

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Following a series of well attended auditions in September, we are pleased to report that The Barnstormers Minack 2010 production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' is now fully cast and this exciting and ambitious project is truly on its way.

The recently assembled cast now totals 52 performers, including a considerable amount of fresh new talent attracted by the opportunity of performing this iconic show at such an amazing venue. The production team have been overwhelmed by the exceptional talent amongst the principals, dancers and chorus and are thrilled to have the chance of working with this cast within the spectacular setting of the Minack.

The main principal roles have been cast as follows:-

Jesus Christ:	Stuart Matthew Price
Judas Iscariot:	Sean Kingsley
Mary Magdalene:	Helen Bartlett
Pontius Pilate:	Steve Green
King Herod:	Paul Longhurst
Caiaphas:	Robert Hamilton
Annas:	Rob Copeland
Simon Zealotes:	Mike Shearer
Peter:	Richard Hunt

'Jesus Christ Superstar' is of course the story of the final six days in the life of Jesus Christ told through the troubled eyes of Judas Iscariot. This iconic rock opera pulses with energy and contains some of the most well known musical numbers from the last 40 years – 'I Don't Know How to Love Him', 'Heaven on their Minds', 'Hosanna', 'Gethsemane' and of course 'Superstar'. The production next year will coincide with the 40th anniversary of the original concept album. The highly talented production team includes Neil Reynolds (Director), Ian Skipper (Musical Director) and Fran Reynolds (Choreographer). Jill 'Wigs' Wilson will once again be bringing her considerable design talents to the fore, and Bruce Reed will be heading up a formidable technical team.

The Barnstormers will be performing 'Jesus Christ Superstar' at the Minack Theatre in Porthcurno (www.minack.com) from Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2010.

Shortly prior to this tour, there will be a chance for Barn supporters, friends and family to watch the company perform a series of Dress Rehearsals held in the open-air on the Lave-rock School tennis courts located to the rear of the main theatre and adjoining the Barn's 'cast' car park. These Dress Rehearsals are being held on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd May 2010 and there are likely to be three performances during daylight hours. More details of how you can come along and support in our next issue of BTN.

For more info on this production, check out the Facebook group 'Jesus Christ Superstar at the Minack Theatre – May 2010' or contact Richard Allen on rpallen@tiscali.co.uk.

FOBS

First of all a big "thank you" to all those who came to our BBQ at the September Sunday Club. It was a super occasion and, with support like that, your committee certainly feels encouraged to offer you the same again next year – *but we've made a note to buy more ketchup and tomatoes!!* It was really good for the Kenley Holiday Workshop 'History Boys', who were rehearsing, and those people who had come to audition for "Jesus Christ Superstar" to find the Theatre buzzing.

Our next special Sunday Club will be on 6th December when you will be invited to enjoy "Christmas drinks and nibbles" so do put it in your diaries now before you are overwhelmed by the 'shopping days' to Christmas count down.

As you will see from your "What's On?" and the flyers, we have a wonderful variety of shows coming up to close the year and Front of House volunteers will be needed so do contact Pippa if you are able to help. We have already sent a cheque for quite a large amount to the Trustees - which you have all helped to raise both through your volunteering and by using the bar when you support the shows. We aim to be able to supplement this at next year's AGM.

We hope that you have purchased your diaries for 2010 as, with the pantomime coming up in January and the Southern Counties Drama Festival in February, we'll need a great deal of help.

Christmas Cracker 2009

Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm

Always the highlight of the year, plans are well advanced for a splendid evening of Yuletide entertainment again this year. With all the regular features including carols and Christmas readings you can look forward to a most enjoyable evening accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies. We are delighted to welcome back Martin Patrick as MC for the evening and you are advised to book those tickets, not just soon but immediately! Main box office 01959 561811 or for credit card bookings www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

If you wish to be involved in the evening do speak to Bruce on the box office number or 07802 302025. There are still a couple of vacant slots.

No Stranger To Our Shores

Acker Bilk and his Paramount Jazz Band are coming to the Barn on Saturday 5th December and tickets have now been completely sold out for over six weeks. A fantastic evening is promised for all those lucky trad jazz fans who managed to get a seat.