

# ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

13 ~ 16 February 2019

7.00pm

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Castletown

*Adjudicator Chris Baglin GoDA*



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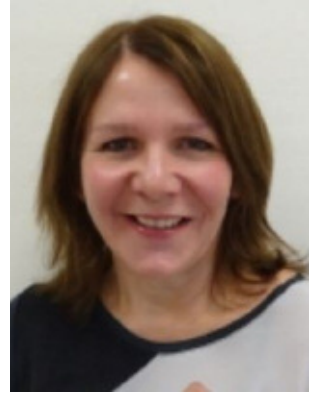
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Winners of the MADF Festival will be eligible to compete in the **All England Theatre Festival** Northern Area Semi-Final and may be invited to the **National Drama Festivals Association** All Winners Festival.

# Our Chair

Thank you supporters of Manx Drama. I am delighted to welcome you to what will be a fantastic week of drama with both the One Act Play Festival and Young Actor of Mann taking place over the next 5 days.



In the One Act Play Festival there are a wide range of productions from societies across island and from playwrights such as the two Alans (Bennett and Ayckbourn) to our own home grown talent. The festival is really proving to be a place for Manx people to hone skills in all areas of drama including technical, production, directing and writing – as well as performing!

The Young Actor of Mann is being decided in one round this year and I am very much looking forward to seeing our future stars of tomorrow shine in the competition.

This year we are joined by Chris Baglin of GoDA to adjudicate at both competitions. Chris has worked in all aspects of theatre and is a member of the Magic Circle. We eagerly await his comments and hope the participants benefit from his observations. Unfortunately there can only be one winner but I can speak from experience by saying that just by being in the competition itself reaps enormous benefits.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Patron, His Excellency, Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gozney. We are extremely grateful for his support and that of the Arts Council without whom we could not stage our competitions.

Thank you also to the MADF committee who have worked tirelessly to ensure the festival runs as smoothly as possible and to the teams and Young Actor participants for their hours of preparation and rehearsal in order to perform for you. And finally a big thanks to you – our audience – for supporting the competitions and our participants. Please settle into your seats and enjoy!

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# Our Adjudicator

## Chris Baglin, GoDA

Christopher Baglin is a multi-disciplinary drama practitioner of fifteen years standing. He read Drama at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and worked as a professional actor for some years afterwards.

Since starting a family he has retrained as a primary teacher, and now pursues a mixed career as a teacher, performer, and adjudicator.

Over the years he has been lucky enough to take in most aspects of theatre work, as an actor, stage manager, writer and developer of site specific performances. He also has a working knowledge of puppetry, stage magic and direction and is a member of a number of professional bodies including GoDA, the British Puppet and Model Theatre Guild, The North Wales Magic Circle and the Punch and Judy Fellowship.



### Past Adjudications;

- Conwy One Act Drama Festival 2015
- The 72nd Welwyn Garden City Youth Drama Festival 2016
- The Shropshire Drama Festival 2016
- Montgomery One Act Drama Festival 2016
- Conwy One Act Drama Festival 2016
- Gwent One Act Drama Festival 2016
- Glamorgan One Act Drama Festival 2016
- Anglesey One Act Drama Festival 2016
- The 74th Welwyn Garden City Youth Drama Festival 2018
- The Radnorshire YFC Pantomime Competition 2018
- The Saltburn Drama Festival 2018

### Future Adjudications

- The Isle of Man One Act Drama Festival 2019
- The Shropshire Drama Festival 2019
- The Nidderdale Drama Festival 2019
- The Welwyn Garden City Drama Festival 2019

# Wednesday 13th February

First on Stage  
Adult Entry

## “Ivy”

by James Hogan

Under licence from Samuel French  
Legion Players

### Cast:

Ivy	Stephanie Gray
Victor	Howard Caine

### Backstage:

Director	Olga Gray
Set and backstage Crew	Legion Players

### Synopsis:

After decades of loyal service at her once-beloved hotel in the north of England, Ivy has been forced to retire – replaced by the “Teenage Tart”. It is her last afternoon in employment. In the staff room she reflects on her life, her days in the WAAFs on the Isle of Man with her best friend, Inky, and offers her advice to those staying behind. No one is listening.



