



# Irving Stage Company Newsletter

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## REUNION MARKS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

*Calling all members of the Irving Stage Company,  
past and present*

**The Irving Stage Company is celebrating its golden anniversary year with a reunion evening, to which all members past and present are warmly invited.**

The reunion is planned for Saturday, September 19, at the Hyndman Centre, Hospital Road, Bury St Edmunds, from 5.30 to 8pm. Guests will have the chance to catch up with old friends and relive theatrical glories past, reminisce over the Irving's extensive archive, which will be on display, and enjoy a fish and chip supper. Since it was founded as The Irving Club in 1959, the Bury-based company has taken quality drama to audiences across Suffolk. The past year alone has seen the company at the Theatre Royal in Bury presenting *Steel Magnolias* and *Chess*, and at Haverhil's One Act play festival with *Grimm Tales*. Rehearsals are under way for *The Murder of Maria Marten - The Red Barn*, Suffolk's famous tale of passion and murder, being performed in October.

Irving Stage Company Chairman, Mark Jefferson, said: "We do hope to welcome many friends to the reunion. As well as our active current membership, there are many people who have worked with us in the past 50 years and still support us as members of our audience. The reunion is a chance for us all to get together, remember happy times and share good memories."

**Entry to the event is by ticket only, priced £8. This includes a fish and chip supper, tea, coffee and soft drinks. To book, telephone the ISC on 07849 314461 or visit [www.irvingstage.co.uk](http://www.irvingstage.co.uk) to download a booking form.**

### EDINBURGH 2009

Irving Stage Company member Charlotte Couture (Florence - Chess 2009 and Johanna - Sweeney Todd 2008) has recently travelled to Edinburgh to perform in the Fringe Festival 2009. Charlotte, together with fellow members of K2 Productions - Tom Crooke, Libby Earland, Sarah Burdett and Dan Stranger, performed Fear and Misery of the Third Reich by Bertolt Brecht in the Sweet ECA venue. The group completed twelve performances to critical acclaim. The group fund raised to reach the amount of £3000 needed to take the production to Edinburgh.

### MARIA MARTEN

The rehearsals for our October production have started in earnest. Why not see how they are getting on by visiting a rehearsal. Look on the website for more details.

### SUMMER PARTY

A late, warm summer's evening was enjoyed on the banks of the River Lark by over 40 members of the company at our Summer Party in August.

A big thank you goes to John and Carolyn Child for the use of both their garden and house.

### ALTON TOWERS

A group of 15 members travelled to Alton Towers recently for a weekend away. Take a look at the photos on the website!