

ART DIRECTORS BLOG

It's a bleak time, isn't it folks? The theatre is in lockdown so absolutely nothing is going on at the moment but - as you may expect - we can still hatch plans of how things will be when the current crisis is past and we're allowed to come down to the QMT and have fun together once more. But for now and until we hear otherwise, all shows, all rehearsals are cancelled.

The Youth theatre group were devastated when their musical Rock of Ages (due to be put on this week, actually) was pulled. It was all rehearsed and ready to go so they were disappointed but of course completely understanding - this is an unparalleled situation after all. We've no choice in that. But at some point theatres will be allowed to open and we shall wisely plan for future shows and events so that when we are back together, we'll have projects and productions to become involved in.

So much for the present and future. Let's now linger a bit in the past. My sincere thanks to Christine who has bravely taken on—nay now completed the arduous task of scanning the entire BP library of photos and programmes from 1945 to the present. Order has been brought to chaos. That means for the first time ever we will be able to readily access our extensive archive. I think there are still one or two rogue pictures that have defied classification - probably uncatalogued shows from the 1960s or 1970s put on at St Anne's Hall, the tin hut the BPs called home for nearly 40 years. Anyway from time to time I am sure Christine will publish these orphan photos and anyone who can bring some light to bear will be honoured: named and acclaimed!

So good luck to all. I am going to try and get some Zoom events going (it's an app for your phone or laptop that allows you to see and speak to other rather like Skype).

I look forward to meeting you online soon!

Rory Reynolds

Arts Director

The QMT is going dark.

Sadly, the performance of The One also turned out to be The Last One for this season. Covid-19 has launched us all in uncharted waters, but it is unlikely that the QMT will be able to open the theatre again for at least 12 weeks.

As a consequence, the box-office is not manned, the locks of the theatre are changed to limit access and the newsletter frequency may be reduced. To keep you informed of any further developments for the summer or the new season, keep an eye on Facebook, twitter, the QMT website and your emails.

We will be back!





My turn to heap praise and congratulations on the cast, crew and director of 'One' - brilliant show. *Paula Downes*

Amazing Performances tonight in The One! Bleak and Funny and Brilliant! Well done teeny but excellent cast! You were amazing! *Clarabella Baily*

Me too! It was so great well done everyone. *Merrin Mae Sharples-Moore* 😊

HIGH SPIRITS WIN MEDALS



Congratulations to Big Spirit who won 4 awards for their performance of Pronoun by Evan Placey at the Welwyn Garden City Youth Drama Festival 2020.

1. 3rd place in the senior category!
2. Individual Achievement for Violet as Dean!
3. Individual Achievement for Tige as Josh!
4. Jolliest Team award!



BANCROFT PLAYERS' 200 CLUB

Back to a short one this month!
Just to say congratulations to our March winners. (And I didn't draw out my number – I actually have four numbers in the draw, so the odds are quite reasonable!)

Paula Downes

March 2020

Sue Mason	£25.00
Paula Downes	£20.00
Norma Halliday	£15.00
Audrey Hawkins	£10.00