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HINCKLEY CONCORDIA ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021



THEATRE FUNDRAISING PRODUCTION

AOS
Christmas
Cracker

We're back with a BANG!!!

A spectacular concert celebrating great musical theatre numbers!

WELCOME BACK

***W**e have a superb programme of shows and events lined up for you.*

As our doors open and we welcome you back to Concordia we would like to remind you of the little things we can all do to keep each other safe whilst enjoying a night out.

Whilst masks are now a personal choice, it is recommended that our volunteers and guests continue to wear them, especially when moving around the building.

Please do make use of the many hand sanitiser stations that are situated throughout the building.

Additional cleaning of touch points such as door handles and handrails throughout the complex, will continue to be done by our volunteers.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation, consideration and respect for each other as we all experience live entertainment once more.

AOS CHRISTMAS CRACKER

**THEATRE FUNDRAISING PRODUCTION
THURSDAY 11TH – SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER**

After months away from the theatre, members of the Concordia AOS are thrilled to be back at the theatre rehearsing for their November showcase. They have put together a *Christmas Cracker* of a show to “wet your whistle” for the fabulous programme of productions coming your way in 2022 and 2023.

Comprising musical numbers from a variety of shows including – *Shrek*, *Kinky Boots*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Barnum*, *Evita* with some golden memories from *Oklahoma!* *Half a Sixpence*, *West Side Story*, *White Christmas* and many more - they hope to put you in the mood for the festive season. They invite you to join them in their celebration to the best of Musical Theatre. We look forward to welcoming back to the stage with a bang, the amazing talented cast and production team of **AOS CHRISTMAS CRACKER**.



Note - This concert is dedicated to the memory of Cynthia Bowler and Nina Wade. Cynthia was a lifelong member of the AOS, going back to its roots with the Baptist Operatic Society. Nina was a champion of the theatre's concept and a good friend to the AOS. Both were steadfast supporters of Concordia. All proceeds from this concert will be donated to the theatre.

CARPENTERS TRIBUTE

THEATRE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

When I was young, I'd listen to the radio Waitin' for my favorite songs When they played, I'd sing along It made me smile.

Lyrics which many will recognise immediately as the work of Karen and Richard Carpenter who performed and often wrote some of the greatest love songs of all time.

Staring Debbie Grace as the great Karen Carpenter, combined with the musical skills of her brother Richard, played by TJ Bradley, *Yesterday Once More - The Ultimate Carpenters Experience Tribute* is a show recreated with love and nostalgia taking you



through the Carpenters timeless classics. Being staged for theatre fundraising, this is an evening for all ages and, truly a show for genuine music lovers.

Tickets on sale at the box office and on-line at £15.00 each.

QUILL – RIDING RAINBOWS TOUR SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER

On the 29th October, just two days before their return visit to Hinckley, Quill will be releasing their new album *RIDING RAINBOWS*. The seven-piece music group, originally from Birmingham, blends Rock, Folk and Americana styles with a unique blend of drums and percussion, violin and beautiful vocal harmonies. Bev Bevan, famous for his work with ELO and Black Sabbath, will be joined by Joy Strachan-Brain, Kate McWilliam,



John Jowitt, Lee Evans, Abby Brant and Andy Edwards. Get ready for a fabulous night of music on Halloween Night, when Quill look forward to meeting up with friends old and new at the Concordia!

OUR FIRST TWO PRODUCTIONS OF 2022!

PANTOMIME 2022 GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS



January will see the staging of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* when The Pantomime Company bring in a special kind of circus pantomime magic to the Concordia stage. Pure family

entertainment for panto lovers aged from 3 to 103! plus a little bit of extra magic with a special guest professional magician. Members' priority booking forms will be included in the October newsletter.

PORRIDGE

Something a little different in February, when we go to HM Prison Slade where we enlist the services of Norman Stanley Fletcher to raise money for Concordia in a fundraising production of two episodes of *PORRIDGE* – with a difference! Members' priority booking forms will be included in the October newsletter.



HERE COME THE GIRLS!

THEATRE FUNDRAISING PRODUCTION THURSDAY 23RD – SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Rehearsals are going really well for our “welcome back” fundraising concert, despite the periodical intervention of Covid triggered self-isolation for some of our cast members! Our talented ladies are all in fine voice and extremely excited to be back on the Concordia stage performing in front of live audiences once more.

The cast began their *‘Here Come The Girls’* journey rehearsing

at home via Zoom, moving on to a car park when more than 6 people were allowed to meet outdoors and now they are rehearsing together, back at the theatre. Have you got your tickets to watch these 15 ladies come together to perform some great West End favourites, doing the thing they love in aid of our theatre? Any lover of musical theatre is in for a real treat!



HERE COME THE GIRLS!



*To the
Car Park*



*To the
Rehearsal Room*

MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Sincere thanks to all who have renewed their membership in the last few weeks. At the time of going to print, the membership total is just over 1,100 with 57 of those being new members so, a warm welcome to all, new and old. Donations so far total just over £3,870, which is brilliant. As we get back to normal, priority booking forms for certain productions will be resumed. Do make use of this advantage.

DELIVERERS NEEDED

Anyone interested? We are looking for three new newsletter deliverers for the areas covering - Ashby Road - 14 envelopes; Burbage mainly around the "Flower Pot Estate" - 18 envelopes and Dadlington - 5 envelopes. If you are able to help, please ring me on **01455 239 992** for further information.

