



Catholic Association of Performing Arts

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2018

ANNUAL MASS – SUNDAY, 18 NOVEMBER AT 11.30 A.M.

As in recent years, we will be a part of the Parish Mass at Corpus Christi for our Annual Guild Mass. The Memorial Book of members who have died over the years will be included in the Mass. Please do try to attend this Mass. Corpus Christi is “our” church and you will also have the opportunity to see and appreciate the very hard work that Fr Alan has put in to the restoration of Corpus Christi. Following the Annual Mass we can experience the delights of Covent Garden with a cup of coffee or even something stronger!

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations to **Steve Gough**, whose play, **RED CALL**, was awarded the top prize of Best Features at the Welsh International Film Festival. You may remember that this play was also entered at one of our events at the CAA a few years ago in which **Mary Drake** played the lead role. It wasn't the whole play but an excerpt which left me wondering “was she guilty or not.” Fortunately **Steve** and I attend the same Mass every Sunday at our Lady of Grace in Chiswick so he was able to put me out of my misery!!

As well as directing **Kenneth Michaels** is also appearing in the Historia Theatre Company's production of **DEAR CHOCOLATE SOLDIER** at OSO Arts Centre, 49 Sutton Road, Barnes, SW13 0LF from Tuesday, 6 November until Saturday, 10 November commencing at 8 p.m.. There will also be a Matinee on Saturday at 4 p.m. Tickets £12 and £10. This production has had very good reviews.

I know this is a bit (very) soon but **Ronald Porter** has asked me to include a “well in advance” talk he will be giving at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW1A 2HE on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 entitled “**Old Soldiers Never Die**” which is about the life and times of Field Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. Tickets, which include a two course luncheon with coffee and petits fours, are £29 per person and can be pre-booked through the office at the National Liberal Club. No tickets will be available on the day. **Charlotte Williams** and I have been to previous talks and they are always very good – as is the lunch!

Peter Le Breuilly has been working on a promotional film which has been shot in and around Stratford-upon-Avon. The post production work on the film (the modern version of **The Prodigal Son**) in which **Peter** plays the father is now complete. Its title is **The Heart of this Place** and will be screened for the first time in Los Angeles very soon and, hopefully, will be screened in London in late autumn.

SIR ALEC GUINNESS AWARD WINNER

It is always good to hear from our winners of the Sir Alec Guinness Award and one who ALWAYS keeps in touch is **Asif Khan** who never seems to stop working!! He is currently appearing in **TARTUFFE** at the Swan Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon until 23 February 2019 and he has received rave reviews.

PAST EVENTS

The Annual General Meeting was held on 24 October at the CAA. This went well after which we had the opportunity to welcome our new Assistant Chaplains to CaAPA, Fr Chris Vipers, Fr Dennis Touw and Fr Dominic Robinson.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

REFUGEES – 14 NOVEMBER AT 7.30 AT THE CAA

Michael Harrington writes - **Come and enjoy CaAPA and its talents at its very best and support our actors, writers and producers as they put on an evening to both trigger our conscience and to raise valuable funds to support the work of the SVP. A night not to be missed. Hope to see you there.**

CAROL ADVENT SERVICE – 5 DECEMBER AT CORPUS CHRISTI AT 6.30 P.M.

The nuns at Tyburn Convent have always been very supportive of CaAPA making us very welcome at our Days of Recollection, some of which were held in the convent. In return we would like to support them with the very heavy costs of installing a far more up to date heating system, so there will be a collection at the end of the Carol Service for this very worthy cause. After the Carol Service we will go to the CAA for mulled wine and mince pies. The catering is being undertaken by the staff at the CAA so there will be a charge for drinks and mince pies. Family and friends are very welcome to attend both events.

If you are coming to the CAA following the Carol Service please let me know so that I can let the Catering Staff know. Please also let me know if

you are bringing anyone with you. **PLEASE** be sure to let me have **this information NO LATER than Friday, 3 November** by e-mail – mary40steele@btinternet.com. Many thanks.

ANNUAL DINNER – 14 DECEMBER AT ALLEN HALL

We are very pleased to let you know that our guest of honour this year is **Philip Talbot** who is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Royal Theatrical Fund. He says - **“The Royal Theatrical Fund offers support to all those actors in need and, more importantly, lets them know that they are not alone in their hour of need.”** He has a wealth of experience in the theatre and also has many entertaining stories some of which we look forward to hearing. Please ensure that you let me have your Application Form (sent with the October Newsletter) **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER**. **If you have mislaid this please let me know and I will send you another one.**

There will be a drinks reception commencing at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7.45 p.m. Please make sure that you leave plenty of time to get to Allen Hall.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT SOME IF NOT ALL OF THESE EVENTS. PLEASE GIVE CaAPA YOUR SUPPORT. MANY THANKS.