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Newsletter Mar 2025

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Spring 2025 20 - 22 March

Antigone

by Jean Anouilh,

translated by Lewis Galantière

Directed by **Gregan Davis**

RADS Social Events

Clubnights

Monday 10th March - *Monstrous Regiment* Readthrough

Charles Lambert will be hosting a readthrough of our Summer 2025 production and delving into the devious mind of Terry Pratchett (probably).

Monday 14th April - 1788: *Tryphosa* Workshop

Gary Winn will be having a read-through and workshopping a play which he has put together around the life of Tryphosa Butler - wife of Samuel Butler, the Georgian Theatre's first actor-manager.

Monday 12th May - To be confirmed

Monday 9th June - RADS AGM

Monstrous Regiment - Auditions & Characters

The auditions will be Friday 14th March at 1930h - for anyone who can't make that date, please contact Charles Lambert to arrange an alternative. Production dates are 24-26 July and 30 July - 2 August 2025.

Descriptions are not given here due to lack of space - full details are on the [Members Info](#) page of our website:

The Regiment

Polly "Ozzer" Perks Female, 20s or early 30s

"Maladict" Maladicta Female, 20s or early 30s

Betty "Shufti" Manickle Female, 20s or early 30s

"Igor" Igorina Female, 20s or early 30s

Will also consider any age and gender though the character is female.

Tilda "Lofty" Tewt Female, 20s or early 30s

Magda "Tonker" Halter Female, 20s or early 30s

Alice "Wazzler" Goom Female, Teen or early 20s

"Carborundum" Jade Female, Undetermined

Jade is a girl pretending to be a boy troll but this will be a heavy makeup job so auditioning for this role is open to anyone.

Sergeant-Major Jack Jackrum Female, late 50s upwards

Spoiler Alert, the Sarge is also a woman but we want to keep this as a surprise - she is supposed to be a very convincing man so we will cast a man.

Summer 2025 24 - 26 July
and 30 July - 2 August

Monstrous Regiment

by Terry Pratchett,

adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs

Directed by **Charles Lambert**

Strappi Male, Late 20s, 30s early 40s

Lieutenant Blouse Male, 30s or 40s

The following roles will likely be doubled or even tripled up due to their number and reduced stage time:

Other Borogravian Soldiers

Scallot Male, 50s plus.

Major Clogson Female, 50s plus

Generals Froc, Kzupi and Derbi Female, 50s plus

These generals are all women who have been long term disguised as men. Prepared to cast men in these roles depending on who is cast elsewhere.

Tribunal Guard Male, Any Age

Offstage Officer One line delivered offstage, possibly recorded.

Assorted "Extras"

Injured Soldiers in Act1 and Assorted Officers at the Tribunal in Act2.

Ankh-Morporkians

Vimes Male, 50s or 60s

Angua Female, Late 20s, 30s

William DeWord Male, Late 20s to Early 40s

Otto Male, Late 20s to Early 50s

Rust Male, Late 50s, 60s, 70s

Zlobenians

Captain Horentz Male, 20s, 30s, 40s

Sergeant Lipshitz Male, 20s, 30s, 40s

Sergeant Towering Male, 20s, 30s, 40s

Guard 1, Guard 2, Keep Captain, Keep Guard Male, 20s, 30s, 40s

Others

Landlord, Mrs Enid, Ferry Guard, Rosemary, Mary

MayFest Auditions

Following on from last year's successful RADS debut at MayFest, we are repeating the exercise with a short play called *Dr Reynard*, a hilarious and occasionally disgusting play for all the family, again directed by Gill Page. Gill will be holding a readthrough on Monday March 24th, with auditions either the same night or later that week, see Gregan for further details. 4-7 people in the gender-blind cast. Performances will be Monday May 6th at the Castle.



Chair's Corner

Hello one and all, I do believe over the past few days I've seen a strange yellow thing in the sky, let's hope it stays around and we have a lovely warm Spring ahead of us. Even if Spring doesn't turn out to be the wonderful warm weather we hope for we've got plenty of things happening in March to keep you occupied!

First up of course is *Antigone*, performing at the Georgian Theatre 20th-22nd March. I have it on excellent authority that this is a fantastic production so make sure you get your tickets booked if you haven't already.

We have coming up in March not one but two sets of read throughs and auditions for upcoming shows. We have our Summer production, *Monstrous Regiment* coming up as our March Clubnight. Adapted from the Terry Pratchett novel, it follows the story of Polly Perks who never cared until her brother Paul went missing in the army. To find him, she disguises herself as a boy and joins a misfit group of recruits led by the sergeant's sergeant, the infamous Jackrum. A great piece of satire, this show has girls dressed as boys, boys dressed as girls dressed as boys, and a good helping of chaos to tie it all together.

Then later on in the month we have auditions for our offering into this year's Mayfest. Gill Page will be taking the helm once again to provide a pantomime style comedic offering in *Dr Reynard*. If you fancy the challenge of performing outdoors why not come along and give it a go?

Finally a reminder that we now have a new 'Friends' offering - if you are a Friend of RADS you get a discount on your ticket and your name in the programme. So if you have friends and family that are regular attendees of our performances why not tell them to become a Friend? You can also be a 'Friend' as well as a Member! Contact membership@richmond-ads.org.uk for more info!

Hope to see you at *Antigone* if not sooner!

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