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# *Failt* Welcome

Welcome to the Manx Amateur Drama Federation's Annual Festival of One Act Plays.

We have seven plays for your enjoyment this year; ranging from the comedic side of life to the darker.

For the first time, we have an entry from 'off-Island' and we are sure you will give Balally Players, Dublin, a warm Manx Welcome. Failt!

A warm Manx welcome also to our Adjudicator this year; Mike Tilbury GoDA.

As you will see from Mike's CV on page five, he comes to us with a wealth of experience; not just of adjudicating, but of directing and acting also and we are looking forward to his adjudications of this year's plays.

We have two new trophies this year; The Sure Mobile Award for the Best Use of Sound & Lighting and the Nadine Talbot Award for Best Dramatic Moment. Our thanks to them.

For a full list of the Trophies, the Marking System and the way to record the winners, please see Page 10.

So! Sit back and enjoy the shows we have on offer for you over the next three evenings.

## *Gura mie ayd* Many Thanks

A Festival is never about one person; many factors go to making it a success - or failure! With this in mind, I would like to give my thanks to: You, the audience, for your continued support of this Festival; Bishopwood Trust, for its Sponsorship; The Isle of Man Arts Council for its Support; Cowley Groves Estate Agents and Travel Services, Onchan for their Sponsorship of both rounds of the Young Actor of Mann Competition; Mike Lean for his hard work as technician throughout rehearsals and performances; John Bethal, Richard Watterson and all the Staff of the Erin Arts Centre for their support and hard work; Jenny Green for her help with Front of House and special thanks to my partner, Aalin Cunningham, who has supported me and had to put up with my stresses in the build up to this Festival.

**Mark Clift**

**Festival Organiser and Vice Chair MADF**



# *Cloieder* *Aeg Vannin* Young Actor of Mann

2008

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Why not come and support the Island's Youth in their pursuit to become this year's Young Actor of Mann.

The Prize for the Winner is a week at a Summer School for Drama, in England.

## First Round

Saturday 23rd February, 2008

*Jesarn*  
at 12 noon

in the

Studio Theatre

Ballakermeen High School, Douglas

Adjudicator

Mike Tilbury GoDA

## Final Round

Wednesday 26th March, 2008

*Jacreean*  
(Easter Festival Week)

at 12 noon

in the

Studio Theatre

Ballakermeen High School, Douglas

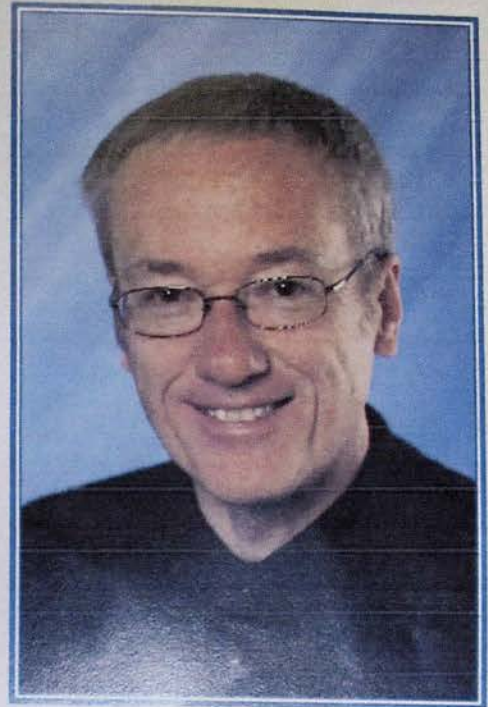
Adjudicator

Paul Fowler GoDA

The Winner will be announced on the Wednesday night at the Gaiety Theatre, after that evening's Play and Adjudication.

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# *y Briw Ain* Our Adjudicator



Mike Tilbury GoDA

Mike Tilbury has been actively involved in theatre all his life and divides his time between acting, directing and adjudicating. He is a Council Member of the Guild of Adjudicators and a past Chairman, played a key role in bringing about considerable change and modernisation. He is currently Chairman of the Drama Festivals Consortium.

He has sat a number of times on the examining panel at the Selection Weekend for prospective adjudicators, run acting workshops and appeared several times at the famous Minack Open-Air Theatre in Cornwall.

As an actor he has appeared in everything from Ayckbourn to Ibsen and as director has particularly enjoyed the challenges of Tennessee Williams, Howard Brenton – and French farce.

His adjudicating work has taken him all over the UK as well as to Gibraltar, Spain, Belgium and Luxembourg. He has adjudicated the English, Welsh, Irish, Scottish and British Finals of the All England Theatre Festival as well as the All Winners Festival for the National Drama Festivals Association on three occasions.

He is delighted to be making his first visit to the Isle of Man.

