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# LONDON LATEST

## News and Updates from the London Region

Spring 2016

### Councillor's Message



*Jacquie Stedman*

Welcome to this edition of London Latest.

Well here we are in 2016 with a new year ahead in which to continue this wonderful hobby of ours. Amateur Theatre is alive and well in London and I hope it continues to be that way.

At the beginning of the month we judged the Programme and Poster competition for those productions which took place in 2015 – many thanks to all those of you who submitted entries. The standard is very high and it is not an easy job and takes all day – but at least the judges get fed and watered during the course of the day!! The winners will be announced at the Awards Day on 26 June and feedback forms will follow soon after that.

The appetite for pantomime continues to grow and I am pleased to report that the sale of NODA pantomime scripts continues to rise. However.....a word of warning!!! Before you use any Disney songs **YOU MUST** check that is allowed. Disney are renowned for not allowing any of their material to be used without prior consent (and sometimes not even then) and I would hate to see any of our London groups fined or closed down for breach of Disney's rules. Please also ensure that your venue has a current PRS licence to allow the use of other musical material.

I am very pleased to report that we have two new reps joining the team: District 4 sees Robin Kelly taking over from Darren Knight who has undertaken to be the interim Rep for District 3, and Mike Monk has taken over the responsibility for District 10 from Sarah Buttler who stays on the Regional Committee in another role. I would like to welcome both Robin and Mike to the team and wish them a long and happy relationship with NODA London.

**KEEP THE DATE FREE – The NODA London Conference and Awards Day will be Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Further details to follow in due course, plus how to advertise in the Awards Day brochure.**

*Jacquie Stedman*

## NEW REP FOR DISTRICT 4

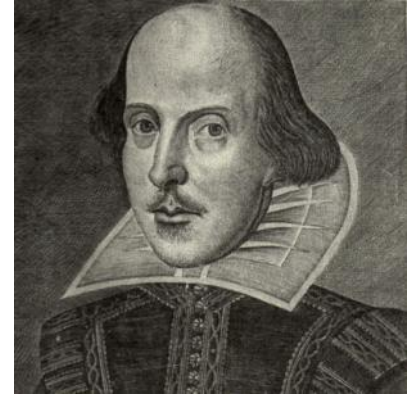


Robin Kelly

An extremely young Robin Kelly made his stage debut in 1967 with his local operatic society in Manchester, going on to appear with various societies in the area until his move to London in 1975. Training at the Central School of Speech & Drama was followed by a teaching career which began in Drama before working in Special Educational Needs up to his retirement last year. In the meantime, he continued involvement with amateur theatre, directing, performing, writing, lighting, and even playing his guitar for a wide range of musicals and plays with a number of local societies and youth groups.

He is looking forward to making use of that experience in visiting as many productions as possible on his patch, as well as contributing to the work of NODA in London.

## SHAKESPEARE ANNIVERSARY



April 23rd 2016, St Georges Day, marks the 400th anniversary of the death of our greatest playwright William Shakespeare.

The London Region has a long and proud tradition of putting on excellent productions of his plays and this year this has had even more relevance. Indeed the winner of the NODA London's Pat Redhead Drama Award for 2015 was the Mayhem Musical Theatre Company's production of Twelfth Night.

The boom in West End productions has grown and grown and the reviews of A Winters Tale are much deserved.

In the amdram world there are a couple of Shakespeare plays being done in June – Merry Wives of Windsor by Proscenium at the Compass Theatre Ickenham [www.proscenium.org.uk](http://www.proscenium.org.uk) and Midsummer Night's Dream by Garden Suburb Theatre, Little Oak Wood Open Air Theatre, NW11 [www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk](http://www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk) In addition Opera Integra will perform Verdi's opera of Macbeth on 18 and 19 March [www.operaintegra.org.uk](http://www.operaintegra.org.uk).

### ALD. F C JONES MBE

It is with great sadness that Barking Music and Drama has to announce the death of its President, Ald. Fred Jones. Fred became President of Barking MAD in 1993 and over the next twenty-three years was a very active Patron. He attended all general meetings and his association with the Borough Council afforded the Company valuable connections and channels of communication. He was a constant member of our front-of-house teams, selling programmes and raffle tickets and meeting and greeting audiences. He was extremely generous with his donations to the Company, especially for after-show parties and always helped with the breakdown at the end of a production run. Fred Jones was a great servant to the people of Barking and Dagenham and one of its real characters. He will be sorely missed in many areas of community life and Barking MAD has lost one of its greatest supporters.

