

PARADE

Minack Theatre 2013

As reported in our previous issue of BTN, The Barnstormers will be returning to the Minack Theatre, Cornwall in August 2013 with the powerful Tony Award winning musical *Parade*.

This dramatic and poignant musical by Jason Robert Brown and Alfred Uhry will be staged at the Minack Theatre (www.minack.com) from Monday 5th to Friday 9th August 2013. There are also local Barn performances (to be staged in the open-air on the adjoining tennis courts) scheduled for Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July 2013, the weekend before the Minack tour.

This is a tremendously exciting project and the opportunity to perform in the spectacular setting of the Minack Theatre is never one to be missed. *Parade* requires a large company of principals and chorus/ensemble and there will be plenty for everyone to do. The production team including Paul Longhurst (Director), Richard Allen (Producer / Associate Director), Ian Skipper (Musical Director) and Fran Newitt (Choreographer) are looking for around 50+ performers to join their cast and would encourage anyone interested to get in touch.

'LAUNCH NIGHT'

SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2012

VENUE: Barn Theatre, Oxted.

TIME: 7.30pm

DETAILS: The entire production team will be on hand to tell you about *Parade* and the planned Minack tour. The bar will be open, a buffet provided, and the first drink will be on The Barnstormers. Please come along and join everyone for what promises to be both an enjoyable and informative night out. All those planning to audition for this production should attend this event. Please contact Liz Skinner on liz@thebarnstormers.co.uk to receive an official invitation.

PRINCIPALS AUDITIONS

SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2012

VENUE: 'Little Barn' (located immediately behind the Barn Theatre).

CALLED: All those auditioning for the listed principal roles, excluding certain minor roles that will be cast from the ensemble/chorus.

TIMES: 10.00am - 6.00pm. Each auditionee will be allocated a specific time slot during the day.

DETAILS: A list of principal roles is available at www.thebarnstormers.co.uk and audition pieces will also be posted on the website in due course. Pre-audition music rehearsals have been scheduled and more details of these will be available at the Launch Night.

CHORUS/ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2012

VENUE: Orpheus Centre, North Park Lane, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8ND.

CALLED: All those auditioning to be a member of the chorus/ensemble (including certain minor roles).

TIME: 10.00am.

DETAILS: No preparation is required, as the Musical Director will work with everyone on one of the chorus numbers from the show. All those auditioning for the chorus will also be required to undergo a movement audition.

Please visit www.thebarnstormers.co.uk for full details of the production or check out their Facebook group "Parade at the Minack

Theatre – August 2013". Any queries about the production, please contact Richard Allen on richard@thebarnstormers.co.uk / 07979 650901.

FOBS

It is with great sadness that I start this item with the news of the death of our much loved President, Terry Rolph. Terry had suffered declining health over the past nine months and died in "Windmill Manor", Hurst Green on Saturday 7th July. It is a measure of his dedication to the Barn Theatre that he found the strength to attend our AGM in April and to speak so movingly at the end of that meeting in tribute to his fellow fund raiser, John Sturgeon. Terry was a tireless worker at the Theatre, an energetic Chairman and latterly a most supportive President. He will be greatly missed. It is perhaps fitting that at the time of Terry's death a 'crew' from the Theatre was carrying on the task of fund-raising, whilst also supporting the wider community, by running the tea tent as usual at the Oxted Carnival. A record breaking sum was raised despite the dubious weather and thanks are due to all of you who provided cakes and/or looked in at the tent for a cuppa.

FOBs are being kept busy through the (so called) summer months providing staff for several visiting youth shows, including *Hello, Dolly* this year's offering from the multi-talented Kenley Holiday Workshop. If you haven't seen one of their productions then I urge you to book seats now.

I am sure that members would wish to offer their congratulations to June Brown who has just retired from her role as Chairman of the Oxted Players and to wish her well in her new role as their President.
Sheila Bennett

Sausage Sunday!

In April we had a Sausage Sunday Club which seemed to be very popular – all 96 sausages in buns were eaten. So, for the October Sunday Club I shall do the same again and hope we get even more people joining us. Please put 7th October in your diaries now and if you are able to let me (Caro) know you are coming on publicity@barntheatreoxted.co.uk it would be much appreciated so I know how many sausages to buy. Veggie sausages are possible as long as you let me know a reasonable amount of time in advance.

Carnival

With the relentless rain of the previous days and weeks staying away for the day we were very busy in the Carnival Tea Tent. Results for the day were an all-time high at £1318 which is tremendous news just as we start to consider fundraising ideas for the new toilet extension.

Thank you to all those that helped either on the field or by providing produce for sale on the day and to Carolyn for masterminding all the arrangements. I suspect that we are one of the most successful stalls on the field each year and how we can better this years' total is going to be quite a challenge next year. Please put the date in your diaries now - Saturday July 6th 2013.

John Speller

We are sorry to report that John died on 28th July. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Church, Coulsdon on Monday 13th August at 3.00pm. John was a long standing member of Croydon Stagers, playing most of the 'Cowboy Heros'. He also played a number of leading roles for OOS over the years, most notably Daddy Warbucks in Annie.