

# *Rose Bowl*

## *News*

*Summer 2021*



### **Hello and welcome to our Summer Newsletter**

It has been such a difficult time for amateur theatre, with so many productions having to be cancelled or postponed, we thought it was a good time for us to get in contact again and reassure you that we are all still here and ready to support you when your productions get started again – as some already have.

### **Lockdown award**

Thank you to all of the Clubs and Groups who sent entries in for the Lockdown Award. It has been lovely to see how you have supported your members and your communities. Keeping your groups going through quizzes, play readings, music, podcasts, singalongs and so much more. It was clear that a lot of general

We have been busy considering our 'Lockdown Award' entries and making plans for our Awards Ceremony later this year. More of that to follow.

Do feel free to get in touch with us for any queries or questions you may have. The committee is here to help in any way we can.

digital dexterity was put to very good use. Thank you for submitting your entries; we had a lot of fun watching them all and the Committee marked them all individually and anonymously earlier this month. We are delighted to announce the nominations for this unique one-off award. And they are:

Cotswold Players  
Frome Drama Group  
St Philip and St James Drama Group  
Thornbury Musical Theatre Group

*The winner will be announced at the Rose Bowl Awards Ceremony in November this year. And we will share the winning entry with you all, either on the night or via our web site.*

# Shows are starting up again

Obviously, we were all hoping that by now theatre, both professional and amateur, would be back up and running as before but it is not to be, quite yet. We are seeing glimmers of hope though; rehearsals have started, productions are being staged and the Adjudicators have been out adjudicating again.



We must congratulate those groups who have managed in these uncertain times to put on their productions. The protocols, rules and regulations that they have had to follow to get their production in front of an audience takes a lot of patience and dedication from a strong leadership team. The risks they have had to take, with rules changing at a moment's notice, cast members getting ill and of course the 'ping' factor which can strike at any time. Well done to you all.



## Confirmation of Season timings

We want to let you know our plans for closing off the 2019-2021 season. We have taken the decision not to extend the season any further, as some of the early shows put on at the end of 2019 need to be considered before they are forgotten.

So, we will close the extended season (started in August 2019) at the end of August 2021. We had 43 adjudicated productions prior to lockdown and we have some more productions to adjudicate before the end of August this year.

The Adjudicators are delighted to be back in theatres, gardens and halls, both indoors and outdoors watching your shows and they will have a lot to discuss at their meeting in early September. Nominations will be sent out in late September for this year's Awards. Any shows that you are planning from September 2021 onwards will fall into the 2021-22 season.

# Our Awards Ceremony in November

Due to the continuing uncertainty of future lockdown risks, we feel it is sensible to prepare for all eventualities and therefore we are currently preparing two plans for the Awards Ceremony.

Plan A is to hold a physical ceremony, where we can get together in a hotel in Bristol for the evening and enjoy dinner together and a host of entertainment as usual. Plan B is going to be a virtual ceremony (you have probably watched some of these already this year – BAFTAs etc.) where we will record nominations, maybe get people together on Zoom and encourage you all to get together in your bubbles and enjoy the evening watching on screen and listening out for the winners to be announced.



The decision on which Plan to go with will be taken after the Prime Minister's review on the 20th September.

Whatever the decision, the event will definitely happen on Sunday 14th November and you can be certain it will remain a true and heartfelt celebration of amateur theatre. If we are able to go ahead with a physical event, this year it will be held the Bristol Marriott Hotel and NOT, as previously advised in the Christmas Newsletter, The Winter Gardens in Weston-super-Mare. So please put the date in your diary and we will update you very soon with our plans.



Best wishes from the Rose Bowl Awards Committee and good luck for all your rehearsals for the coming season.

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