# WHAT'S ON

## NODA London Region Fixture List

### FEBRUARY 2016

#### CABARET

16 - 20 February  
Garden Suburb Theatre  
Lund Theatre, UCS, Frognal, NW3  
[www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk](http://www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk)

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST

17 - 20 February  
Southside Players  
Chestnut Grove Theatre, Balham,  
SW12 8RR  
[www.southsideplayers.org.uk](http://www.southsideplayers.org.uk)

#### SISTER ACT

16 - 19 February  
Banbury Operatic Society  
Wykham Theatre, Banbury Academy,  
Banbury OX16 9HY  
[www.banburyoperaticsociety.co.uk](http://www.banburyoperaticsociety.co.uk)

#### RAPUNZEL

18 - 20 February  
Pheonix Players  
Edward Alleyne Theatre, Dulwich London  
SE21 7LD  
[www.pheonixplayers.org.uk](http://www.pheonixplayers.org.uk)

#### SITTING PRETTY

24 - 27 February  
Belmont Theatre  
The Pump House, Watford. WD17 2JP  
[www.belmonttheatre.co.uk](http://www.belmonttheatre.co.uk)

#### LA BELLE VIVETTE

24 - 27 February  
Southgate Opera  
Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar  
[www.southgateopera.co.uk](http://www.southgateopera.co.uk)

#### THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

25 - 27 February  
Havering Music Makers  
Kenneth More Theatre, Oakfield Road,  
Ilford, Essex  
[www.haveringmusicmakers.co.uk](http://www.haveringmusicmakers.co.uk)  
Tickets: 020 8553 4466 / [kmttheatre.co.uk](http://kmttheatre.co.uk)

### MARCH 2016

#### THE CUCKOLDS

3 - 12 March  
Wokingham Theatre  
Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road,  
Wokingham  
[www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk](http://www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk)

#### CALAMITY JANE

8 - 12 March  
Crowthorne Musical Players  
Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park, Bracknell  
[www.cmp-berks.org.uk](http://www.cmp-berks.org.uk)

#### I LOVE YOU YOU'RE PERFECT NOW CHANGE

8 - 12 March  
SEDOS  
The Bridewell Theatre, Fleet Street, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

#### GOOD NIGHT MISTER TOM the Musical

9 - 12 March  
Panda Players  
Elgiva Theatre, Chesham  
[www.pandaplayers.co.uk](http://www.pandaplayers.co.uk)

#### SISTER ACT

15 - 19 March  
BOS Musical Theatre, Beaconsfield  
[www.bosopera.com](http://www.bosopera.com)

#### FAMILY PLANNING

17 - 19 March  
Riverside Players  
The Memorial Hall, Old Windsor  
[www.riversideplayers.com](http://www.riversideplayers.com)

#### THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE

17 - 10 March  
Theydon Bois Drama Society  
Theydon Bois Village Hall, Theydon Bois  
CM16 7ER  
[www.theydondrama.org](http://www.theydondrama.org) Box Office 01992  
812250

#### MACBETH - VERDI

18 & 19 March  
Opera Integra  
St John's Church.  
Notting Hill London W11 2NN  
[www.operaintegra.org.uk](http://www.operaintegra.org.uk)

#### SHAKERS

23 - 26 March  
East Berkshire Operatic Society  
Pinewood Theatre  
Old Wokingham Road  
Wokingham Without RG40 3AQ  
[www.ebos.org.uk](http://www.ebos.org.uk)

### APRIL 2016

#### THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

6 - 9 April  
Ruislip Operatic Society  
Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip  
[www.ruislipos.org](http://www.ruislipos.org)

#### LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

6 - 9 April  
HEOS Musical Theatre  
The Questors Theatre, Ealing W5 5BQ  
[www.questors.org.uk](http://www.questors.org.uk)

#### 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

6 - 9 April  
Eldorado Musical Productions  
Bob Hope Theatre, Eltham, SE9 5TG  
[www.eldoradomusicalproductions.co.uk](http://www.eldoradomusicalproductions.co.uk)  
[www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk](http://www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk)

#### MADE IN DAGENHAM

6 - 9 April  
WLOS  
John McIntosh Arts Centre, London Oratory  
School,  
Seagrave Road, Fulham SW6 1RX  
[www.wlos.org.uk](http://www.wlos.org.uk)

#### AN ENGLISH TRAGEDY by Ronald Harwood

7 - 9 April  
Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society  
Lopping Hall, High Road, Loughton, Essex,  
IG10 4LF  
[www.lads.org.uk](http://www.lads.org.uk)

