



Irving Stage Company Newsletter

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

The committee would like to wish all friends and members of the Irving Stage Company a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who have helped the company in any way during 2009 whether it be on stage or behind the scenes. 2009 has been a successful year and we couldn't have achieved what we have without your support.

Saturday last saw our 50th Gala Evening held in the Athenaeum. Of the 140 tickets that went on sale we sold 145, managing to squeeze in an extra five shortening our waiting list for tickets! Together with performers, the Athenaeum was bursting at the seams with over 200 people joining to celebrate our 50th. Most importantly, the evening saw us raising money for two charities - St. Nicholas Hospice and CLiC, Cancer and Leukaemia in Children. Many many thanks to all those members that joined us to celebrate the night away.

The committee have pleasure in announcing our next year's programme. You already know about our opening production of ***Guys and Dolls*** at the Theatre Royal - March 9th - 13th. Mid-July sees us undertaking an exciting and brand new project - an open air production of ***Romeo and Juliet***. This is to be held in the haunting venue of the cloisters at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral. The production is to be directed by Tim Lodge, our treasurer. We intend to hold auditions for the production as soon after *Guys and Dolls* as possible. More details in our next newsletter.

Our October production will be ***A Streetcar Named Desire*** by Tennessee Williams. Widely considered a landmark play, it deals with a culture clash between two iconic characters, Blanche DuBois, a relic of the Old South of the US, and Stanley Kowalski, a rising member of the industrial, urban working class. The production was a popular choice with the committee and has already stirred great interest amongst the membership. We welcome back Shawn Peart to direct the piece.

Attached to this newsletter is a short letter outlining our new method of collecting subscriptions. It should prove a much easier method than past years.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful Christmas and a Happy New Year.