

# Manx Amateur Drama Federation

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Winners of the MADF Festival will be eligible to compete in the **All England Theatre Festival** Northern Area Semi-Final and may be invited to the **National Drama Festivals Association** All Winners Festival.

### Our Adjudicator

#### Alan Haslett, ADA GoDA

Involved with theatre for almost fifty years, Alan has a wealth of experience as an actor, singer, director and adjudicator. He is a member of The Association of Drama Adjudicators, Ireland and the Guild of Drama Adjudicators, UK, and has adjudicated the length and breadth of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

With Londonderry Amateur Operatic Society he has played leading roles in every show from Camille in 'Merry Widow' (1975) to Fagin in 'Oliver' (2001).



Alan has directed award-winning musicals and plays with LAOS, Strabane Musical Society, Bangor Operatic Society, the Ulster Operatic Company, St. Patrick's Hall Theatre Group - Strabane, City of Derry Drama Club, Two Bridges Theatre Group and Lifford Players to name but a few.

Alan was an advisory officer for music & drama with the Western Education & Library Board for 30 years. He also studied at The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, applying his studies to the 'Write An Opera' project in primary schools with which he is still involved.

### Wednesday 7th February

Adult Entry

Hog the Limelight

### Jilted Lovers Helpline by Johnny Grim

Cast:

Mary Christine Edge Jasmine Tracey Jones

Backstage:

Director Jim Edge Sound & Lighting Chris Jackson

Backstage Crew Jennifer Kelly & Jude Dicken

Synopsis:

Alongside organisations such as The Samaritans there's a lesser known community service. The Jilted Lovers helpline is a recent addition to the family care and planning network, an avenue for dumped lovers to rebuild their broken hearts.



MADF would like to thank
David Dawson and
The Friends of King's Court
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#### **All-England Theatre Festival**

www.aetf.org.uk

England's only countrywide competitive drama festival for One Act Plays .

The national secretary is Ann Aplin aplinironacton2@gmail.com

### Wednesday 7th February

Adult Entry

Rushen Players

### Heart in the Ground by Douglas Hill

Cast:

Karen Mollie Workman Lee Michael Williams

Backstage:

Director Nathan Rea

Set Adrienne Sanderson & David Leiserach

Synopsis:

A young couple struggle to come to terms with the death of their baby.

Special thanks to Norman McGregor Edwards and the Manx Aviation and Military Museum.



### Wednesday 7th February

Adult Entry

Service Players

CCTV by Derek Webb

Cast:

Jane Kimberley Quine

Keith Nigel Thijs Alex Freddie Hall Richie Mark Tyley

Backstage:

Director Lindsay Quayle Prompt Sam Kenny

#### Synopsis:

The dull routine of life in The Oaks shopping centre security office is blown away with the arrival of a surprise visitor. The humour comes thick and fast as the three members of the security team try to deal with unforeseen - and hilarious - circumstances.

www.facebook.com/groups/serviceplayers



### Thursday 8th February

**Adult Entry** 

Legion Players

### The Chip Van Plays Dixie

by Robert Iles

Cast:

Gary Jack Verity

Babs Maire Stephens

Backstage:

Director Susie Beswick
Lighting & Sound Ron Beswick

Set Susie Beswick, Ron Beswick

Synopsis:

A poignant comedy, set beside a cemetery.

Two strangers - a local man visiting his wife's grave and a woman who is Australia bound.

Each find they share more than they would have expected - including a love of chips.

http://www.legionplayers.com

Under licence from StagePlays.com



### Thursday 8th February

**Adult Entry** 

Hog the Limelight

#### The Perfect Gentleman

by Sharon Mitchell

Cast:

Ronald Walker John Walker
Dolly Walker Rachael Joughin

John Ely Walker Norman McGregor Edwards

Maid Tara Mitchell

Backstage:

Director Sharon Mitchell
Set Dave Shaw

Props Jane McGregor Edwards

Hair Jenny Green Prompt Liz Wood

Synopsis:

In a series of letters Cyril recounts his experiences of "The Great War" from volunteering as a "Tommy" to leading his men at the front line. Back home his family eagerly await news of his return.

Based on the original letters of Lt. Cyril Gordon Walker MC



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### Thursday 8th February

Adult Entry

**Arbory Players** 

### Cruising by Di Brown

Cast:

Kevin
Juan Bridson
Jane
Chris Mcfee
Mel
Oonagh Walsh
Chris
Sophie Costain
Jay
Steven Brown
Waiter
Les Briggs

Backstage:

Director Carole Bridson

Lights/Sounds Di Brown



#### Synopsis:

Be transported to the sunny Mediterranean on board a luxury cruise ship. Meet some of the passengers and, as their week in the sun progresses, learn about their loves, lives and hopes for the future.

