

Oxted Operatic Society

Mack & Mabel

With the greasepaint still wet and the music of the show still ringing loudly in my ears, it is too early to report on what the official reviewers made of our Spring production *Mack & Mabel*. However, if our unofficial feedback is anything to go by, the show appears to have been a great hit with our audiences. Happily they came in their droves and cheered loudly, as we played to a practically sell-out audience each night, which should keep the Treasurer happy!



A hearty slap on the back from our President reassured me that this is a show the Society can be very proud of. And though I would have been lost without the wonderful support of Andrea Green and Colin Warnock on the production team, perhaps as important was the all-round team effort involved in putting this show together. It is rare, but heartening to see such camaraderie amongst the crew and players during the run of the show, and it was most pleasing to see them all having a ball.

Well done all. I can only hope that the feeling continues into our future productions.

Jekyll and Hyde

Performance dates - Tues 23rd - Sat 27th November 2010 (7.45pm)

For those of you who are interested in being involved in this production (new members welcome), the 'get together' and 'sing thro' dates for Jekyll & Hyde are:

Thursday 01st July and Thursday 08th July, 7.45pm at St Peter's Hall

Please come along to one or both. You will be able to meet Nigel Kemp our Director who most of you know and Mark Heppell our Musical Director who is new to OOS. Mark is a highly regarded musical director having performed with many local companies including Ariel, EGOS, DAPA, DDOA and Stage Struck as well as running a 'Rock Choir' in East Grinstead and Haywards Heath. He also has the benefit of having done this show recently. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the show and also the chance to run through some chorus numbers and the audition pieces for those wishing to go for a part.

Auditions will take place on Sunday 11th July at 2.00pm at St Peter's Hall.

If you have any queries please contact Katherine Jones, Production Secretary on secretary@oxtedoperatic.com or on 07766-398178.

AGM

The Society AGM will be held on Tuesday 27th July 2010 at the Barn Theatre, Oxted. This is the chance for all members to see how we have fared over the last 12 months, and hear what plans the Committee has for the future. Please come along, air your views and show your support.

2011...

We have booked the Barn Theatre for three productions in 2011, including an OJOS Show in July. I can confirm that our main Spring production will be *GIGI* (by Lerner & Loewe) – with a production team of Martin Patrick, Andrea Green & Sue Rowlinson. PJR

Wedding Postponed

There is a change of date for Bromley based Opera Nova's next Opera at the Barn. Due to unforeseen circumstances their production of *The Marriage of Figaro*, scheduled for June, will now play from Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th September.

Musical Director is Oliver-John Ruthven, music director of Hampstead Garden Opera, with production design by Rob W Mills. The production features both professional and amateur soloists plus the Opera Nova chorus. This popular and humorous work features some of Mozart's most beautiful and familiar music that opera fans of all ages will enjoy.

Ticket prices are £13 on Wednesday and Thursday and £15 on Friday and Saturday (OAPs £13 at Saturday matinee). Tickets may be purchased from the Box Office on 0208 325 3490 or online (booking fee) via The Barn website or at www.operanova.co.uk.

Green Room at Bluebell

The Green Room Theatre Company, under the direction of local actress Shirley Robbins, is delighted to be bringing the company to the Barn Theatre in September for the first time.

The company can be seen at the Bluebell Railway's, "War Weekend" on 8&9 May in *Women at War*. On Sunday 6th June they are giving a Charity Matinee preceded by lunch at Salomons Victorian Theatre. This is called *Images of Showbusiness*, and is in aid of the Save the Children Fund.

The production at the Barn Theatre of *Where There's a Will..... There's a Play* is on Saturday 18 September. It is, of course, about Shakespeare, and is an Elizabethan romp, with music in the traditions of "Shakespeare in Love". It includes local musicians and some winning members of Heathfield Drama Club, from the Drama Festival earlier in the year, plus professional members of Shirley's Green Room Theatre Company.



The planned concert to support this charity is now firmly scheduled for Saturday 23rd October and will feature the Croydon Male Voice Choir and a military band of serving and retired servicemen led by our own Graham Wright, himself a retired Guardsman. Tickets are already selling even this far in advance and if you wish to be sure of a seat do book early either by telephone on 01959 561811 or online at www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

All proceeds will go direct to the charity.

