

A scenic view of the Isle of Man coastline. In the foreground, a white lighthouse with a green top sits on a stone pier. The background shows a green hill with a tall, thin tower on top, under a blue sky with light clouds. A large, purple, textured mask with white eye cutouts is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**2020**

**MADF**

**ISLE OF MAN**

**ONE ACT PLAY  
FESTIVAL**

Erin Arts Centre

March 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th

Curtain up at 7.00pm

*Adjudicator Sue Doherty GoDA*

# Manx Amateur Drama Federation

Affiliated to NDFA, NODA and AETF

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Andy Simpson

**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**



## All-England Theatre Festival

England's only country wide competitive drama festival for One Act Plays

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Manx Amateur Drama  
Federation Chairman  
**Sharon Walker**



I am delighted to welcome you to a wonderful week of drama with our One Act Play Festival kicking off our 70th year celebrations.

Many of our groups have entered multiple entries which shows the continued popularity of the festival. You are in for a real treat with laughter and tears promised and some familiar faces.

The Young Actor of Mann first round is being decided with a closed workshop this year and I am very much looking forward to seeing our future stars enjoy the new format for this year.

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 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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One Act Festival Adjudicator  
**Sue Doherty**  
GoDA



My teaching and involvement with Drama and theatre spans four decades. I was Head of Expressive Arts at a large Catholic comprehensive school in Liverpool from 1999 - 2013, during which time drama results at A level were consistently in the top ten percent in the national table. Past pupils gained places at RADA, Guildhall and LIPA, and have careers in the industry. Last year was my proudest moment when Jodie Comer won the BAFTA Award for Best Actress.

During my time as a member of The Liverpool Everyman and Playhouse Teachers Forum I worked alongside leading practitioners and companies, including Kneehigh, Shared Experience and RSC Companies.

Since joining GODA in 2013 I have adjudicated numerous Festivals across the UK, including The AETF Northern Semi-final 2015.

I am delighted to have been invited to The Isle of Man to adjudicate the festival and explore your beautiful island.

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**Manx Amateur Drama Federation  
forthcoming events**

**Easter Monday Lunch**  
including Those We Have Loved Celebration  
at the Empress Hotel.

**Saturday 18th April 70th Anniversary Dinner**  
at the Empress Hotel  
celebrating 70th Easter Festival.  
Please contact Michael Lees for tickets  
and any further information.  
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# **MADF Easter Festival of Full-Length Plays, Gaiety Theatre, Douglas**

**Easter Saturday 11th April**  
Garden Suburb Theatre

"The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde

**Easter Sunday 12th April**  
White Cobra Productions

"The Lonesome West" by Martin McDonagh

**Easter Monday 13th April**  
Abbots Langley Players

"The Children" by Lucy Kirkwood

**Tuesday 14th April**

The Players' Theatre (Wales)

"Bullshot Crummond" by Ron House & others

**Wednesday 15th April**

Wellington Theatre Company

"Abigail's Party" by Mike Leigh

**Thursday 16th April**

Martello Productions

"Dreams of Violence" by Stella Feehily

**Friday 17th April**

Sedgefield Players

"The Railway Children" by E. Nesbit adapted by Mike Kenny

Adjudicator Robert Meadows GoDA

**Tickets available from the Villa Marina & The Welcome Centre**



## Wednesday 4th March 2020

### "The Sandlewood Mouse" by Stephen Moran Rushen Players

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Mary Waldron/Auctioneer | Oonagh Walsh           |
| Sue                     | Robyn Hughes           |
| Nick                    | Juan Bridson           |
| George                  | Ian Galloway           |
| Alan                    | Brian Matthews         |
| Jill Hughes - Reporter  | Pat Clewis             |
| Auctioneer's Assistant  | Carol Pickering        |
| Scatty Woman            | Jackie Reid            |
| Auctioneer's Porter     | Caroline Turner        |
| Camera Operator         | Matthew Warren         |
| Auction House Clientele | Rushen Players members |

**Director** Susie Beswick

**Set** Ron Beswick & Ian Galloway

**Lights & Sound** Mike Lean & Ron Beswick

Nick and Sue are auctioning their 'heirloom' pottery mouse. On the day, an unexpected level of interest suggests that their part time paperweight is more valuable than expected. Will Nick's cunning plan to maximise their fortune bear fruit?

### 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).

**"The Terrorist" by Graham Jones**  
Service Players

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| David Conway | Karl Boveniser  |
| Maria Conway | Rachael Joughin |
| Jane Conway  | Faye Devlin     |
| Mr Radley    | Rob Pritchard   |
| Mrs Radley   | Rachel Martin   |

**Director** Darren Webb  
**Assistance** Lisa Creighton & Robin Higgins

A man's past comes back to haunt him and his family,  
with unexpected and chilling consequences for all concerned.  
Can you ever really escape your past?

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**"Money for Paint" by Michael da Silva**  
Hog the Limelight

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Don    | Jukka Lappi        |
| Rox    | Kathryn da Silva   |
| Boss   | Nick Emery         |
| Johnny | Elizabeth da Silva |
| Karina | Alexandra Murphy   |

**Director** Nicola da Silva  
**Prompt** Louise Park  
**Backstage** Hog the Limelight

An original script by Michael da Silva, Money for Paint is a  
Black Comedy. An artist is recruited by his girlfriend's ex-boss  
to kill her...for a lot of money. Can he do it?

Thursday 5th March 2020

"Lost the Plot" by Lisa Creighton  
Service Players

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| James    | Neil Callin          |
| Polly    | Kim Quine            |
| Tristan  | Toby Smith           |
| Simon    | Tom Cain             |
| Felicity | Hannah Curtis        |
| Johanna  | Lisa Creighton       |
| Arthur   | Neil King            |
| Vladimir | Galan Viorel Petrica |

Director Lisa Creighton

Five university friends reunite every ten years at a party. They catch up on life, love, family and careers, and reminisce about their salad days. A comedy best served by the phrase "You couldn't write it".

