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## 'Annie Get Your Gun' just weeks away...

Summer has flown by and we are now only weeks away from opening night of our next production of **'Annie Get Your Gun'**. The cast and production team have been working really hard over the last few months, and it is really starting to take shape. Welcome to Kevin Abrey, Kevin Sammon and Jonathan Lloyd-Gane who have joined the cast as 'Sitting Bull' and his merry Indians! Sadly Peter Smith has withdrawn from the show, but we welcome our PA Robyn as MRS Foster-Wilson.

Ticket sales have been steadily increasing and we are now at 47.46%. Well done to everyone who has been pushing sales so far, but we still have a long way to go so please SELL as many as you can in these final few weeks.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at the **Barleyland's** publicity event on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August in during the 'Cowboys & Cowgirl's' themed week.



Pictured: The colouring competition table

We had a fantastic day, it was really busy and we had a lot of interest – the colouring

competition in particular was enjoyed by the children. Barleylands' Nicola Larkin drew the winner of the free tickets to see the show. Many thanks to everyone at Barleylands for their support with our publicity campaign.



Pictured: Christine, Dave and Audrey at Barleylands.

Our next publicity day has been organised for this **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** in Chelmsford. We will once again be having a stand, this time in the **High Chelmer Shopping Centre from 9am to 4pm** where the public can enter another draw to win 2 more free tickets to the show. We also have permission to hand out flyers in the **High Street from 10am to 5pm**. This is a really important day to get the show advertised, so if you are able to help out and have not yet put your name forward please contact Dave Yetton 01245 263537 or [david.yetton@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:david.yetton@blueyonder.co.uk).

The **After Show Party** will be held once again at 'The Corner Lounge' (what was 'Gerrado's on the Square) at a cost of £10 per head. Jill Gordon and Becki Martin are organising and are now collecting money.

## Award-winning Richard!

Many congratulations to **Richard Harrison** who recently won the NODA Best Actor award for Region 8 for his performance as 'Gaston' in CAODS award-winning production of 'Beauty and the Beast' in September 2010.

Richard was surprised at a recent rehearsal for 'Annie Get Your Gun' by our NODA rep Stewart Adkins, who presented him with his award in front of the whole cast.



Pictured: Richard receiving his award from NODA's Stewart Adkins with the cast of 'Annie Get Your Gun'.

As Stewart announced, this award is usually won by an actor involved in a straight play due to the nature of the characterisation and rarely by a musical theatre performer, so this really goes to prove what a well-deserved achievement this was. Well done Richard!

**Want to know what show we are doing after Copacabana.....  
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## OUR AUTUMN 2012 SHOW IS.....



We are delighted to announce that the CAODS September 2012 production will be **'Titanic: The Musical'**.

Titanic originally opened on Broadway in 1997, winning five Tony Awards including Best Musical. The story is written by Peter Stone with music and lyrics by Maury Yeston. It is based on the true story of the great ship's maiden voyage from Southampton to its sinking in the Atlantic by an iceberg. The show touches on issues such as class, immigration and mankind's vulnerability in the face of nature. The story follows passengers and crew members who actually existed and were aboard the Titanic back in 1912.



Belfast Operatic's 'Titanic' in 2006.

This is yet another new musical that we are embarking on (that is 2 new shows in the next 12 months), and it is particularly fitting to do it in 2012 as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. It is also a 'partially restricted' show yet CAODS have once again been given permission to undertake it and we are delighted that **Ray Jeffery** will be directing our production.

The show involves lots of singing and music, and requires a large cast of crew and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class passengers. - including LOTS OF MEN. There are numerous principal roles, namely 4 male leads, and many other male and female supporting roles of various ages.

Our spectacular production will set sail from the Civic Theatre on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012** and will be a premiere for Chelmsford. Rehearsal dates will follow in due course. We will also be holding a 'launch' event in the Spring to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic and to remember those who lost their lives in the disaster, and to get the ball rolling for our new venture.

## Copacabana update

Now onto our next exciting venture.....our Spring 2012 production of 'Copacabana'.



Auditions will be held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011 from 10am** and, as the HQ is unavailable, they will take place at

**Methodist Church Hall,  
124 Main Road,  
Broomfield,  
Chelmsford ,CM1 7AG.**

Please be reminded that all membership fees and show fees must be paid by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October otherwise you will not be able to audition. Audition forms will also need to be completed and returned by this date. Libs and scores will be available at the **first rehearsal on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** when Sallie will set the dance audition and give a 'talk-in' of the show.

## Baby news....

Many congratulations to **Sarah and Gareth Barton** on the birth of their little boy Tobias Ronald Victor born 14 July 2011 weighing 8lb 13oz. Congratulations to you both.

