

## News Brief----Winter 2023



Dear Members,

As a management team and with members support it was a privilege granted to WAOS, that made us honoured and delighted that we were one of the first societies in the country to be awarded a license and the opportunity to perform 'The Phantom of the Opera' in the Carnegie and showcase the adult premier to this region of west Cumbria.

But we were under no illusion of the many production challenges including both artistly and financially but true to form, as with many firsts in the past, the WAOS family rose to the occasion on all fronts including an outstanding display of home-grown talent providing our impressive, brilliant show and delighting near capacity audiences at every performance.

This has only achieved by all pulling together as a team in every section of the production. My sincere Thanks and congratulation to all. Recognising that valued support, I do have to record my special thanks to Tony, Liz and Tish for creating the environment this Andrew Lloyd Webber masterpiece deserved and for making the society proud of their achievement.

As our year draws to a close you can all look back with heads held high on your achievements....our two outstanding productions combining junior and adult membership were not just Amateur Theatre ...they were WAOS AMATEUR THEATRE,, and at its best !!!!!

I have every confidence that 2024 planned productions will adopt similar professional standards, and again to be proud of , take advantage to get involved in any way as part of the WAOS family, but most of all enjoy and have fun in your continued support of amateur musical theatre with WAOS .

A very Happy Christmas 🎄 to you and your family, with all the very best for 2024 .

Norman....President  
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Message from the Chair

Hi everyone

First of all - I would like to say a big thank you to everyone with regards to putting on a fabulous show. Phantom was a big production for WAOS to take on and in particular from a technical aspect. Without the vision, can do attitude and actions of our production team it would have been a very difficult task to meet what was required. They deserve a big round of applause from us all.

We had a fun and enjoyable race evening on November the 18<sup>th</sup> and Tish made all this happen on behalf of the Management Team. It was such fun and the work put in to organise the evening was much appreciated, so a huge thank-you from us all Tish. In addition, the evening raised a princely sum of £400.

Dates to remember.

- Juniors “The Little Mermaid” 13<sup>th</sup> (relaxed performance) to the 16<sup>th</sup> March (Sat matinee and evening) 2024.  
The Junior committee are working hard to ensure this iconic production is a knockout.  
**The Little Mermaid - Tickets on SALE now at Carnegie Theatre Book office and online**
- AGM scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for WAOS financial year 2023. Kris will send out the papers in advance.
- 1st rehearsal for “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” to take place after the AGM.
- Hunchback auditions to take place in May, exact date to be confirmed.
- 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 we initially planned to perform “Kinky Boots”. However after an opportunity and Management deliberation we have relinquished this show and have now obtained the performance rights for West Side Story.

I would like to wish on behalf of the Management Team, all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year and we will catch up in 2024. Of course there will be much work ongoing and behind the scenes during Winter and into Spring.

Best Wishes

Liz Chair

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[WAOS 100 Club Winners – see attached document from Tish](#)

If you would like to join the 100 Club please email Tish on [tasha\\_191284@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tasha_191284@yahoo.co.uk)

**The Phantom of the Opera photobooks**

The photobooks have arrived and are available – Chloe and Phil will post on facebook when they will hold another date to collect the books and I shall email out as well.

They are £5 and must be paid with cash only. If you don't remember if you ordered one or not let me know and I'll check the list.

They will also be available at the AGM if you are unable to pop down before that. There may also be some extra books, and we will be able to confirm this in the new year.