



CaAPA Newsletter October 2019

Annual Dinner

This year the Annual Dinner is being held at the CAA (The Club for Acts and Actors) on Tuesday, 10 December. We are delighted that Finty Williams has accepted to be Guest of Honour. Her late Father, Michael Williams, was a very much-loved Chairman of the Catholic Stage Guild and was awarded the Knight of St Gregory, and of course her mother is Dame Judi who was always very supportive whilst Michael was Chairman.

The cost for a 3-course dinner (usual Christmas fare) is £26 per person, excluding wine. Vegans will also be catered for. The bar will be open from 6.30 p.m. when drinks can be purchased before dinner. Bottles of red and white wines can be purchased as we assemble for dinner at a cost of £11 per bottle. Please make sure that you have the right amount of money to hand. The hall can seat no more than 50 people and we have already received enquiries from some members, past and present.

PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION FORM (*forthcoming from Molly*), PLUS CHEQUE, MADE OUT TO CaAPA, NO LATER THAN 30 NOVEMBER TO: **MOLLY STEELE, 11 STAMFORD BROOK ROAD, LONDON W6 0XJ**. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Annual General Meeting

Owing to building works taking longer than anticipated, the CAA will not be able to reopen until early November. Because of this the Annual General Meeting on 29 October 2019 has been cancelled. It will now take place on Tuesday, 28 January 2020 at 7 p.m. This is the earliest we could obtain.

Committee Meeting

Will be held on 16 October at 6pm at Vaughan House.

(I've not had confirmation, so to all whom this is regarding, please confirm with Michael Slater that this is still going forward as initially conveyed. Thanks, Sebastian)

Tricolore Theatre Company

Tricolore's latest bilingual play for children (7+), "Un Bambino di Nome Porro (A Boy Called Porro)", directed by Anthony Shrubbsall, will be premiered at the Pleasance Theatre in Islington in November

2019. Performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 4pm: 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th & 30th November and 1st December.

From Penny Culliford:

Fables, parables and morality tales have been a way of teaching children for centuries. From Aesop's animal stories warning against pride, greed and selfishness to the horrifying original tales of the Brothers Grimm, good behaviours have their reward whilst naughty children often meet a gruesome end. Even Carlo Collodi's Pinocchio was no lovable rogue in the 1883 novel, in contrast to the Disney version, and the character came to grief on more than one occasion!

With bullying in the news and children's mental health causing concern, Porro's story doesn't use warnings and threats, but gently shows how self-worth can grow when opportunities present themselves.

Many of us will have had moments where we feel we are not quite good enough. We might think that everyone else is cooler, more organised, better looking and, well, just . . . better. The truth is, we all have our faults, but we are also all infinitely wonderful and loveable. Learning to see the best in ourselves and others can transform our lives, in the same way it transforms Porro's. Drawing together elements of traditional storytelling and combining them with a modern twist on the parables, Porro's story is heart-warming and affirming, with an original musical score, magical characters and a life-sized puppet.

Homelessness Plays Evening

Thursday, 12 November; the venue is the CAA at 20 Bedford Street, London, WC2E 9HP; start time is 7:30pm.

Casting: any members of CaAPA who are interested in being cast for these plays should please email Ken Michaels at michaels.kenneth@gmail.com or Penny Culliford at penny.culliford@gmail.com.

Evening Retreat

Tuesday; 15 October; 7pm; Church of the Immaculate Conception; Farm Street, Mayfair; led by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, one of our chaplains.

News of Members

Toby Stephens is at Trafalgar Studios until 30 November in "A Day In The Death of Joe Egg".
Box office: 0844 871 7632 or 0844 871 7615.

From **Michael Slater:**

Cabbie Lister, Ken Michaels & myself narrated the "Way of the Cross" on 27 September in the St. Mary's Chapel at St. Mary's University with the Westminster Lourdes Choir. As always it was a stunning and moving evening. It is great that CaAPA is involved with this – already a date is fixed for next year.

Ken Michaels has just returned from Germany where he has been directing 3 plays for White Horse Theatre, Europe's largest professional educational touring theatre. One of the plays "Othello" received a special award.

Jonathan Coote is appearing in "The Permanent Way" at The Vaults until Sunday, 17 November. Jonathan received a very good notice in *The Stage* last week.

Corpus Christi

Please remember if you are in the West End during the week, there is a daily Mass from Monday to Friday at 1:05pm. Confessions are 30 minutes before Mass and other times on request.

The Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament celebrates a Mass every month at Corpus Christi, 1 Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB. Each month there is a different guest preacher who offers a reflection on a certain aspect of the Blessed Sacrament. We are terribly sorry that our Newsletter is being sent after the October Mass of the 3rd, but the next ones are:

7th November – Monsignor Eugène Canon Harkness, Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Assumption & the English Martyrs, Cambridge

5th December – Fr Julian Large, Cong. Orat., Provost of the London Oratory

Forthcoming Events

15 October

Evening Retreat; 7pm; Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception; Farm Street, Mayfair
This will be led by Fr. Dominic Robinson SJ, one of our Chaplains.

16 October

Committee Meeting

12 November

Plays with homelessness theme to benefit The Passage; CAA; 7:30pm

10 December

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28 January 2020

Annual General Meeting; CAA; 7pm

October Memorial Book

(The below have been taken from the Memorial Book as they were recorded. If anyone notices an error, please do let Molly know. Thanks, Sebastian)

1988	Margaret Whatton
1993	Cyril Cusack: Vice President
1995	David Healy

1999 Deryck Guyler
2005 Eileen Gaffney
2007 Moira Lister: Vice President

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*