



1934 - 2023

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Summer 2023 27 - 29 July
and 3 - 5 August

MACBETH

by William Shakespeare

Directed by Clare Allen

Autumn 2023 9 - 11 November

WHISKY GALORE

by Compton Mackenzie / Philip Goulding

Directed by Mike Walker

Contraband's the game for RADS this Autumn

After a bit of a delay waiting to hear from the rights-holders, we can finally announce that RADS Autumn 2023 production will be *Whisky Galore*, to be directed by Mike Walker.

Many of you will remember the popular 1949 film starring Basil Radford and Joan Greenwood, or the 2016 remake with Eddie Izzard and Gregor Fisher, but Philip Goulding has adapted Compton Mackenzie's novel to reimagine it as being played by a travelling all-female theatre troupe in the 1950's:

"It's 1955 and the Pallas Players, an all-female theatre company, are putting on a play: *Whisky Galore*.

They transport us back to 1943 on the Scottish islands of Great and Little Today, where the whisky supply has dried up because of the war, leaving tensions running high. Relief seems to be at hand when a ship carrying 50,000 bottles of whisky is wrecked just offshore. Then it's every thirsty man for himself as the islanders try to rescue as many bottles as possible before stuffy Captain Waggett of the Home Guard can put a stop to their fun."

Philip Goulding's adaptation of Compton Mackenzie's comedy classic retains its absurdity and joyful sense of mischief and is a tribute to the feisty all-female touring theatre companies of the post-war years. *Whisky Galore* combines rollicking physical theatre, panto and farce, with an array of twenty-five hilarious characters divvied up amongst a cast of seven.

Further information on audition dates and character information will follow in this newsletter and on the website Member's Information page. In the meantime, Mike will be pleased to receive any offers of backstage help on 07866 436611 or email webmaster@richmond-ads.org.uk



Macbeth - Further Casting

We now have a full complement of witches! Carole White has been added to the Macbeth cast as 3rd Witch.



Chair's Corner

Hello Everyone!

Sorry I missed the Mayfest performance but the lure of sunshine in Madeira was just too great! Well done to Gregan and his band of roving players. It lifts RADS profile in the town and I know the organisers want this to become an annual event.

Macbeth rehearsals are now well underway and as the "Hollow Crown" is passed on once again, on stage at Scone, and at Westminster, maybe it is time to consider looking at John Barton's play of that name for next Mayfest. Worth a thought! See you soon!

Regards, Warnock Kerr

e-mail: chairman@richmond-ads.org.uk

Subscription Reminder

Note that current Members should renew their subscription at the AGM, or by the end of August. The annual subscription fee is £20 (Students £5). Friends £7.50 membership is also due. Please send your cheque for continued membership - payable to RADS - as soon as possible after the AGM - to the Membership Secretary at the Clubrooms. We will have a card reader available for those who would like to pay at the AGM on the night, but it is also possible to pay by BACS using the following details:

Richmond Amateur Dramatic Society

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RADS Social Events

Clubnights

Monday 15th May 2023 - Improvisation Workshop

Fancy a fun evening based around improvisation? What if we told you it was being led by Queen Elizabeth I herself? Beki Stevenson (minus ruff) has offered to present one of her highly entertaining workshops where she will be encouraging us to be an angry tree or something. Come and improve your acting skills!

Please note this Clubnight has been moved from Monday 8th May as this is a Bank Holiday for The Coronation.

Monday 12th June 2023 - RADS AGM

RADS Annual General Meeting 2023 will take place at the Club Rooms at 7:30pm. Look out for your AGM papers arriving in your email inbox or via post. Please note that any proposed changes to the Constitution or Rules, or any additional items for the Agenda, including items of Any Other Business, must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting (i.e. by Monday May 29th).

There is also the opportunity to submit nominations for the Lindon Medals for Best Actor / Actress - actors from the RADS 2022-23 productions of *Stepping Out*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Swive [Elizabeth]* and *The Form* are eligible; and recommendations for the society's charity donations and for the award of Honorary Membership. See the AGM papers for details

Saturday 15th September 2023 14:30pm - 'Noises Off'

NOISES OFF by Michael Frayn
NEWCASTLE THEATRE ROYAL
2.30pm SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

The acclaimed West End production of 'one of the greatest British comedies ever written' visits Newcastle Theatre Royal in September this year.

The September Clubnight will be a trip to see the Saturday matinee performance. We have tickets in the Grand Circle which are priced at £37. Tickets have to be paid for by Friday 7 July.

Alex, our Treasurer, is happy to accept payment by instalments and details of payment for tickets will be made available later.

We can arrange 'car share' later as well - patrons with a ticket for a show at the Theatre Royal can travel on the Metro free of charge on the day of the performance with a 2 hour window before and after the show.

If you would like to add your name to the list of RADS members attending, please email Gregan - secretary@richmond-ads.org.uk