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### Friday 9th February

Youth Entry

Youth Arts Centre

### The Free9 by Insook Chappell

Cast:

Moon Lewis Pycroft
Ice Jonathan Lyons
Poppy Ryan Coates
Blade Alex Reynolds
Rat Evie Skillicorn

Sunny Gracel Delos Santos

Jia Leah Prow
Mini Niamh Page
Big Brother Joshua Schofield

The Forgotten

Nathan Reynolds, Scarlett Clague,
Mathilda Whittle, Katie Mcloughlin

Backstage:

Director David Dawson

Set David Dawson & Michael Cowin

Costume & Props Fiona Helleur

#### Synopsis:

The Free9 is not the name of a rock band. It is the name given to a group of stateless orphans from North Korea, aged 14 to 20, in search of a life in South Korea. Each has a story that defies imagination about human cruelty, but their true stories tell the rest of us how precious life is. This is a story about how they got their name.

www.youth-arts.im

### Friday 9th February

Youth Entry

Youth Arts Centre

### Cinderella Kids adapted by Marcy Heisler

#### Cast:

Cinderella Connie Graham Anastasia Matthew Boule

Drizella Eve Puzzar

Fairy Godmother Libby Loach
Grand Duke Kirsten Loach

Gus Annie Teare

Herald Ellie Heelan

Jaq Kirsten Loach King Ethan Dixon Luke Rachel Boule

Narrator 1 Libby Loach

Narrator 2 Shana Nyawai
Perla Emma Williams
Prince Sophie Romero

Stepmother Abigail Taylor Skillen

Town Cryer Faye Brown

#### Backstage:

Director Caitlin McAleer & Mary Teare

Set Michael Cowin
Costume & Props Fiona Helleur

#### Synopsis:

Cinderella is a young woman forced to work as a servant for her horrible stepmother and two stepsisters. The King invites every eligible maiden to attend a ball for the Prince returning home, and he shall pick one of them to become his bride, but who shall he pick?

www.youth-arts.im

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Adult Entry

Service Players

### Interview by Lisa Creighton

Cast:

Maggie Sarah Radcliffe

Helen Linda Nagājeva Laiva

Paul Bernard Wood Frank Toby Smith Caretaker Howard Caine

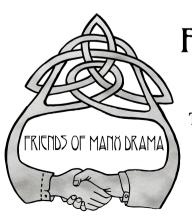
Backstage:

Director Lisa Creighton

Synopsis:

Maggie is conducting interviews for a mysterious job vacancy. Three people apply and answer a series of intriguing questions, but who is perfect for the role?

#### www.facebook.com/groups/serviceplayers



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#### Friends of Manx Drama

Are you interested in supporting theatre on the island?

The Friends mix the enjoyment and support of local theatre productions with an opportunity for a social occasion.

More information available at www.madf.im/friends-of-manx-drama

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Adult Entry** 

Blackwood Little Theatre

#### Toasted by Graham J Evans

#### Cast:

Tom Bleddyn Jones
Hannah Sarah Jones
Robert Steve Dobson
Mary Peta Maidman
Chris Tim Bennett
Sir Thomas Bloodworth Trevor Howlett
Thomas Graham J Evans

#### Backstage:

Director
Sound & Lighting
Stage Crew
Neil Maidman
Aneurin Brown
Neil Maidman & Huw Rosser

#### Synopsis:

Pudding Lane, London, 1666. A bakery built of wood and thatch; a blazing oven; an arsonist; an exhausted Frenchman and a family with one brain cell between them. What could possibly go wrong?

#### http://blackwoodlt.org.uk/

#### Stay for the Youth awards to be given on Friday night







and the Adult/Open awards on Saturday night

#### Awards

Trophy	<b>Nominations</b>	Winner
Northern Arts Rose Bowl Best Adult Festival Play		
Caine Family Trophy Best Director in Adult Festival		
MADF President's Cup Adjudicator's Award - Discretionary		
Jean C Webb Award Best Actress in Adult Festival		
Mark Clift Trophy Best Actor in Adult Pestival		
Rushen Players President's Award Best Actor in Supporting Role		
Personal Choice Ltd Trophy Best Actress in Supporting Role		
Nadine Talbot Award Best Dramatic Moment		
Daphne Clark Memorial Trophy Best Comedic Moment		
Sure Mobile Award Best use of Sound & Lighting		
John Hayes Trophy Best Stage Design		
Cyril Spencer Trophy Best Play in Youth Festival		
John Bowring Trophy Best Director in Youth Festival		
Olga Gray Award Best Actress in Youth Pestival		
Stan Woollock Trophy Best Actor in Youth Festival		



#### Manx Amateur Drama Federation

## Easter Festival of Full Length Plays 2018

Gaiety Theatre, Douglas, Isle of Man Adjudicated by Jennifer Scott-Reid, GoDA

Tickets available from the Gaiety Theatre Box Office Tel: 01624 600555

Per evening - £13 Adult or £10 Concession/Students Season Ticket - £56 Adult or £35 Students

Saturday 31st March

The London Stockholm Players The Missing Links by John Antrobus

Sunday 1st April

White Cobra Productions Glorious! by Peter Quilter

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Whole Hog Productions Brontë by Polly Teale

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Upstart Entertainment The Vandal by Hamish Linklater

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Wellington Theatre Company Henceforward by Alan Ayckbourn

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April

 $\textbf{University Players, Hamburg} \ \textit{Joan of Arc} \ \ \text{by Simon Deggin}$ 

Friday 6th April

Bejou Productions Not A Game for Boys by Simon Block



### Friends of Manx Drama - Easter Festival Lunch -

Monday 2nd April, 12 noon for 12.30pm @ the Empress Hotel, Douglas - £22.00 per person

Meet some representatives from the visiting teams and listen to a talk from GoDA Adjudicator, Jennifer Scott-Reid.

Tickets available from friends@madf.im