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# Jerdein

Thursday 21st

Manx National Youth Theatre  
*'The Merchant of Venice'*

by

**William Shakespeare**

*Abridged by Tom Stoppard*

## Cast

Duke of Venice	Lewis Readshaw
Nerissa	Dee Mairs
Prince of Morrocco	Morag Withey
Prince of Aragon	Warren Lee
Bassanio	Jon Paul Christian
Antonio	Morag Withey
Graziano	Alex Turner
Lorenzo	Richard Waugh
Solario	Breeshey Walkom
Salerio	Leanne Gregory
Shylock	Dan Palmer
Jessica	Evelyn Mornson
Lancelot Gobbo	Breeshey Walkom
Old Gobbo	Leanne Gregory
Tubal	Kayleigh Harrison

Director	Dee Mairs
Prompt	Leonie Hodgson
Producer	Fiona Helleur

Antonio, 'The Merchant of Venice' and Shylock the money-lender have struck a bargain whereby Shylock will lend Antonio money, provided that, if Antonio cannot repay him, Shylock can claim a pound of Antonio's flesh. Antonio's ships are lost and Shylock seeks to enforce the contract...

This production is set on Tywald Fair Day in the Isle of Man.

# Jerdein

Thursday 21st

Arbory Players  
*'In by the Half'*

by

**Jimmie Chinn**

## Cast

Madam	Charlotte Walker
Doris	Carole Bridson
Doctor	Dennis Cross
Sylvia	Sarah Reeday
Ursula	Marion Garvey

Director	Ian Bridson
Sound & Lighting	Mike Lean
Stage Management	'The Team'

Madam, a once-distinguished actress, lives in quiet seclusion in a cottage in West London, looked after by her housekeeper and ex-dresser, Doris. Life, for these ladies, is a well-regulated, peaceful experience. The routine, however, is shattered when a surprise visitor arrives, forcing Madam to face up to several unhappy truths.



# Jeheiney

Friday 22nd

## Rushen Players 'Last Tango in Port Rushen' by David Tristram

### Cast

Gordon	Claude Butler
Bernard	Ian Galloway
Joyce	Tania Quine
Margaret	Joan Hayes

Director	Adrienne Sanderson
Sound	John Hayes &
& Lighting	John Moon
Backstage	Thelma Float & Margaret Galloway

Port Rushen Amateur Theatrical Society is in trouble – the membership has dwindled to four members. Desperate measures are required for a desperate situation. To get 'bums on seats', Director Gordon has a brainwave – to splash out warnings of 'adult only theatre', with 'scenes of an explicit nature'. This comedy charts the chaotic rehearsals leading up to 'The Big Night'.

Thanks to Samuel French Ltd and Flying Duck Publications Ltd.

# Jeheiney

Friday 22nd

## Service Players 'That Old Black Magic' by Andrea MacPhail

### Cast

Annabelle	Rachel Martin
Tracy	Beth Espey
Policeman	Ian Torbet

Director and Producer	Bernard Wood
Set & Props	Paul Mihailovits and Ian Torbet

Music & Sound Effects	Chris Caine and Dan Davies
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Lighting	Mike Lean
Continuity	Lindsay Quayle

Drunken magician, The Great Majestica, has big problems. He has run up debts he cannot pay, the building society is about to reclaim the house and Big Willie Jamieson, the local loan shark, is after his blood. Never mind, he has a show to put on tonight which should bring in some money .....but where is he? Off on one of his drinking sprees?

Assistant Tracy and long suffering wife Annabelle, decide to do the show themselves. Surely it can't be that hard.....can it?

Special thanks Mike Clague of the Magic Circle for his expert advice



# Jeheiney

Friday 22nd

Service Players  
**'Babysitting Calvin'**  
by  
John H Newmeir

### Cast

Calvin	Chris Caine
Laura	Deborah Gwinnell
Bob	Howard Caine
Katie	Rachael Webb
Donna	Lisa Kreiskey

Director	Lisa Creighton
Prompt	Tom Cain

Calvin, a 10 month old baby, can still remember his previous life when he was happily married to Laura. Calvin will lose his memories when he reaches his first birthday, or when he speaks, so he is determined that nothing will make him talk! When his mum goes out for the evening with her friend, Calvin learns that his baby sitter is none other than Laura, but she has brought a friend; lecherous Bob. Calvin spends the evening trying to thwart Bob's licentious desires. Can he prevent the unthinkable without uttering a word?

