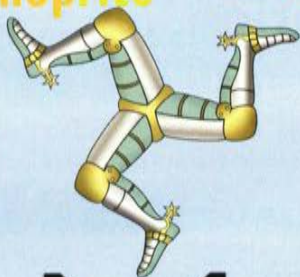


  
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### ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

Thursday 3rd March - Saturday 5th March

Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin

Prize Presentation at The Falcon's Nest

Saturday 5th March

Adjudicator:

**Robert Meadows GoDA**

# 2022

# Manx Amateur Drama Federation

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## Committee

<b>Patron</b>	His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
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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**

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**Manx Amateur Drama  
Federation Chairman  
Sharon Walker**



Dear 'Festivalgoer' - Welcome back!

We are so delighted to be able to host our One Act Play Festival after

a brief hiatus. We were very lucky to be one of the last hosts of live theatre before the first lockdown in March 2020. This year's festival is smaller than in previous years but we can assure you that the quality remains outstanding as always and you will be very well entertained.

This year sees the return of Robert Meadows of GoDA to adjudicate the competition. He has been a member of GoDA since 2003 and has a wealth of experience in adjudicating both local and regional festivals across the British Isles. Robert was with us in 2017 and adjudicated virtually for the Young Actor of Mann in 2020.

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to our new Patron, His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Sir John Lorimer, to this the first of our festivals during his residency in the Isle of Man.

Thank you to our sponsors who are noted in this programme - without your support we would not be able to host our festival. I would also like to thank the MADF Committee for their determination during the pandemic and hard work 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 competition and our participants.

Please settle into your seats and enjoy!

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**One Act Festival Adjudicator  
Robert Meadows  
GoDA**



I am delighted to be returning to the Isle of Man. I began my adjudicating career in Port Erin almost twenty years ago and since then have adjudicated Irish, Scottish, English and British Finals and had the privilege of working for about ninety festivals from as far afield as Guernsey and up to the Orkneys. The Easter Festival and the One Act Play Festival have always been memorable highlights. I am keenly interested in new writing for the theatre having been involved in writing and producing many site-specific dramas for Heritage Lottery as well as having work produced by professional and amateur groups. For many years I ran a murder mystery company. Drawing on the experience of teaching and examining drama in schools and universities up to 2000, I went on to work as a keynote speaker on creativity and arts learning across the UK and abroad: working in Palestine was a particular highlight. I continue – very occasionally, these days - to work on initiatives funded by Arts Council England as well as offering support to arts organisations as an evaluator. It is great to be invited back, meet the performing teams and, of course, share that passion for theatre with the Isle of Man audience!

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# We hope you enjoy the Easter Festival of Plays 2022



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# **MADF Easter Festival of Full-Length Plays, Gaiety Theatre, Douglas**

**Easter Sunday 17th April**  
Peterborough Mask Theatre  
"Constellations" by Nick Payne

**Easter Monday 18th April**  
White Cobra Productions  
"Bette and Joan" by Anton Burge

**Tuesday 19th April**  
White Cobra Productions  
"Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney

**Wednesday 20th April**  
A selection of plays from this years  
One Act Festival

**Thursday 21st April**  
Mutley and Minques  
"The Importance of Being Ernest" by Oscar Wilde

**Friday 22nd April**  
Wellington Theatre Company  
"Inspector Drake and the Black Widow" by David Tristram

Adjudicator Jan Palmer Sayer GoDA

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



## In Memoriam

We were very sorry to record the deaths of four long serving members of our MADF team during the last 6 months. Past President's Jean Webb, Olga Gray MBE and Carol Clarke, also Life Member Jenny Green, all made invaluable contributions to the success of the festival we hold today. A fuller obituary will appear in our Easter festival programme.

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**Thursday 3rd March**

**The Rushen Players**  
**“The Droitwich Discovery”**  
**by Nick Warburton**

This amateur production of “The Droitwich Discovery” is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

[www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

Not Stratford, but Droitwich, not just Shakespeare but a Tudor Shakespeare with soliloquy and dialogue as exciting as would be expected, if not quite as predictable, on a day out for four theatre lovers.