**Wednesday 13th February**

Second on Stage

Adult Entry

# **A Cream Cracker Under the Settee**

**by Alan Bennett**

Rushen Players

**Cast:**

Doris

Pat Clewis

Policeman

Ian Galloway

**Backstage:**

Director

Adrienne Sanderson

Set

David Leiserach & Adrienne Sanderson

Lights & Sound

Ron Beswick

**Synopsis:**

Fiercely independent octogenarian Doris, a widow, lives in fear of being consigned to Stafford House, a Care Home. Away from homehelp's watchful eye, she sustains a "dusting related" injury. The day progresses to night, Doris is left alone with her memories.....

MADF website links: <http://rushenplayers.org>

## **Vera Moon**

Our much-loved president, sadly died on 27th December. Vera, a stalwart of Rushen Players for over forty years was a fine actress and a director par excellence, exacting the highest standards from her cast.

We will miss her Lancashire warmth, her dry sense of humour and seeing her out and about in Port Erin, sporting her iconic red hat!

A former teacher and deputy head, Vera really loved working with young people, ("her kids") and latterly set up her own youth group, "The Freelance Players". In recognition of Vera's life-long love of theatre and in particular her enthusiasm for encouraging young actors, Rushen Players are delighted to offer a gift of £100 to be given to one of the young actors in this year's youth festival, to be awarded for "most promising young actor".



**Friday 15th February**

First on Stage

Adult Entry

# Customer Services

by Lisa Creighton

Service Players

**Cast:**

Gary	Tom Cain
Max	Toby Smith
Katie	Lisa Creighton
Jackie	Linda Nagajeva
Judith	Kim Quine
Barry	Howard Caine

**Backstage:**

Director	Lisa Creighton
Set & Backstage Crew	The Cast

**Synopsis:**

Gary works at the Customer Services desk of Life Inc.

**Stay for the Youth awards  
to be given on Friday night**



**and the Adult/Open awards  
on Saturday night**

**Friday 15th February**

Second on Stage  
Youth Entry

# Mrs Worthington's Daughters

by Mark Rees

Broadway Youth Theatre

**Cast:**

Melanie	Meisie Germishuys
Tracy	Abigail Harrison
Pandora	Abbie Williams
The Agent / Jake	Joseph Long
Chorus / Voice 1	Feena Wilson
Chorus / Voice 2	Emily Bridson
Paparazzi Voice 1	Gabrielle Germishuys
Paparazzi Voice 2	Madeline Harrison
Paparazzi Voice 3	Sophie Gildea
Paparazzi Voice 4	Orry Wilson
Paparazzi Voice 5	Daisy Quinn
Paparazzi Voice 6	Abbie Williams
Paparazzi Voice 7	Emily Bridson
Paparazzi Voice 8	Feena Wilson

**Backstage:**

Director	Carrie Hunt
Prompt	Michelle Germishuys
Production Co-ordinator	Viv Bridson

**Synopsis:**

16 year old Melanie is determined to succeed in show business. She fails but her friend Tracy doesn't - but at what cost? Melanie tries to withdraw from the rat-race with tragic consequences.

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# ***Saturday 16th February***

First on Stage

Adult Entry

## **The Librarian**

**by Stephen Moran**

Rushen Players

### **Cast:**

Ann Poole

Rachael Joughin

Karl Keller

Jack Verity

Vicky

Tilly Whittle

Alan

Billy Newton

Mrs Keller

Caroline Jones

Library Manager

Susie Beswick

### **Backstage:**

Director

Susie Beswick

Set

Ron Beswick, Susie Beswick

Prompt

Caroline Turner

### **Synopsis:**

The action takes place through the eyes of The Librarian. Her story is complex, engaging and intimate. She relates her memories and important incidents from the past, both real and imagined, events which propel her to an inevitable, emotional conclusion.

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## Call for Entries

### The Derek Jacobi Award for New Playwriting

The National Drama Federation annual competition for new playwriting for One Act plays is supported by our patron Sir Derek Jacobi CBE and sponsored by leading theatrical publishers, STAGE SCRIPTS.

The winning play will be published by Stagescripts who will also present the winning author with a trophy and a cheque for £250.

