



Drip Action newsletter – Summer 2009

Dear Theatregoer,

A sell-out success, the world première of **A HEALTHY GRAVE** by **SIMON BRETT** introduced some new visitors to Drip Action and the Victoria Club who, we hope, will become regular supporters.

A hilarious yet heart-breaking study of an enduring marriage **A HEALTHY GRAVE** was sensitively performed by Simon Brett and Laurretta Tomlinson.



Laurretta Tomlinson and Simon Brett – **A HEALTHY GRAVE** by **SIMON BRETT**, The Victoria Club 14 – 18 April 2009
Production photographs by Penny Hadley

SUMMER AT CHAPEL BARN, SOUTH STOKE



Drip Action is delighted to bring you **AN HOUR AND A HALF LATE** by **GÉRALD SIBLEYRAS** and **JEAN DELL**, translated by **PATTY HANCOCK**.

Five minutes of candid conversation just before leaving for a dinner party launches the lives of a husband and wife into crisis and anarchy – will normality return before the dinner is ruined?

The arguments and point scoring that take place in this sharply observed comedy will have many of the audience uncomfortably amused – they'll have been there, said that, got the t-shirt and hopefully, weathered the storm.

From the writer of **HEROES**, **AN HOUR AND A HALF LATE** toured British theatres in 2006. Drip Action's production will be directed by Paul Ward and will be performed by Bill Brennan and Audrey Lee in the beautiful setting of the Chapel Barn at South Stoke. Make your theatre experience extra special and bring a picnic to enjoy before the play and drink-in one of the best views in Sussex (bar available).

Dates: 17 - 20 June 2009 at 8pm

Venue: Chapel Barn, South Stoke

Tickets: £9 (£5 students) available from the Tourist Information Centre, Crown Yard, Arundel from Monday 11 May.

Alternatively, call 01903 882268 or e-mail dripactioninfo@btinternet.com to reserve your tickets.

AN HOUR AND A HALF LATE is sponsored by **PALLANT OF ARUNDEL**



Theatregoers are respectfully reminded to arrive in good time for the start of the production. Drip Action reserves the right to re-sell unclaimed tickets/seats 15 minutes before the start of the play.

OTHER PRODUCTION DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Arundel Town Festival Theatre Trail 22 - 29 August 2009 - 8 plays every day in various venues throughout the town. The plays will be announced at the Theatre Trail Launch party on 22 May 2009.**
- **Arundel Town Festival Evening Production 24 - 29 August 2009 - THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES** by **JOANNA MURRAY-SMITH** at The Victoria Club – is the feminist an endangered species?
- **Our Autumn production will be performed at the Victoria Club from 20 - 24 October 2009**
- **Join us for SEVEN CHRISTMAS SHORTS**, seven newly commissioned plays based on The Seven Dwarfs - festive fun and finger food at the Victoria Club 9 - 12 December 2009



GET INVOLVED:-

- **Volunteer:-**

You can help support Drip Action by volunteering to help behind the scenes, front of house, directing, operating lights/sound or by treading the boards. Contact us on 01903 885250 or e-mail us dripactioninfo@btinternet.com

- **Patrons:-**

Starting at just £20 a year why not become a patron by completing the download a form from our "Get Involved" section or ask one of our volunteers at our next production. Completed forms should be returned along with your donation, to Drip Action Theatre, 1 Norfolk House, 28 High Street, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9AB. Cheques should be made payable to Drip Action Theatre Company.

- **Sponsorship:-**

Please also contact us if you would like to see how you can sponsor Drip Action, whether it's for one production, help with printing/publicity costs or by making a general donation. We would be delighted to hear from you.

THE VICTORIA CLUB

The Victoria Club is open all year round and, as well as being the home of Drip Action Theatre, is host to **The Arundel Jazz Club** (the first Thursday of every month – dates for 2009 detailed below) and regular **exercise classes** (every Monday night). It also hosts charity events, live music and provides an ideal venue for private parties.

Members of the Victoria Club enjoy concessionary rates on most of the events held at the club and also benefit from subsidised bar prices. Membership is £10 per year from 1 April - ask behind the bar on your next visit. All forms and payment should be returned to the Victoria Club, 10 Tarrant Street, Arundel BN18 9DG.

Run by volunteers The Victoria Club would love to hear from you if you can help with the general maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds.

By joining and/or volunteering you will be helping to ensure the future of one of Arundel's most valuable institutions.



ARUNDEL JAZZ CLUB proudly sponsored by HAMLYN SPARKS

Spring/Summer 2009:-



THURSDAY MAY 7 – ANDY DICKENS

An absolute marvel of mainstream Jazz; Andy's impeccable trumpet playing and delightful singing are such a joy it's no surprise he's fast becoming a favourite in Jazz clubs around the country.

THURSDAY JUNE 4 – MARK BASSEY/SIMON SAVAGE

Two masterful musicians, this fantastic trombone and tenor sax pairing explore be-bop and beyond with their fiery arrangements and brilliant improvisations.

THURSDAY JULY 2 – KELLY DICKSON

Fabulous Jazz singer currently wowing audiences around the world. **Jamie Cullum**, no less, described her as having "a subtle power that creeps up on you". Kelly recorded a beautiful CD in New York last year and it is an honour to welcome her to West Sussex.

THURSDAY AUGUST 6 – JOE AUCKLAND

Brilliant London trumpeter, Joe has played with many of London's best musicians including **Mark Lockheart**, **Gwilym Simcock**, **John Paricelli** and the **James Taylor** Quartet. Great tone, great ideas – a real must see trumpet star in the ascendancy.

All performances are with the sensational Arundel Jazz Club house band, the **Steve Thompson Trio**

Double Bass - Steve Thompson

Piano - Terry Seabrook

Drums – Alex Ebrhard

All performances start at 8:00 pm, bar open from 7:30pm. Tickets are £9.00 (£8.00 Victoria Club members) available in advance by phoning 07815 479079, from Hamlyn Sparks Estate Agents, 1 Quay House, River Road, Arundel or on the door

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

Drip Action is a registered charity, so if you can help us keep our costs to a minimum by receiving your newsletter by e-mail, please let us know: dripactioninfo@btinternet.com

Drip Action is sponsored by South Coast GIS, Neil Holland Architects and Minka.

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU



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