**Cast:**

George - Matthew Warren

Dilly - Lisa Murray

Olive - Chris McFee

Karyn - Robyn Hughes

Mrs Craddock - Oonagh Walsh

Terry - Juan Bridson

*Director - Susie Beswick*

*Set: Ron Beswick, Susie Beswick, Ian Galloway*

*Sound & Lights: Ron Beswick, Mike Lean*

*Backstage: Ian Galloway*

*Prompt: Caroline Turner*

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# **The Service Players**

**“All By Myself”**

**by Robert Scott**

Published by LazyDee Scripts.co.uk

Larry has been shipwrecked on a desert island  
for seven years all on his own,  
or so he thought.

His space becomes rather crowded as he  
finds he wasn't alone after all.

## **Cast:**

Larry - Howard Caine  
Pemberton – Bernard Wood  
Ashworth - Bob Witcher  
Miller – Darren Webb  
Nicholson – Beth Davies

*Director - Lindsay Quayle*

*Backstage help : Jenny Halstein*

*Music and Sound effects : L Quayle, Marc Tyley*

*Props Various - Maynard Campbell, Cast members  
and The Service Players*

*With thanks to Erin Arts Centre, MADF  
and Mike Lean for Tech*

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# Friday 4th March

## Stage One Drama School

### “The Musicians”

by Patrick Marber

This amateur production of “The Musicians” is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

The Orchestra of Riley Road, a state school, is to give a concert in Moscow at the European Festival of Youth. Their instruments are impounded by customs, but luckily Alex, the Russian caretaker, comes up with a plan to save the day.

#### Cast:

Alex - William Shooter  
Roland - Michael Britton  
Second Flute - Anya Jagus  
Cello - Harriet Shooter  
Second Trumpet - Charlotte Wilkinson  
First Violin - Bella Kirkland  
Viola - Danielle Wilkinson  
Double Bass - Elizabeth Shooter  
Second Horn - Tom Knop  
First Horn - Morgan Braidwood  
Timpani - Kirsty Martin  
Oboe - Lula Thomas  
Clarinet - Ava Harvey  
First Trumpet - Abigail Campbell  
Bassoon - Phoebe Cringle  
First Flute Florrie Thomas  
Musician - Daniel Lawrie

*DIRECTOR* Jacqui Hawkes

*ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & MUSIC ADVISER* Sophie Rudge

*STAGE MANAGER* Tony Hawkes

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**The Service Players**  
**“The Nativity Play”**  
**by Daphne Caine**

Miss Lipton's Class always present an outstanding Nativity Play. We meet the members of her class and their funny, heartwarming preparations for the festive production

**Cast:**

Miss Lipton - Lisa Creighton  
Keesha - Sarah Radcliffe  
Tahlia - Jenny Quirk  
Sophie - Rosina Gallagher  
Jessica - Rachel Martin  
Daniel - Toby Smith  
Ben - Howard Caine  
Ryan - Orry Wilson  
Tom - Chris Caine  
Kai - Tom Caine

*Director - Daphne Caine*  
*Technical - Mike Lean*



# Saturday 5th March

## Hog The Limelight "The Lover" by Harold Pinter

Published by Samuel French

To all outward appearances Richard and Sarah are a respectable married couple.. Behind closed doors however the couple enjoy a surprising and intriguing arrangement. We find out how this couple have found an unconventional way to cope with extra-marital temptation.

Cast:

Richard - John Walker  
Sarah - Rachel Joughin  
John - Howard Caine

*Directed by Sharon Walker  
Set Design - Andy Simpson  
Stage Crew - Andy Simpson and Sandy Skuska*

***The presentation of awards will take place  
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after the final adjudication***

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Do you love theatre?

Would you like to help our long running festivals continue and grow?

Would you like to help attract new people with a love of theatre to the Isle of Man?

We are always looking for people to help with the wide range of tasks that festivals and groups of this nature require.

## Some examples of work you can get involved with:

- Marketing: Creating artwork, passing out leaflets, coordinating with suppliers.
- *Social media: Writing blog posts, creating content for and updating the website, writing Facebook and Twitter posts.*
- Photography: Attending festivals, lunches, green rooms, etc to take pictures and uploading them to Facebook and the website.
- *Sponsorship: Finding companies to provide sponsorship to the event.*
- Backstage work: painting sets, finding props.
- *Finance: Helping the treasurer, applications for grants.*
- Coordination: Communicating with visiting teams, looking after visiting guests.

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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 MBE Award <b>Best Actress in Youth Festival</b>		
Stan Woollock Trophy <b>Best Actor in Youth Festival</b>		

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