This competition is open to all writers and has a very simple set of rules that together with the entry form and further information can be downloaded from [www. NDFA.co.uk](http://www.NDFA.co.uk).

**Saturday 16th February**

Second on Stage

Adult Entry

# “Mother Figure” from Confusions

by Alan Ayckbourn

Broadway Theatre Company

**Cast:**

Lucy	Laura Jones
Rosemary	Kate Cowley
Terry	Matt Quinn

**Backstage:**

Director	Carrie Hunt
Prompt	Viv Bridson

**Synopsis:**

A mother is unable to escape from baby talk in this short play from the collection "Confusions". The play deals with the human dilemmas of loneliness, motherhood and relationships with comic undertones.

This amateur production of "Mother Figure" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD.



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England's only countrywide  
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**The national secretary is Ann Aplin**

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Performances by donation (max 7 mins each go)

**Audience members welcome too!**

**7.30pm on Thursday 7th March 2019  
at the British Hotel (upstairs room)  
Quayside, Douglas**

NB – Disabled access is not available

Tickets £7.50 (includes one glass of wine or soft drink)

Tickets available at the One Act Play Festival  
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# Awards

Trophy	Nominations	Winner
Northern Arts Rose Bowl <b>Best Adult Festival Play</b>		
Caine Family Trophy <b>Best Director in Adult Festival</b>		
MADF President's Cup <b>Adjudicator's Award - Discretionary</b>		
Jean C Webb Award <b>Best Actress in Adult Festival</b>		
Mark Clift Trophy <b>Best Actor in Adult Festival</b>		
Rushen Players President's Award <b>Best Actor in Supporting Role</b>		
Personal Choice Ltd Trophy <b>Best Actress in Supporting Role</b>		
Nadine Talbot Award <b>Best Dramatic Moment</b>		
Daphne Clark Memorial Trophy <b>Best Comedic Moment</b>		
Sure Mobile Award <b>Best use of Sound &amp; Lighting</b>		
John Hayes Trophy <b>Best Stage Design</b>		
Cyril Spencer Trophy <b>Best Play in Youth Festival</b>		
John Bowring Trophy <b>Best Director in Youth Festival</b>		
Olga Gray Award <b>Best Actress in Youth Festival</b>		
Stan Woollock Trophy <b>Best Actor in Youth Festival</b>		



**Manx Amateur Drama Federation**

# **Easter Festival of Full Length Plays 2019**

**Gaiety Theatre, Douglas, Isle of Man**

**Adjudicated by Jill Colby, GoDA**

**Tickets available from the Gaiety Theatre Box Office**

**Tel: 01624 600555**

**Per evening – £13 Adult or £10 Concession/Students**

**Season Ticket – £56 Adult or £35 Students**

## **Saturday 20th April**

**Mutley & Minques : Theatricus Dramaticus**

*The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle

## **Sunday 21st April**

**Rushen Players**

*Last Train to Nibroc* by Arlene Hutton

## **Easter Monday 22nd April**

**To be announced**

## **Tuesday 23rd April**

**The London Stockholm Players**

*Art* by Yasmina Reza

## **Wednesday 24th April**

**Bejou Productions**

*Benefactors* by Michael Frayn

## **Thursday 25th April**

**Martello Productions**

*Portia Coughlan* by Marina Carr

## **Friday 26th April**

**Wellington Theatre Company**

*Night Must Fall* by Emlyn Williams

# 45<sup>th</sup> BRITISH ALL WINNERS FESTIVAL OF PLAYS



**National Drama Festivals Association**  
hosted by Woking Drama Association  
at RHODA McGAW THEATRE, WOKING  
Sunday 14th - Sat 20th July 2019

Curtain Up: 7pm

Adjudicator: Jill Colby GoDA

Tickets Available from Ambassadors Box Office 0844 871 7643



## Spencer Wright Bursary

The fund is available to assist with the purchase of equipment or materials needed by students enrolled on an Undergraduate/Musical Theatre training course.