#### SUCH STUFF AS DREAMS ARE MADE ON

Adapted from Shakespeare's The Tempest  
by Sarah Heenan  
12 - 16 April, 10 - 23 April  
SEDOS  
The production takes place near East India  
DLR station. Full venue details will be sent  
to audience members one week before the  
event.  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

#### WAITING IN THE WINGS

13 - 16 April  
Proscenium  
Compass Theatre, Ickenham, UB10 8PD  
[www.proscenium.org.uk](http://www.proscenium.org.uk)

#### TIME AND THE CONWAYS

13 - 16 April  
Carlton Theatre Group  
New Wimbledon Studio Theatre  
The Broadway, London SW19 1QG  
[www.carltondramaticsociety.org](http://www.carltondramaticsociety.org)

#### AGATHA CRUSTY AND THE VILLAGE HALL MURDERS

14 - 16 April  
Harefield Amateur Dramatic Society  
St Marys Church Hall, Harefield, Middlesex  
[www.harefielddramatic.org](http://www.harefielddramatic.org)

#### 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

21 - 23 April  
Forest Musical Theatre Company  
Kenneth More Theatre, Oakfield Road,  
Ilford, IG1 1BT  
[www.forestmusical.co.uk](http://www.forestmusical.co.uk)

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## NODA London Region Fixture List

### APRIL 2016 Continued

#### HAIR

26 - 30 April  
Geoids  
Bridewell Theatre, Bride Lane, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.geoidsmt.co.uk](http://www.geoidsmt.co.uk)

#### DI AND VIV AND ROSE

27 - 30 April  
New Stagers  
St Anne's Hall, Wandsworth  
SW18 2RS  
[www.newstagers.co.uk](http://www.newstagers.co.uk)

### MAY 2016

#### EVITA

3 - 7 May  
Centre Stage  
Bridewell Theatre, London EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.centrestagelondon.co.uk](http://www.centrestagelondon.co.uk)

#### THE GOD OF CARNAGE

5 - 14 May  
Wokingham Theatre  
Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road,  
Wokingham  
[www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk](http://www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk)

#### 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

11 - 14 May  
WOS Productions  
Winston Churchill Theatre,  
Ruislip, HA4 7QL  
[www.wos-productions.org.uk](http://www.wos-productions.org.uk)

#### A WAKE ALL NIGHT

A new Comedy by Mike Warrick  
12 - 14 May  
Arrow Players  
St. Edmund's Hall, Northwood Hills,  
HA6 1QS  
Box Office 020 8428 1349 - opens Mon 14  
March  
[www.arrowplayers.org.uk/](http://www.arrowplayers.org.uk/)

#### THE MIKADO

13 - 16 May  
Loughton Operatic Society  
Lopping Hall, Loughton, IG10 4LF  
[www.loughtonoperatic.org.uk](http://www.loughtonoperatic.org.uk)

#### LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

10 - 14 May  
East Berkshire Operatic Society  
The Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park  
Bracknell RG127PA  
[www.ebos.org.co.uk](http://www.ebos.org.co.uk)

#### BLACKADDER 11

12 - 14 May  
Garden Suburb Theatre  
The Bull Theatre, Barnet, EN5 5SJ  
[www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk](http://www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk)

#### REEFER MADNESS

17 - 21 May  
SEDOS  
The Bridewell Theatre, Fleet Street, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

#### 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

18 - 21 May  
Maidenhead Operatic Society (MOS)  
The Desborough Suite, Town Hall, St Ives  
Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF  
[www.mos-uk.org](http://www.mos-uk.org)

### JUNE 2016

#### CARMEN

9 - 11 June  
Southgate Opera  
Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar  
[www.southgateopera.co.uk](http://www.southgateopera.co.uk)

#### SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

9 - 11 June  
Barking MAD  
Kenneth More Theatre Ilford IG1 1BT  
[www.barkingmad.org.uk](http://www.barkingmad.org.uk)

#### RAGTIME in CONCERT

14 - 19 June  
Centre Stage  
Bishopsgate Institute, London EC2M 4QH  
[www.centrestagelondon.co.uk/](http://www.centrestagelondon.co.uk/)

#### THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR

15 - 18 June  
Proscenium  
Compass Theatre, Ickenham, UB10 8PD  
[www.proscenium.org.uk](http://www.proscenium.org.uk)

#### BLUE STOCKINGS

16 - 25 June  
Wokingham Theatre  
Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road,  
Wokingham  
[www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk](http://www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk)

#### WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY?

21 - 25 June  
SEDOS  
The Bridewell Theatre, Fleet Street, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