Sincere thanks to Margaret Evans, John and Chris Purt and Mr & Mrs. Bull for covering these deliveries over the past few years and every good wish to them for the future.

Carole Trigg - Membership Secretary

A FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

The IT and Publicity Teams have been working on updating our approach to promotion and the advertising of productions around the building. You will notice that there are several screens strategically mounted on walls around the complex which will provide Digital/Electronic signage. This system will replace the static posters and message boards which have been used in the past. Although in its infancy we hope that our patrons will find this both useful and exciting.

FEELING AT A LOOSE END DURING THE DAY?

Volunteering does not always have to be in the evenings, it could also be in the daytime! If you have skills in DIY, making cups of tea or coffee, weeding, general gardening or more fully skilled inclinations in the areas of electrical, carpentry, plumbing, etc., we would be delighted to meet you. There are various jobs to be done around the complex and although we cannot offer any financial remuneration, you would be rewarded with a cuppa and the opportunity to make new acquaintances. Interested? Please contact Judy on **01455 847 676** or publicity@concordiatheatre.co.uk for further details.

CONCORDIA YOUTH THEATRE



THE YOUTH THEATRE DURING LOCKDOWN

Although our Youth Theatre members were unable to meet in person for over 12 months, the young people continued to meet virtually every week throughout lockdown, where they kept themselves busy, remaining positive and working hard both over Zoom and more recently in person, since being able to return to the rehearsal room.

Obviously a full-scale production was again not possible in June this year,

but they spent their time rehearsing hard to put together and stage a special one-off small-scale showcase which was performed to their parents and families at the end of August.

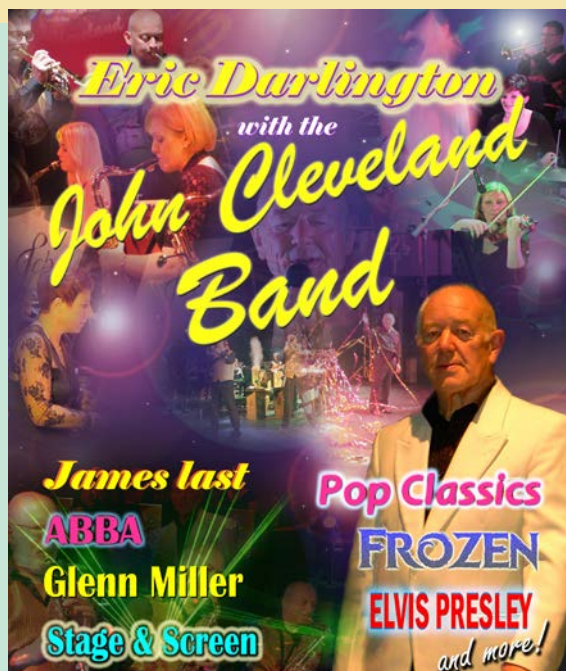
CYT will re-commence after their summer break with workshops and auditions during September for their new 2021/2022 members intake.

Picture above shows some members who performed in the showcase.

ERIC DARLINGTON

ERIC DARLINGTON WITH THE JOHN CLEVELAND BAND
THURSDAY 16TH – SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Eric and the JCC Band give a warm welcome to all our patrons and once again invite you to a truly spectacular evening, as a highlight in the preparations for your Christmas festivities, on their home stage - Concordia. Rehearsals are well underway to produce a kaleidoscope of musical variety in a programme carefully designed to include so many styles. A musical journey will take you from the authentic big band sound of *Glenn Miller*, via blockbuster movie themes, Swedish supergroup *Abba*, *Elvis Presley*, through to the orchestral genre of *André Rieu* and, of course, always including JCC's tribute to the magnificent arrangements of *James Last*. A fine selection of lively pieces has once again been produced by in-house arranger Ian which, with the accompaniment of stunning visual effects, a veritable *Son et Lumière*, will raise your spirits and culminate in a wonderful



party atmosphere as we all look both “forward and upward” toward 2022 and beyond!

A priority booking form is enclosed. This can be returned to the box office in the usual way. Please also note that tickets will be available for box office and online sales to members from 18TH September with public booking commencing on 25TH September.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE CONCORDIA?



September 18TH SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA
THE ULTIMATE BIG BAND

Tickets £22.00



September 23RD-25TH THEATRE FUNDRAISING PRODUCTION
HERE COME THE GIRLS!

Tickets £15.00



October 10TH ULTIMATE CLASSIC ROCK
THE ULTIMATE CLASSIC ROCK SHOW

Tickets £22.00 PLEASE NOTE THIS SHOW IS A 7PM START



October 27TH - 30TH THEATRE FUNDRAISING PRODUCTION
BEDROOM FARCE

Tickets £12.00

BOX OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Opening hours are 10:00 to 12:30 every morning Monday to Saturday
and Monday and Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Tel: 01455 615 005

THEATRE WEBSITE for your tickets

www.concordiatheatre.co.uk

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next newsletter will be “stuffed” on Sunday 3RD October. The deadline for submission of articles for the next issue will be Wednesday 22ND September.

Please send items to Judy Peatfield, Hilltop House, 7 High Street, Earl Shilton, Leicestershire LE9 7DH. Telephone 01455 847 676 or via email: publicity@concordiatheatre.co.uk

YESTERDAY ONCE MORE

CARPENTERS

THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE



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BEING STAGED FOR THEATRE FUNDRAISING