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# Young Actor of Mann 2019

Sunday 17th February - 1.30 pm  
Adjudicated by Chris Baglin, GoDA

Alex Reynolds	Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare SEBASTIAN	Orphans by Lyle Kessler PHILLIP
Michael Britton	P'Tang Kipperbang by Jack Rosenthal ALAN	Not About Heroes by Stephen McDonald OWEN
Abbie Williams	The Area Belle by William Brough PENELOPE	The Heights by Lisa McGee LILLIE
Amy Gravestock	Blue Moon Over Poplar by Rebecca Lenkiewicz SHIRLEY	The Life I Never Led from SISTER ACT
Gabriella Gemilahuys	As You Like It by William Shakespeare PHOEBE	Vicious Circle by Nick Teed LAURA
Roman Trimble	What We Know by Pamela Carter TEENAGER	Apologia by Alexi Kaye Campbell SIMON

## INTERVAL

Joseph Long	Adult Child, Dead Child by Claire Dowie CHILD	Hard to be The Bard from SOMETHING ROTTEN
Feena Wilson	Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare VIOLA	Eight by Ella Hickson MONA
Meisio Germlshuys	Sorry You've Been Troubled by Noel Coward POPPY	Hanna Hannah by John Retellack HANNA
Abbie Harrison	As You Like It by William Shakespeare ROSALIND	The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek by Naomi Wallace PACE
Ryan Coates	The Tempest by William Shakespeare THINCULO	Love on The Dole by Now & Greenwood HARRY

## INTERVAL

## ADJUDICATION

## PRIZE PRESENTATION

The adjudicator Chris Baglin will announce the winner and runner-up at the end of today's competition. The winner will receive a Bursary to the value of £500, provided by MADF.

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# Previous Winners

2018	<b>Jack Smollen</b>	Broadway Theatre Company
2017	<b>Alexandra Slater</b>	Stage One Drama School
2016	<b>Lois Mooney</b>	Stage One Drama School
2015	<b>Christian Cooper</b>	Broadway Theatre Company
2014	<b>Michelle Jamieson</b>	Broadway Theatre Company
2013	<b>Laura Pigott</b>	Stage One Drama School
2012	<b>Joe Hillard</b>	Ballakermeen High School
2011	<b>Leah Carter</b>	Stage One Drama School
2010	<b>Leah Carter</b>	Stage One Drama School
2009	<b>Matt Ogden</b>	Stage One Drama School
2008	<b>Natasha Torin</b>	King William's College
2007	<b>Emma Sayle</b>	Castle Rushen High School
2006	<b>John Walker</b>	King William's College &
	<b>Olivia O'Shea</b>	Stage One Drama School
2005	<b>Tony Eccles</b>	Stage One Drama School
2004	<b>Jason Creane</b>	King William's College
2003	<b>Olivia Black</b>	Stage One Drama School
2002	<b>Carol Hayes</b>	King William's College
2001	<b>Daniel Keehan</b>	King William's College
2000	<b>JJ Cooper</b>	Ballakermeen High School
1999	<b>Verity Ellis</b>	King William's College
1998	<b>Jonathan Eio</b>	Queen Elizabeth II High School
1997	<b>Kate Hegarty</b>	Ramsey Grammar School
1996	<b>Lisa Kreisky</b>	Castle Rushen High School
1995	<b>Corrie Cooper</b>	Ballakermeen High School
1994	<b>Kelly Tomlinson</b>	St Ninian's High School
1993	<b>Neil Owen</b>	St Ninian's High School

Find more information and read blogs by previous winners on our website:  
[www.madf.im/young-actor-of-mann](http://www.madf.im/young-actor-of-mann)

# Young Actor of Mann 2019

Welcome to the Young Actor of Mann competition where entrants will be performing two pieces each and will be adjudicated by Chris Baglin, GoDA.

Tickets are available on the door - £5 per person. MADF provides a Bursary to the value of £500 for the winner to be used for fees towards attending a UK Summer School/Holiday workshop at a Drama school of the winner's choice.

**Young Actor of Mann is coordinated by:**

Jacqui Hawkes

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# YOUNG ACTOR OF MANN COMPETITION

and presentation of awards

Start 1.30pm

Tickets available on the door £5

**Sunday 17 February 2019**

**at Studio Theatre  
Ballakermeen School  
Douglas**

***Adjudicator Chris Baglin GoDA***



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