#### OLD BOILERS

22 - 25 June  
Riverside Players  
The Memorial Hall, Old Windsor  
[www.riversideplayers.com](http://www.riversideplayers.com)

#### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Date tbc  
Garden Suburb Theatre  
Little Oak Wood Open Air Theatre, NW11  
[www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk](http://www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk)

### JULY 2016

#### ANNIE

14 - 16 July  
Haverling Music Makers  
Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch,  
Essex  
[www.haverlingmusicmakers.co.uk](http://www.haverlingmusicmakers.co.uk)  
Tickets: 01708 762256  
[tickets@haverlingmusicmakers.co.uk](mailto:tickets@haverlingmusicmakers.co.uk)

#### DONKEYS' YEARS

14 - 23 July  
Wokingham Theatre  
Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road,  
Wokingham  
[www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk](http://www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk)

#### 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

18 - 23 July  
Centre Stage  
Bridewell Theatre, London EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.centrestagelondon.co.uk](http://www.centrestagelondon.co.uk)

#### OLIVER!

28 - 31 July  
Quay Players  
Greenwood Theatre London. SE1 3RA.  
[www.quayplayers.org.uk](http://www.quayplayers.org.uk)

#### LONDON ROAD

28 July - 6 August  
SEDOS  
The Bridewell Theatre, Fleet Street, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

### AUGUST 2016

#### LONDON ROAD

28 July - 6 August  
SEDOS  
The Bridewell Theatre, Fleet Street, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

#### WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOLF

16 - 20 August  
Carlton Theatre Group  
New Wimbledon Studio Theatre  
The Broadway, London SW19 1QG  
[www.carltondramaticsociety.org](http://www.carltondramaticsociety.org)

#### OLIVER!

28 - 30 July  
Quay Players

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### SEPTEMBER 2016

#### MADE IN DAGENHAM

13 – 17 September  
SWMTC  
Norden Farm Centre for the Arts  
Maidenhead SL6 4PF  
[www.swmtc.co.uk](http://www.swmtc.co.uk)

#### RITUAL SLAUGHTER OF GORGE MASTROMAS

28 September – 1 October  
SEDOS  
The Bridewell Theatre, Fleet Street, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

#### THE FULL MONTY

28 September - 1 October  
Ruislip Operatic Society  
Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip  
[www.ruislipos.org](http://www.ruislipos.org)

16 – 19 November  
WOS Productions  
Winston Churchill Theatre,  
Ruislip, HA4 7QL  
[www.wos-productions.org.uk](http://www.wos-productions.org.uk)

#### CANDIDE

23 November – 3 December  
SEDOS  
The Bridewell Theatre, Fleet Street, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

### DECEMBER 2016

#### CANDIDE

23 November – 3 December  
SEDOS  
The Bridewell Theatre, Fleet Street, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

### OCTOBER 2016

#### ONE MAN TWO GUVNORS

4 – 8 October  
SEDOS  
The Bridewell Theatre, Fleet Street, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.sedos.co.uk](http://www.sedos.co.uk)

#### ANNIE

14-16 July  
Havering Music Makers  
Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch,  
Essex  
Tickets: 01708  
762256 / [tickets@haveringmusicmakers.co.uk](mailto:tickets@haveringmusicmakers.co.uk)

#### LEGALLY BLONDE

20 - 22 October  
Forest Musical Theatre Company  
Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford, IG1 1BT  
[www.forestmusical.co.uk](http://www.forestmusical.co.uk)

#### ON THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

26 - 29 October  
Geoids  
Bridewell Theatre, Bride Lane, London  
EC4Y 8EQ  
[www.geoidsmt.co.uk](http://www.geoidsmt.co.uk)

### NOVEMBER 2016

#### CHESS

1 – 5 November  
East Berkshire Operatic Society  
The Wilde Theatre  
South Hill Park  
Bracknell RG12 7PA  
[www.ebos.org.uk](http://www.ebos.org.uk)

#### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The best laid plans of mice and Editors....

Apologies for this Spring newsletter going out earlier than was stated in the last issue. An appointment with a surgeon's knife means having to bring forward the deadline and putting this edition together in somewhat of a rush. It also explains the lack of articles. For those of you who were hoping to put an article or details of your production in the Newsletter, particularly if it will be too late for the May edition, profuse apologies.

Normal service will be resumed for the Summer edition—**the deadline being 10 May with distribution end May.**

Please make sure your show appears in the What's On section by forwarding the show details, as shown above, to: [rosemary.roberts@noda.org.uk](mailto:rosemary.roberts@noda.org.uk).

Please keep sending in your articles, it's what makes our Newsletters so interesting.



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