

OCTOBER 2020

Latest News

The new committee held their first meeting on 4th August on Zoom. It looks like they were having fun!



With the latest spike in Covid cases, live theatre at the Phoenix still seems a long way off. However there is some good news in that two audio recordings are in preparation courtesy of David Pollard and Hand to Mouth Sound Theatre. Both are being recorded at the Phoenix with a maximum of six members present as permitted by Government Guidelines. Full details in Suzanne's column below.

Alan Smith and Trevor Jones recently carried out a test of the auditorium ceiling extractor and the fan that feeds filtered outside air into vents underneath the seating. A smoke test showed that the system enabled air in the auditorium to be replaced every 20 minutes. However this may not be adequate for ventilating the auditorium to remove airborne virus particles at a suitable rate.

Congratulations to Amanda and George Barrett on their recent wedding.

If you have not renewed your membership subscription, please do so as soon as possible. Renewal forms and standing order forms are attached to this newsletter with the new option of a gift aid donation. Renewal forms and gift aid forms should be sent to Catriona Pearson at the theatre. Please send the standing order form to your bank.

Graham Russell (Newsletter Editor)

Production Co-ordinator's Column

[‘The Lady Killers’ by Graham Linehan](#)

Our next production, when the theatre reopens, will be ‘The Lady Killers’ by Graham Linehan, directed by Tom Lee-Hynes. The set remains in place and the cast and crew are keen to get back to perform to our audiences. We will let you know when the government let us back in the theatre.

[‘Lady Windermere’s Fan’ by Oscar Wilde](#)

As our November production, which was to have been ‘The Cherry Orchard’ by Anton Chekhov, has been cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions, we have decided to record ‘Lady Windermere’s Fan’ by Oscar Wilde as an audio play and release it to members via streaming on Hand To Mouth Sound Theatre in late November, in place of a live production at the theatre. Amanda Barrett will direct, assisted by David Pollard, with Trevor Jones providing the technical wizardry. A socially distanced reading and auditions were held and the play has been cast and is in rehearsal. The cast comprise Brian Jackson, Tom Lee-Hynes, Steve Banner, Alan Chacon, Nathan Cole, Graham Bull, David Pollard, Lucy Davies, Ann Stirrup, Emma Lewis, Jenniffer Wood, Jacky Bedford, Sally Dean, Lynn Tait, Suzanne Hill, Renee Field and Rosie Walker (narrator).

[Watch out! Panther About!](#)

‘Panther Town’, by Vicky Wild and Aryana Ramkhalawon, is an audio play which has been directed by David Pollard with technical assistance from Trevor Jones. The play has been recorded with Suzanne Hill, Alan Chacon and Steve Banner taking the parts. It will soon be streamed as a Hand to Mouth Sound Theatre podcast.

[‘Oranges and Ink’ by Claire Louise Amias](#)

David Pollard is to direct this play as a Phoenix Theatre production at the theatre in July 2021. It is a two hander and is about the friendship between Nell Gwynne and Aphra Behn.

[Herefordshire County Drama Festival 2021](#)

The Phoenix Theatre will be entering the HCDF in 2021 at the Market Theatre, Ledbury from 11th to 13th March. Details of a reading and auditions to follow.

[Performathon and Gala Concert](#)

The delayed 2020 Summer Show, the annual Performathon and Gala Concert have all been cancelled. You will be informed when government restrictions enable singing to resume in the theatre.

[‘The Weekend’ by Michael Palin](#)

This comedy was to be our May production in 2020, directed by Renee Field, It will now take place in May 2021.

[Our Star Theatre Company’s productions of ‘Death at Sea’ and ‘The Great Gatsby’](#)

These have been pencilled in for May and September 2021.

[Venice Revisited](#)

This musical has been rescheduled for March 2022.

Suzanne Hill

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM 2020/2021
THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY
Reg. Charity No: 508668

There are two types of membership as set out below. Memberships are renewable annually on 1st September. (Subscriptions for new members joining on or after 1st May are not renewable until the September of the following year).

Please ✓ the appropriate box: New Membership Application Renewal of Membership

FULL MEMBERSHIP £20

This form of membership enables you to fully participate in all activities within the theatre which include: acting, directing, backstage, the Singing Group, Front of House, Cinema and attend social events. With this membership you have full voting rights at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). You are also eligible to stand for election to any committee post at the AGM.

FULL JUNIOR OR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP £10

This membership is open to any persons under the age of 21 or full-time students above that age. You are able to fully participate in all productions and attend social events.

Name:

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I agree to my name, telephone number and e-mail address appearing in the Members Directory in the Members area of the theatre website accessible only by theatre members. This will enable you to look up contact details of other members.

Please tell us what your interests are by ✓ the appropriate boxes:

- Acting Directing Stage Management Set Construction Set painting
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 Front of House Bar (serving drinks) Box Office

(All the details that you enter on this form will be held on a secure database accessible only by the Membership Secretary and Committee Members using a dedicated password.)

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Herefordshire
HR9 5HT

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