



The Manifest Theatre

# NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone. At last, this year, we have been able to stage a full programme of productions. It has been really great to see so many of you back in the theatre again. Judging by the amazing audience feedback we have received, you have been glad to be back with us too.

We would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year. Thank you for supporting your unique theatre through 2022 and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2023. See below for details of the plays and activities for the coming year.

### FESTIVE FUN AT THE MANIFEST THEATRE

It's time to mention the C-word. Yes, it will very soon be Christmas and this year we will all be able to celebrate again with our friends and families. As a precursor, we will be hosting a Christmas party and fundraiser for our Manifest Family to get you all in the mood for the big day.

This is going to be something really special and will take place on one night only. Don't miss out!

To make sure you kick off the festive season in style, put a date in your dairies and get your tickets now. Profits will be used to fund the rising cost of utilities.

**10th December 2022**

**from 8pm 'til late!**

Live music from the duo

**“No Fret”**

**Lucky Ticket • Quiz  
Competitions • Prizes**

**Raffle • Karaoke**

**Hot Supper**

All for just £10 per head. Non-members welcome subject to an additional £2 membership fee for 2023.

Tickets available from the theatre.

Remember this is one night only.

tickets will be limited so book soon!

### OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

We are delighted to offer you two great one act plays to start our 2023 season.

**IDNA**

By Dennis Kelly

A group of teenagers do something bad, really bad, then panic and cover the whole thing up. But when they find that their cover-up unites them and brings harmony to their once fractious lives, where is the incentive to put things right.

plus

**SHAKERS**

By John Godber

The play tells the story of a typical night in a wine bar (aptly named Shakers) as four waitresses; Carol, Adele, Nicky and Mel struggle through their long shift, serving demanding customers who come and go on their nights out.

**Performance dates**

**23rd to 25th February**

Tickets, priced at £10 for members and under 16s and £12 for non members (This includes membership for the whole of 2023), will be on sale in the new year.

You may book through our website at [manifesttheatre.co.uk](http://manifesttheatre.co.uk), via our dedicated booking line on 07444 724271 (messages may be left at any time) or by posting your ticket order to The Manifest Theatre at the above address. *continued over*

## PLAY READINGS

Our play readings are held on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm except, of course, when the theatre is being used for productions.

Our readings are fun and informal - all are welcome and you don't even have to read. You can just listen and enjoy hearing a written text come alive.

We read all sorts of material - classics, comedies, plays written by our own members and willingly take suggestions, so if there's a play you've seen, heard of or written put it forward and we can put it on the list to be read.

If you're an inspiring director, or an experienced one with a piece that you're interested in putting forward for production this is the forum for your ideas to get the ball rolling. The group has been instrumental in the selection of our program for 2023 and we are reading plays put forward for 2024.

So, if you want to have an influence on the choice of future productions, read some interesting and enjoyable material and have fun while you sip a drink from our very reasonably priced bar - then our play reading evenings are the place to be!

**We will be reading Jumpers for Goalposts by Tom Wells put forward by Ben Maytham on November 24th and Neville's Island by Tim Firth put forward by Sarah Wilson on December 29th.**

Come along and get involved - we hope to see you there.

**Further dates for play readings into 2023:**

Thursday 26th January 7pm

Thursday 2nd March 7pm

Thursday 30th March 7pm

Thursday 4th May 7pm

Thursday 25th May 7pm

Thursday 29th June 7pm

**For further information email Sarah McCarthy at: [sdyer1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sdyer1@hotmail.co.uk)**

## BOOK SALE

We are planning to hold a book sale in the New Year to raise funds and help meet the rising costs of utilities.

Please help by donating any unwanted books, in saleable condition. This will be a great opportunity to clear out the ones you've read, which of course leaves room for ones you haven't!

Bring your books to the theatre and leave them for the attention of Sarah McCarthy. The theatre is open on Wednesday evenings for Club Nights, so feel free to come along, bring your books and enjoy a drink from our bar!

## OUR PRODUCTION SCHEDULE FOR 2023

An Inspector Calls by J B Priestley, to be directed by Will Parrick - 25th to 29th April.

New Writers Week - 23rd to 24th June. Two nights only to promote new talent.

Summer and Smoke by Tennessee Williams, to be directed by Alison Baker - Bank Holiday weekend 25th to 28th August 2023.

Calendar Girls by Tim Firth, to be directed by Kerry King - 7th to 11th November 2023.

More news in future newsletters.

## WEDNESDAY CLUB NIGHTS

Our Club Nights are becoming more popular. Whether we are in rehearsal or not, Club Nights are held at the Theatre every Wednesday from 7:30pm to around 9:30pm. except of course, during show weeks.

Come along for a chat and a drink in the bar.

Those of you who may be interested can also learn more about becoming more involved in the day to day running of your Theatre? We are always looking for more volunteers.

It's such an exciting time here at the Manifest with lots of new projects planned, but to achieve this we need people who may be interested to learn more about set building, technical support, bar staff and even help with a bucket and mop! We are a friendly bunch, and like to have a laugh. We also have a lot of fun!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2023

All annual memberships are due for renewal on the 1st January 2023. Due to Covid your membership has been automatically renewed since 2019, but annual renewal is again now in operation. The Theatre runs on a membership basis to promote a friendly club atmosphere and give support to the Theatre.

### HOW TO RENEW

**Method 1.** Complete the attached form and send payment to the Membership Secretary.

**Method 2.** When purchasing tickets for your next visit, use the Non-Member rate which includes the £2 annual membership fee and your membership card will be emailed to you.

Members receive our newsletters and are welcome to purchase tickets for all our productions, attend our Wednesday Club Nights at the theatre for a friendly social evening or come along to our Play Reading Evenings as advertised.

At all these events our bar will be open for competitively priced drinks and snacks.

We look forward to receiving your membership renewal for 2023.