

HI NOTES

Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society Newsletter

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'Back Together Again' Concert

What a fabulous show the concert in October was – the music, the comedy, the songs were all superb! Our grateful thanks to all concerned – on stage and off stage – and particular thanks to Sheila Driver, for giving us such an amazing show, and to Jessamy Bowditch for her superb musical direction. The show made a profit of £2,485.93! All good for Society coffers!

So on to -

'Kinky Boots' - a brand new musical for the Society and the public, we **hope** it will be popular with our young audiences! We welcome Jeremy Tustin as Director again and Kat Stevens as Musical Director with Sheila Driver assisting.

The 'Kinky Boots' season commenced with an Open Evening on 1 September and the principal auditions took place on Sunday 26 September. We now have a complete cast for this very special show!

Charlie Price
Lola/Simon
Nichola
Lauren
Lola's Angels

Matt Parker
Carl Holdway-Bradley
Clare Brimble
Charlie Wood
Claire Switzer
Lorna Murphy Durran
Peter Holdway-Bradley
Ed Creswick
Ollie Khan
Harrison Caine
Matthew Brooks

Don
George
Mr Price
Harry
Simon Senior
Hooligan 1
Hooligan 2
Pat
Trish
Milan Stage Manager
Marge
Maggie
Factory Workers

James Cullum
Terry Francis
Mark Rudd
Dyfed Davis
Phil Robinson
Alex Parsons
Nick Riva
Sue McGregor
Elly Driver
Sally Matthews
Lorna Clark
Olivia MacGregor
Chrissie Mumford
Jenni Williams
Lisa Gage

Swings: Sarah Smith/Hannah Long
Liz Stallard/Amanda Lowder
Shelley Taylor/Molly MacKenzie

Tickets are already on sale at the Octagon but the Society's ring-fenced seats will be going on sale to members from 1 February. Tickets £20 for all performances (£18 concessions).

And on to 'Chess' - 11-15 October 2022

Auditions will be held on Sunday 24 April although most principal parts have already been cast - as this show has been on hold since Autumn 2020.

MD As Kat's circumstances are changing from next year, we are delighted to say that Mark Shelvey will take on the position of Musical Director with Kat acting as vocal coach.

The Future

We are sure you all know by now of the new works planned for the Octagon which are due to commence in 2023. The Committee have discussed extensively what shows (or a concert) could be done over the next couple of years. Of course, everything will depend on when the Octagon work actually commences.

So, as you can see, everything is very much in the air at the moment and it is really difficult to let you know anything concrete but please be assured that when anything definite is known we will let you know immediately. If you have any comments to make please let Mark or Paula know your thoughts.

What shows would you like to see us perform in the future? Let any Committee member know your views. Or email Paula at secretary@yaos.org.uk

Committee News

Our AGM was held on the 25 October and your new Committee is as follows:-

President: Charles Clive-Ponsonby-Fane

Chairman	Mark Rudd
Vice Chairman	Lucy Capes
Secretary	Paula Budzynski
Treasurer	David (Hal) Hallett
Business Manager	Lorna Clark
Stage Director	Sarah Lowery

Committee Members: Simon Ball, Erin Darling-Finan, Nick Mountjoy, Geoff Thresh and Pauline Warren. Co-opted: Guy Burgess.

As you can see there has been a change of Chairmanship. Our grateful thanks to Geoff for his leadership and support over the last 3 years and our congratulations to Mark who will no doubt undertake the role with great enthusiasm, supported by Lucy Capes as Vice Chairman.

If you wish to contact anyone then please do so through our website: www.yaos.org.uk or contact secretary@yaos.org.uk

NODA Awards

Please let Paula know if you are due for an award in 2022.

Please remember that, due to escalating costs, the Society is no longer in a position to pay for members' long service awards. In future if members apply for an award would they please submit an application through Paula who will let them know the cost.

Rose Bowl Awards

You will no doubt be delighted to learn that the Society won 2 Rose Bowls this November at the Virtual Award Ceremony which was held on Sunday 14 November.

Our congratulations go to Nick Harris for his portrayal of Caractacus Potts in 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' (Best actor award) and

Congratulations to the Society itself together with Sheila Driver who directed and Gill Merrifield who MD'd 'The Sound of Music' which won the best musical of the year!!! Well done all!!!

Social News

Our love, congratulations and best wishes go to:-

Joel and Lucy on their marriage – 23 June
Alicia and Matt on their marriage – 9 October
Erin and Reece on their marriage – 11 December

Sue and Guy Burgess on their Golden Wedding – 1 September

Sharon Hansford on her retirement from the Lufton nursery in June 2021

Paula Budzynski on her 70th birthday – 6 September

Our love to Marian Stainer who is now in a home.

Our condolences and love go to -

The family of Caroline Hopkins who passed away in July. Caroline will be sadly missed.

Don't Forget

The Suggestions Box in Edwards House! Let the Committee know if you have any tangible comment to make.

Website Keep your eye on our website for all information and updates. Guy would welcome any feedback on the website – content, design etc. If anyone would like to make comment, good or bad (!) Guy would be very interested to hear it!!

The next edition of Hi Notes will be published in the early summer. Please let Paula know if you have any comments to be included.

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**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO
ALL!!**

