



drip action newsletter – autumn/winter 2007

Dear Theatregoer,

Welcome to our Autumn/Winter 2007 Newsletter

arundel festival fringe *and* madfest music art & drama

This year's Theatre Trail saw audience numbers reach an all time high and our reprise of *Artist Descending a Staircase* by Tom Stoppard also played to full houses for the duration of its run – making 2007, our 20th Anniversary, our most successful Festival ever.

We would like to thank those who volunteered their time, energy and expertise both on stage, behind the scenes and front of house – organizing the Theatre Trail is a major logistical challenge and would be impossible without the dedication and support of so many able and willing volunteers. If you would like to be involved in any capacity, during next year's Festival, please let us know:

- Actors, Stage Managers and Directors, please contact us via e-mail at dripactioninfo@btinternet.com or by phoning 01903 885250
- Front of House volunteers, please contact Penny Hadley at pennyhadley@btopenworld.com or by phoning 07771 554755 or Lizzie Lee at liz.696lee@btinternet.com or by phoning 07870 442261



THEATRE TRAIL 2008 WRITERS COMPETITION

Always wanted to see your play performed? Why not submit an entry for next year's Theatre Trail?

Plays should be between 30 and 40 minutes long, be suitable for day time performance with minimal cast and props. (One play only, please)

All entries should be submitted, along with the £5.00 reading fee to:

Drip Action Theatre – Theatre Trail 2008
c/o Fe2
65a High Street
Arundel
West Sussex
BN18 9AJ

All entries must be received by 31st December 2007.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you would like your play returned.

Cheques should be made payable to Drip Action Theatre Company

For full details and rules of entry, please contact drip action theatre: dripactioninfo@btinternet.com or telephone 01903 885250 or check our website at www.dripaction.co.uk

Our reading committee will select the 8 plays that will be performed in the Arundel Festival Theatre Trail 2008, with the best submitted play receiving the Joy Goun award at our Theatre Trail launch in May 2008.

Our programme for 2007 continues, overleaf ...

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all programme information subject to change; any changes will be advertised as soon as possible

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The Road to Mecca

by Athol Fugard

Directed by Pennie Billingham

New York Drama Critics Circle Award Best Foreign Play 1987 - 88

Pennie writes: "The Road to Mecca", set in the village of Nieu Bethesda in the desolate wasteland of the Karoo Valley in South Africa during the days of apartheid, is an emotional roller-coaster of love, loss, betrayal and ultimately trust re-born. Kate Smith, Geraldine Lee-Uff-Zyms and Nick Peters bring joyful life and colour to Athol Fugard's tale of Helen Martins, an Afrikaner, whose creation of Mecca in the grounds of her home caused consternation and hostility among the locals. Full of light and glitter, like Helen's life, this play will make you laugh, it will make you cry and in the end it will leave you with a feeling of hope and belief in the human race.

The Road to Mecca will be performed at the Victoria Club, 10 Tarrant Street, Arundel
Tuesday 30th October to Saturday 3rd November 2007 at 8pm.

Tickets are £9.00 (£8.00 Victoria Club Members and £5.00 Students) and are available from the Arundel Information Centre, 61 High Street, Arundel or by e-mailing dripactioninfo@btinternet.com or by phoning 01903 885250.

Alternatively, please return the enclosed booking form to The Arundel Information Centre.
Patrons buy one get one free for the opening night performance on Tuesday 30th October.

The bar will be open before and after each performance and during the interval.



CHRISTMAS 2007

Following the success of last year's mini Winter Theatre Trail, **drip action** will be presenting **THE TWELVE PLAYS OF CHRISTMAS** in conjunction with the town's festivities. All plays are original works by regular **drip action** contributors and are based on the popular song "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

Each play will be no more than 10 minutes long and all twelve will be performed each evening for five days over two weekends at the Victoria Club, 10 Tarrant Street, Arundel.

Friday 30th November & Saturday 1st December, and Thursday 6th to Saturday 8th December 2007.

Note starting time: 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are £9.00 (£8.00 Victoria Club Members and £5.00 Students) and will available from the Arundel Information Centre, 61 High Street, Arundel or by e-mailing dripactioninfo@btinternet.com or by phoning 01903 885250.

A cash bar will be available before and after each performance and during the intervals.

2008 Programme

More exciting and innovative theatre can be expected in 2008:

Our Spring production is **FROZEN by Bryony Lavery** – winner of the Best New Play Award in 1988

Our Summer production at South Stoke Barn will be **HEROES by Gerald Sibleyfras, translated by Tom Stoppard.**

Arundel Festival will see the return of our **Theatre Trail** and our evening production will be **CROOKED by Catherine Trieschmann**.

Don't forget to keep up to date by visiting our website: www.dripaction.co.uk

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