*Many thanks to Lindsay Quayle for her seamstress skills and to Sue Cain for the use of an excellent rehearsal venue.*



**Northern Semi-Final**  
Preston Playhouse  
**PRESTON, LANCS**  
24th May 2008  
Contact: Jeff Brailsford  
01772 616 092  
Adjudicator:  
Scott Marshall GoDA

## English Final

Thameside Theatre,  
**GRAYS, ESSEX**

14th June 2008  
at

2.30pm and 7pm

Contact: Beryl Smith 01702 584 134  
email: awsmith@blueyonder.co.uk

Adjudicator: Mike Tilbury GoDA



**NDFA**  
National Drama  
Festivals Association

### 35th British All Winners Festival

Gaiety Theatre, Douglas  
Saturday 19th July 2008

to  
Friday 25th July 2008

at 7.30pm each evening  
featuring

**An Evening with  
Sir Derek Jacobi**

on Friday 25th July 2008  
(Subject to confirmation)

Adjudicator: Colin Dolley GoDA

The Rules of Entry are published in the NDFA Directory or from the BAWF CO-ordinator: Lyn Mison, 'Goose Corner', 65 Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking, GU22 0NR. tel: 01483 725 045. email: BAWFCoord@ndfa.org.uk

For further information, contact the MADF Festival Organiser: Jan Percival, 'Lezayre', Quarterbridge Road, Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 3RG. Tel: 01624 625 379 email: janpercival@manx.net



*Jesarn*  
Saturday 23rd

**Balally Players**  
**'One for the Road'**  
by  
**Harold Pinter**

**Cast**

Nicolas	Bernard Doyle
Nicky	Anna O'Duffy
Victor	Paul Sharp
Gila	Gara O'Burne

Director	Wesley Scully
Stage Manager	Diana Moran
Light and Sound	Gabby O'Duffy

In an unknown country, 3 people are held hostage and systematically interrogated and tortured. This dark play by Pinter focuses on the abuse of human rights.

*Jesarn*  
Saturday 23rd

**Rushen Players**  
**'One Careful Owner'**  
by  
**H Connolly**

**Cast**

Darren	CJ Parker
Percival	WM Kelsall
Jane	JR Parker
Tony	CG Coole

Director	Susie Beswick
Light, Sound, Set and Costume	John Hayes
Props	Jackie Allibone

Percival, an MP, arrives to view Darren's Citroen 2CV – needless to say they are poles apart, both educationally and economically. When Darren's wife, Jane, arrives home, it transpires that the two men have more in common than they thought.

After Mike Tilbury's Adjudication of tonight's plays, there will be a short interval whilst he does his final marking.

We ask that you remain in your seats for this.

This will be followed by the announcement of Award Winners.



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## The Awards

Northern Arts Rose Bowl  
Best Play

The John Bowring Trophy  
Runner Up

The Caine Family Trophy  
Best Director

The Mark Clift Trophy  
Best Male Performance

The Jean Webb Trophy  
Best Female Performance

Rushen Players Presidents Trophy  
Best Supporting Male Performance

The Personal Choice Ltd Award  
Best Supporting Female Performance

The President's Cup  
The Adjudicator's Award

The Nadine Talbot Award  
Best Dramatic Moment

Daphne Clark Memorial Trophy  
Best Comedic Moment

The Sure Moble Trophy  
Best Use of Sound & Lighting

The Cyril Spencer Award  
Best Performance Under 21

The Marking System is as follows:  
Acting 40 points; Production 35 points;  
Presentation 15 points; Effort & Attainment 10 points.

# Caarjyn

Friends of the Easter Festival



This is a body under the auspices of the Manx Amateur Drama Federation.

Their aims are to help and support the Festival, encourage audiences to attend the week of plays and to raise the profile and interest from new sponsors.

Information about the Festival and related events are sent to members by Newsletter.

If you would like more information on how to become a member, please get in touch with Vivienne Hague using the contact details below.

Membership is open to everyone on or off the Island.

## Membership

£3.00 per annum.

£25 Life Membership.

**Vivienne Hague.**  
**4 Cronkbourne Road,**  
**Douglas, Isle of Man. IM2 3LB.**  
**Tel: 01624 674 868**

It is with great sadness that MADF have to pass on news of the death of Simon Caine, in May 2007.

Simon was involved with MADF for many years; as a Rep for the Service Players and latterly as Vice Chairman. Simon was happiest working 'behind the scenes' and was always keen to help in any way.

He is sadly missed.

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## Easter Festival of Plays 2008

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*Conastey Drama*  
*Amateyragh Vannin*

Gaiety Theatre, Douglas

Saturday 22nd March  
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Adjudicator

Paul Fowler GoDA

Saturday 22nd March

Bejou Productions

*'The Caretaker' by Harold Pinter*

Sunday 23rd March

In Yer Space

*'Be My Baby' by Amanda Whittington*

Monday 24th March

St. Ninian's Players

*'Visiting Hour' by Richard Harris*

Tuesday 25th March

Wakefield Little Theatre

*'Brassed Off' by Paul Allen*

Wednesday 26th March

Nantwich Players

*'Seperate Tables' by Terence Rattigan*

Thursday 27th March

Everyman Productions

*'Juno and the Paycock' by Sean O'Casey*

Friday 28th March

Romiley Little Theatre

*'One Big Blow' by John Burrows*