### CONTACT CAODS....

**Remember you can send any comments or suggestions to the CAODS committee at [caods1@googlemail.com](mailto:caods1@googlemail.com)**

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## 'Hoedown' evening

Yeee....haaa! The 'hoedown' evening took place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the HQ.....and everyone made a big effort with their cowboy hats, boots and gingham 'numbers'. The event was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the fantastic music and dancing to band 'St. George and the Trombone'. They managed to get near enough everyone on their feet, and even the children tried out the 'moves' and had fun.



Pictured: no they aren't doing the hokey cokey!

Jean did another amazing job with the catering for the very hungry dancers with a stunning BBQ, ably assisted by her hubby Doug and Robyn's partner, Lawrence, as chef's extraordinaire. Fortunately the weather behaved itself for once!

And the best news is that we raised £200.84 for the society from the evening - so thank you to everyone who attended and helped with our fundraising once again. And thank you to Jean and everyone who helped to organise the event and assisted with the big clear up at the end.

## Autumn Social Calendar

Although summer is nearly over and the nights are drawing in, why not perk up those pre-winter blues with two fantastic social events.

The ever popular **CAODS Quiz Night** returns once again on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30pm at the HQ** with Quiz Master Mark Doyle. Come and rack your brains and enjoy a fun filled evening with a ploughman's supper at a cost of only £10 per person Teams should consist of no more than 8 per team please. Full details are attached, so please contact Robyn to reserve your table at [robyn.gowers@live.co.uk](mailto:robyn.gowers@live.co.uk). Payments via cheque and cash must be paid by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October please.

And we are delighted to welcome back past Young Gen and CAODS member and successful West-End performer, Becki Scott, to run CAODS next exciting workshop, **Les Miserables**, on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011, from 10am-4pm at the HQ.**



Join us for one day of exploring some of the musical numbers, creating characters and getting an insight into what it's like to be a part of this magical show. Full details are attached to this newsletter.

## Ray's Masterclass

Ray was back with us on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June with his 'Make Up and Acting Masterclass' which a number of our members and Young Gen members attended. The committee had received feedback from our last 'social' survey that this was something of interest, so we were pleased to oblige.



Pictured: ...all ready and made up for a night on the town!

Many thanks to Ray for a very enjoyable and useful day and to Robyn for organising.

## 100 Club results

### June 2011 Draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	Grace Perry	£25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frank Parsall	£10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gareth Buxton	£5

### July 2011 Draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	Su Buxton	£25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Muriel Sampson	£10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Russell Day	£5

### August 2011 Draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robyn Gowers	£25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maureen Booth	£10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Audrey Hinton	£5

If you wish to join the 100 Club, please contact Dave Yetton, 35 Helston Road, Chelmsford CM1 6JF Tel: 01245 263537 or email [david.yetton@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:david.yetton@blueyonder.co.uk).



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## QUIZ NIGHT

### WHEN

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30pm

### WHERE

CYGAMS HQ, Meteor Way, Chelmsford.

You can visit our website for a map of how to locate us

<http://www.caods.com/contacts.htm>

### HOW MUCH

£10 per head including a ploughmans platter supper

(just bring your own drink & nibbles)

### TEAMS

No more than 8 per team please! If there are less than 8 of you we can always make teams up to the full complement of 8 or you can stay as a smaller and more compact number if you wish - just let us know!

To reserve your table please submit the number of your party and a team name a.s.a.p to

Robyn Gowers at [robyn.gowers@live.co.uk](mailto:robyn.gowers@live.co.uk)

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*Don't miss CAODS next workshop.....*

## Les Misérables



**WITH REBECCA SCOTT**

### Rebecca Scott: BIOGRAPHY

Rebecca studied at Italia Conti and then Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. She has most recently appeared in the 25th Anniversary tour of *Les Misérables* understudying the role of Madame Thernardier and was also in the ensemble of the 25th Anniversary concert at the O2. Her other credits include *We Will Rock You*, *Mamma Mia*, *Fat Pig*, *Taming of the Shrew*, *Beggars Opera* and *Taboo!* She is currently playing her most demanding role yet - being a mum!

### WORKSHOP CONTENT

*Les Misérables* has recently celebrated 25 years of wowing audiences and is still going strong. With memorable numbers such as *I Dreamed A Dream*, *Master of the House*, *Bring Him Home*, *Stars* and *On My Own*, its captivating melodies and dark storyline have made it one of the most popular musicals of all time. Join us for one day of exploring some of the musical numbers, creating characters and getting an insight into what it's like to be a part of this magical show.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 from 10am until 4pm**

**CYGAMS HQ, Meteor Way, Chelmsford.**

**CAODS acting & non-acting members £10 per person**

**(Non-Members are also very welcome at a cost of £15)**

**To reserve your place ASAP (as this will be a very popular day) please contact**

**Robyn Gowers on 07813 008 213 or via email at [robyn.gowers@live.co.uk](mailto:robyn.gowers@live.co.uk)**

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