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The Manx Amateur Drama Federation is grateful to our sponsors, to the Erin Arts Centre staff for hosting the One Act Festival this year and to Mike Lean for technical assistance.





**"Exit" by Ron Dune**  
Hog the Limelight

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Allie                     | Liz Wood       |
| Bonnie                    | Maire Stephens |
| Greg                      | Robert Clayton |
| Ollie                     | Billy Newton   |
| Georgia                   | Jude Dicken    |
| Worker 1                  | Louise Park    |
| Worker 2                  | Caroline Jones |
| <b>Director</b>           | Tracey Jones   |
| <b>Light &amp; Sounds</b> | Chris Jackson  |

Five people awaken on stage with no memory of how they got there, and no visible exit. They discover things about themselves and each other that could help solve the mystery. A huge leap of faith may be their only way out.

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**"Interior Designs" by Jimmie Chinn**  
Broadway Theatre Company

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Him             | Mark Britton    |
| Amy             | Sarah Elder     |
| Holly           | Gemma Varnom    |
| Irene           | Sharon Walker   |
| <b>Director</b> | Carrie Hunt     |
| <b>Set</b>      | Production Team |
| <b>Prompt</b>   | Viv Bridson     |

Three women from different backgrounds share a common fate of loneliness and frustration. In order to fill the emptiness of their lives they attempt to trap the eligible odd job man, Him, who comes into their lives to offer his services.



**Saturday 7th March 2020**

**"Frogs" by Karen Ankers**  
Rushen Players

Gerald  
Dorothy

Jack Verity  
Pauline Johnson

**Director & Set Design**     Adrienne Sanderson  
**Stage Crew**                     David Leiserach  
**Lights & Sound**                 Ron Beswick  
**Prompt**                             Caroline Turner

FROGS examines what happens when a loving relationship is challenged by illness. Gerald and Dorothy's long and loving relationship changes with Gerald's descent into dementia, together with being wracked with guilt about his first wife's suicide.

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**"Melody" by Deirdre Kinahan**  
Service Players

Mr Kane  
Kathleen

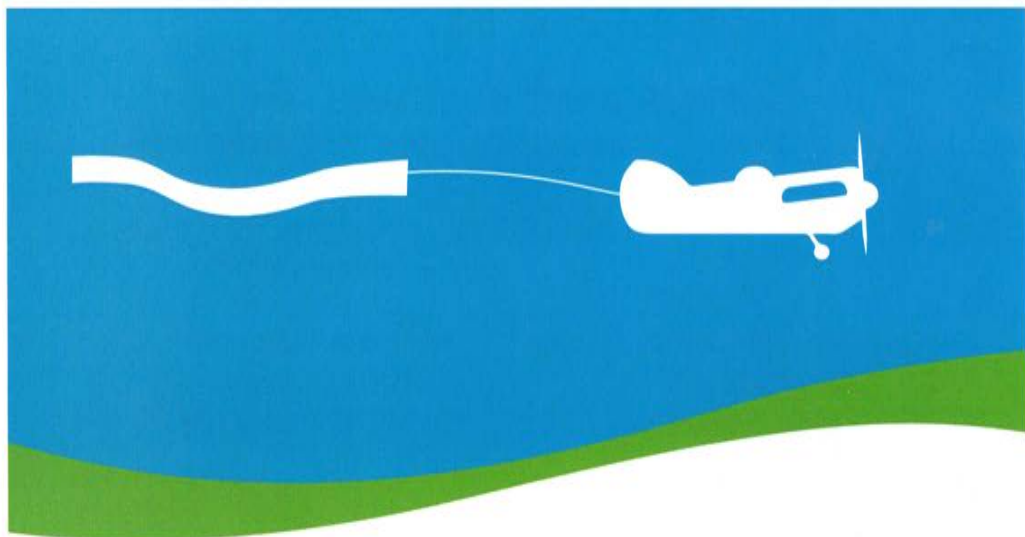
Howard Caine  
Beth Davies

**Director**                             Lindsay Quayle  
**Technical**                     Howard Caine & Lindsay Quayle

Mr Kane and Kathleen meet eating lunch on a park bench and they end up sharing more than their sandwiches. They form a strong friendship which is tested, but together they learn to accept the blessings and face the challenges of love.

**Followed by Presentation of Remaining Awards**





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# Awards

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

# **FRIENDS OF MANX DRAMA NEED YOUR HELP .....**

*In 2020, the Manx Amateur Drama Association  
will be hosting 3 major play festivals on the Isle of Man:*

**A One Act Play Festival,**  
Erin Arts Centre (4th-7th March 2020)

**70th Anniversary Easter Festival of Full Length Plays**  
Gaiety Theatre (11th – 17th April 2020)

**46th British All Winners Festival**  
Gaiety Theatre (18th – 24th July)

## ***HOW CAN YOU HELP?***

- Selling programmes on the night ●
- Helping advertise the festivals by distributing posters and fliers ●
- Helping to source furniture and props for the visiting drama teams ●
- Providing food and refreshments for rehearsals during the day ●

***This is just an indication of some of the varied ways  
you can become involved.***

**If you feel you'd like to help,  
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**National  
Drama  
Festivals  
Association  
46th Festival**

**Hosted by the  
Manx Amateur  
Drama  
Federation at the  
Gaiety Theatre,  
Douglas.**

**Saturday 18th  
July - Friday  
24 July 2020**

**Adjudicator:  
Jan Palmer Sayer  
GoDA**

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