presenting 'Lettice and Lovage' in the Athenaeum on 29 and 30 November and 1 December.

This splendid 1987 comedy centres on Lettice Douffet, an eccentric, imaginative tour guide for historic houses. Her career is cut short by Charlotte "Lotte" Schoen, who demands historical authenticity and proper decorum from tour guides. The play traces the

hilarious results of their unlikely friendship. Workshop auditions will be held on **Tue 10 July, 7.30 am and Sat 14 July**, 10 am at the Hyndman.

We would like to hear from any BTW members willing to take on the following roles in the production:

Stage Manager (co-ordinating)
Assistant SM & Set construction/painting)
Lighting co-ordinator
Sound co-ordinator
Costume co-ordinator
Props co-ordinator

Workshops - Improve your theatre skills

The BTW Admin Committee welcomes Jack Chandler as 'Workshop co-ordinator'. He'll be building our programme of monthly workshops to improve our theatre skills. The full programme will be available soon.

Next up is 'Edward Albee and the American Play' led by Suzanne Simpson to be held at the Hyndman. On Tuesday **29 May**. Early in 2013 Suzanne will be directing 'Speed the Plow', a modern American play by David Mamet.

Also scheduled we have 'An Introduction to Stage Combat' (limited spaces so please book), '16th Century acting style and the use of masks', 'Performing Shakespeare' and many more. Watch this space...

Theatre Royal production for March 2013

Next month, Artistic will meet to select our play for performance in the Theatre Royal in March 2013. Suggestions currently being considered include, in no particular order but all with named

directors, Harvey, The Crucible, One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest, Arsenic and Old Lace, Dracula, Dr Faustus. Members are very much encouraged to send further sug-

gestions to Susan. Note that they have a greater chance of selection if they are accompanied by a named person prepared to direct the production. But please send us your ideas!



May 2012 Newsletter

Your BTW diary

- **29 May** 'The American Play' Workshop, 7.30 pm, Hyndman Centre
- **9 June** Director's Soiree (DREAM), 7.30 pm, Benson's
- **21 to 24 June** A Midsummer Night's Dream', Abbey Gardens
- **29 June** Stage Combat Workshop, Hyndman Centre
- **3 July** 'Script in Hand' performances, 7.30 pm, Benson's
- **10 July** First Lettice and Lovage Workshop/Audition, 7.30 pm, Hyndman
- **14 July** Second Lettice and Lovage Workshop/Audition 10 am, Hyndman
- **16 July** BTW AGM, 7.30pm, Hyndman Centre

BTW Annual General Meeting

The BTW AGM will be held on **Mon 16 July**, 7.30 pm at the Hyndman Centre. All members are to be fully paid up (just £10) before or at the AGM to be eligible to vote. Voting slips and request for nominations will appear in the June newsletter. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

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