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SPOTLIGHT

The Latest News from Stage One Theatre, Emba

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If you have any articles you would like included in the next Spotlight, please ensure you send them to me before the 25th of the month.

STAGE ONE SUMMER BREAK

We are now entering our summer break period when many members return to the UK (or anywhere cool!) to escape the Cyprus heat which also makes it impossible to rehearse in the theatre. Normal service will be resumed in September. However, this doesn't mean that nothing happens - see the message from Doug Craig, our Social Secretary, below.

SHIRLEY VALENTINE - OUR OCTOBER PRODUCTION!

Shirley Valentine is a one-character play by the brilliant playwright Willy Russell. It provides a moving insight into the mind of a downtrodden, working-class housewife who feels that she has completely lost her identity over years of being married to a husband who now treats her like part of the furniture. The play is both funny and sad, but the uplifting ending proves that is never too late to find oneself and learn to live life again.

Our production will take place over four nights, 4th to the 7th of October, with two of our finest actors alternating the role of Shirley: Louise Vreony and Carol Harvey. Why two? Well, quite simply, at the audition it was impossible to choose between them!

SAVE OUR THEATRE!

The cast and crew spend all the hours God sends learning lines, rehearsing, building and painting the set, making costumes, setting light and sound etc, etc. to bring each play to life. Just like the theatre company in 'A Bunch of Amateurs', Stage One is struggling in the aftermath of COVID, and we desperately need to attract full houses. To put it plainly, we need to get bums on seats to keep the theatre going.

While we are expanding our social media presence and have adverts in the press and on the radio, putting out flyers is still one of the best ways to bring the theatre to people's attention.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

1. Please follow Stage One Theatre on FB and share posts about the next play. If you want a copy of the poster for you to post directly onto your Facebook page this can be arranged.
2. When you are out and about, please notify us about places you think would be good for flyers or better still ask for some flyers and put them up in your local shops, social or sporting groups and tavernas.
3. Tell all your friends and family.
4. Share any ideas you have for better publicity.

DAVID BINGHAM

In Memory of our late member, David Bingham.

One of David Bingham's twin grandsons, Connor, is walking a full marathon of 26.2 miles next month with his school and is trying to raise a few pounds in memory of his Grandpa. This is the link to his Just Giving Page.

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[Connor's fundraiser for the British Heart Foundation - JustGiving](https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-redgwell-1686641764829?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/caroline-redgwell-1686641764829&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=4623948ceeb94565ba5df2b3a9871c07)

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CLUB NIGHTS AUTUMN 2023

This is a look ahead at the proposed social programme for the autumn. You may be aware that this year is the 40th anniversary of the founding of Stage One Theatre Company which is, of course, the most profound thing to have happened to Cyprus since the end of the Ottoman Empire. So we propose some sort of gastronomic marking of this auspicious occasion. So, if you are interested in a dinner on September 29th at a restaurant TBD (but suggestions are welcome for a slightly upmarket venue) then please contact me.

For October, we are looking at another Emba's Got Talent variety show. Stage One is creaking at the seams with this valuable commodity so if you would like to do a spot in this show then again, please contact me.

It has been suggested that a boat trip in the "dead" summer months might be a welcome addition to our glittering social programme, So if you fancy a trip from Latchi/Latsi/Lakki to the mysterious and possibly imaginary Blue Lagoon in July then please let me know.

All of the above events are numbers dependent and will take a fair amount of organising. I know details are scant at this point but if I can have a show of hands, in principle, then I can go ahead and explore the detailed delights which will await you. You can contact me on this medium or 96726340 or presumably on the children's media networks tick tock, click clock, pick pock and all the other electronic tortures which continue to distress me on a daily basis.

In any event have a lovely summer and remember that a suntan below the bikini line betrays an insouciance entirely in keeping with the performing artiste.

Doug Craig

DRAMA SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Cathy Asater has offered to run workshops in the theatre on a Saturday in September from 3.00pm with a follow up on a Saturday in October. The activities will cover a variety of drama skills including characterisation, script work, voice, physical theatre, stagecraft and more. This is open to everyone including any possible new members as the activities are suited to any level of experience. In the first instance please advise Cathy if you would like to attend and final dates and times will be given to you nearer the time. dacasa@cytanet.com.cy

NEW CONTACT NUMBER FOR THEATRE ENQUIRIES

We have a new contact number and email address for general enquiries. The number is 97 697962 and our new email address is hello@stageonetheatre.com.

POSTER DISTRIBUTORS

Advertising is the lifeblood of our productions and, while we have a good on-line presence these days, good old posters and flyers are still one of the best ways to get news of our productions out to our potential audiences.

Paphos covers a very large area as you are well aware and getting poster and flyer coverage is a major undertaking. If you can help out by distributing posters and flyers to businesses in your area or at events, we would be very grateful.

Please contact me on 97 638930 if you can help with this vital task.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Every month we hold a committee meeting at the theatre where we discuss all manner of items concerning the smooth running of Stage One Theatre. The next meeting will be on September 5th after the summer break. If you have any questions or wish to raise any issues with the committee, please approach a committee member at a club night or email our secretary Jane Stephens at janestephensstageone@outlook.com.

Did you know - Shakespeare's Globe is the only building in London permitted to have a thatched roof

Since the Great Fire of London in 1666, there has been a law banning buildings with thatched roofs because they are such a fire hazard. The Great Fire burned for three nights and destroyed over 13,000 houses in the capital. But don't panic – fire retardants and sprinklers protect the modern thatch used today to ensure we don't repeat history. The Globe also burned down in 1613, 53 years before the Great Fire. There was only one casualty: a man whose breeches caught fire and were extinguished with a bottle of ale!