

ALEXANDRA PLAYERS NEWS

AUTUMN 2016



The Alexandra Hall, Bramshot Avenue, SE7 7HY
8pm | 26th - 29th October 2016
(Doors open 30 minutes before curtain up)
Seats £9 Conc. £8



THE ALEXANDRA PLAYERS
Present

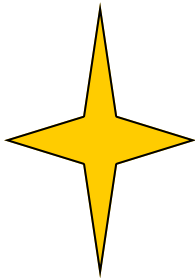
The Flint Street Nativity

By Tim Firth

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AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT



Our autumn production is *The Flint Street Nativity*—a comedy with music by Tim Firth, author of stage hits like *Calendar Girls* and *Neville's Island*.

Tim has adapted it from a play he wrote for television and it was first produced for the stage by the Everyman Liverpool Playhouse in 2006. It was performed to much critical acclaim and proved to be one of their most successful pre-Christmas shows.

It should be noted that this warm, witty, funny play is not pantomime and is not suitable for very young children.

“Exposes what an ungodly snake pit of paediatric power politics the staging of your average Nativity play can be. . . . There are moments where you may wet yourself laughing.” *Alfred Hickling, The Guardian*

“...you have to be there to appreciate how the humour, from puns and slapstick to witty lyrics, is a perfect balance for the pathos,” *Carole Baldock, The Stage*

PREMIERE PERFORMANCE

Early summer saw an opportunity which was too good to miss! Philip Ayckbourn gave us the chance to produce the first performance of his latest play *Timeshare*. Set in a Spanish villa, it presented us with the dilemma of what life could be like if we met ourselves at different stages of our life. After a shaky first night, the play developed to a final last night performance in the presence of the playwright.

Cast—Jackie Hartley, Mark Higgins, Katie Cleanthous, Mark Walker, Rose Bayley and Lee Copp.
Director—Keith Hartley



A BIG SPRING CLEAN!

Observant patrons will notice that the Alexandra Hall has been given a smart make-over during the summer. New windows, fresh paint and a newly polished floor are the result of a large investment by the United Reformed Church. Congratulations to them. We will do our best to keep it looking smart!

"the borough's best kept secret"
Greenwich Time

The Alexandra Players Alexandra Hall, Bramshot Avenue, SE7

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The Flint Street Nativity

A comedy with music
by Tim Firth

Directed by Roy Moore

Musical Director Susan Boorman

Cast—Lee Copp, Janet Denne, Mark Foulds, Emily Gilham, Juliette Harrison,
Keith Hartley, Mark Higgins, Sue McGeehan, John Milner, Liz Moss,
Clare Sweetapple

Production & creative team—Janet Sweet, Jackie Hartley, Rose Bayley, Rob
Hames, David Hawkett, Louise Gaul, Debra Malley, Hereward Cruttwell-Read

WEDNESDAY 26th—SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER 2016

Doors open 7-30. Performance 8pm

Seats £9. Concessions £8

Mizzis Horrocks' class of seven year olds is about to perform their nativity play at Flint Street Junior School for the proud mums and dads—and the occasional social worker. Squabbles arise when Gabriel wants to play Mary, the Star grumbles he's not a proper star like they have at NASA, Herod won't stop waving to his mum and dad and the subversive Innkeeper is determined to liven up the traditional script. And then the stick insect escapes.....

SEAT RESERVATIONS

You can now book your seats by telephone, e-mail or, to ensure your seats are reserved and will not be re-sold, you can book and pay in advance with PayPal by logging on to our website at www.alexandraplayers.org.uk

Book by telephone: 07867 627 987

E-mail: alexandraplayers@gmail.com

Pay in advance with PayPal at www.alexandraplayers.org.uk

(Seats booked by telephone or e-mail must be collected and paid for no later than 15 minutes before the performance or they may be re-sold. Seats booked and paid by PayPal will be held until collected and not re-sold)

Please note that many of our recent performances have been fully booked. It is therefore advisable to book in advance. However, there have been a few occasions when a few seats have remained vacant. This has been caused mainly when large bookings have not been fully taken up on the night. We are therefore requesting that party bookings are paid in advance

Our next production in February will be **THE MEMORY OF WATER**
by Shelagh Stephenson. Winner of the 2000 Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy

Visit our website—www.alexandraplayers.org.uk

The Alexandra Hall is part of Charlton U.R.C. in Bramshot Avenue. The church supports the work of the Alexandra Players thereby enabling the Players to put on their productions.