

## NEWSLETTER

January 2011



Happy New Year to all our friends and members.  
All the best for 2011!

Apologies for the delay in the production of this latest newsletter due to the very busy panto season followed by a bout of the flu!

## La Cage Aux Folles

I'm sure most of you will have heard by now that, after lengthy negotiations and discussions, we have finally secured the licence to perform this spectacular show from 24th to 28th May 2011 at The Charter Theatre. The production team will consist of Neil Townsend as Director, Lavinia Colclough as Musical Director and Anne Arkwright as Choreographer. The first rehearsal will be this Thursday 6th January at Harris Primary School and auditions are planned for Sunday 30th January. As always we are keen to attract new members and to this end we have produced a postcard, a copy of which is enclosed, with further information. Please come along this Thursday, or any of the following Mondays or Thursdays, and pass the card on to anyone else you think may be interested in taking part on stage, or in any other capacity.

**Aladdin...** Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's panto such a huge success. With record breaking ticket sales and fantastic feedback from the audiences it was definitely the best yet! Here's to next Christmas!

### Engagement Congratulations!

Well done to Dan Kings on his magnificent proposal at the end of the final Aladdin performance. In front of a full house and all the cast, crew and front of house team—there were more than a few teary eyes when Becky said YES!! See the website for a photo and more details! Congratulations to you both and all the best for your future life together.

### Committee Contacts

At the AGM there were some changes to the Committee—all the contact details are listed here—please do not hesitate to call one of us with any comments or suggestions or any news for the next newsletter.

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## 2010 NODA District 2 Awards Evening

We were delighted to receive six nominations for the 09/10 season and 12 members attended the dinner dance held on Saturday 13th November at the De Vere Hotel in Blackpool.

Our nominations were as follows ;

Sleeping Beauty—Best Pantomime/Compilation

Brian Lawson—Best Director of a Pantomime/Compilation for Sleeping Beauty

Eddie Regan—Best Supporting Actor in a Pantomime/Compilation for Music Hall Magic

Dan Kings—Best Supporting Actor Pantomime/Compilation for Sleeping Beauty

Melvyn Carter—Best Supporting Actor Pantomime/Compilation for Sleeping Beauty

Lynne Nolan—Best Supporting Actor (female) Pantomime/Compilation for Sleeping Beauty

Congratulations to Eddie and Dan who won their individual awards and everyone involved in Sleeping Beauty as we scooped the Best Pantomime/Compilation award for the 2nd year running!

## Lights, Camera, Action II

Following the discussions at the Social Evening in July it has been agreed that the Society will stage a compilation show featuring favourite songs from films at The Playhouse during the week commencing Sunday 4th September 2011. Many of you will remember our production of Lights, Camera, Action at The Charter Theatre in 2003 and this new show will feature some of the highlights from that production plus plenty of new numbers. Brian Lawson will once again direct for us, and Jim Thomas will return as Musical Director, for what promises to be a great show with opportunities for everyone to showcase their talents. Jim and Brian will be meeting in the New Year to start putting the show together so please let Brian know if you have any suggestions for the content.

### Pub Quiz Team

**Thank you to Dan Kings for organising the trips to the pub quiz whilst we were not rehearsing on Thursday nights, and also to the team who in 2010 donated their winnings of over £100 in cash and four bottles of wine to the Society. Thanks guys!**

### Kathleen R. Slater

It is with great sadness that the Society reports the passing of Miss Kathleen R. Slater, one of our Honorary Life Members, on 15th December 2010.

Kathleen became a member of the Society in the 1950's and joined the Committee a few years later. She worked tirelessly front of house and in various Committee roles for many, many years and was proud to be made an Honorary Life Member in the late 1980's.

Kathleen was a valued member of the Society and will be remembered fondly by all those who knew her.

### Preston Guild 2012

Plans for Guild Year are now well underway and the following dates are pencilled in in the 2012 calendar:

#### Saturday 31st March

Joint production with other major musical groups of Preston

#### Friday 31st August to Sunday 9th September

Official Guild Celebrations for 10 days to celebrate 10 years of city status including processions—PMCS to have a float in the voluntary organisations procession

#### Week Commencing 16th September

PMCS production at The Charter Theatre - to be confirmed