

The Alexandra Players



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019



The Alexandra Hall, Bramshot Avenue, SE7 7HX
8pm | 29th May – 1st June 2019
(Doors open 30 minutes before curtain up)
Seats £9 Conc. £8

THE ALEXANDRA PLAYERS
PRESENT

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DROWNING ON DRY LAND

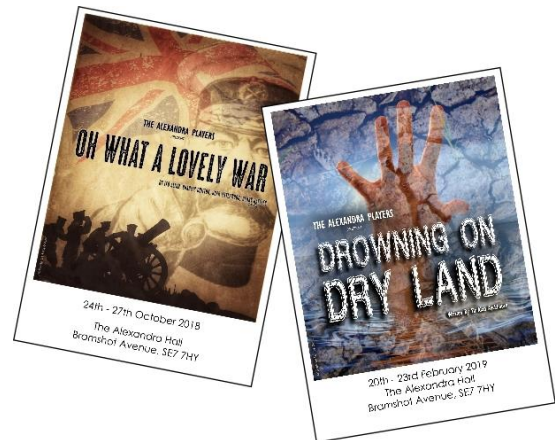
(Performed 20-23 February 2019)

One of Sir Alan Ayckbourn's more recent and lesser-known titles was our first production of 2019. Directed by Keith Hartley, *Drowning on Dry Land* examined the current obsession with celebrity for its own sake and chillingly but hilariously demonstrated how celebrities can be destroyed as quickly as they are made.

Set in a garden dominated by a Victorian Folly with a distinct touch of Hitchcock about it - who could be surprised if a flock of birds started flying in from the dark interior?

The central character, Charles Conrad, was played by Adam Alexander and his agent Jason Ratcliffe by Chris Lang. Louise Gaul was an attractive Linzi who had given up her successful TV career for the sake of husband Charlie, and Alex Parker was striking as the ill-fated TV interviewer, Gale Gilchrist. There was a particularly strong performance from newcomer Shereen Sands as children's entertainer Marcia. Mark Campbell gave a fine account as the high-powered lawyer Hugo. Mark Foulds completed the cast as a somewhat out of his depth lawyer Simeon Diggs.

The outstanding set was built and decorated using real ivy by Rob Hames.



Each June, The Alexander Players hold their Annual General Meeting. This year we will meet in a very positive mood. Our membership is at its highest ever level with a list of over 60 members and associate members. In the last couple of years, we have welcomed a large number of new members who have brought much talent, enthusiasm and energy to the group.

Last year we had two Productions which sold out to capacity audiences Agatha Christie proved to still be a good crowd puller and *Oh What a Lovely War* broke all previous attendance records as well as being one of our most ambitious productions ever.

We have received a lot of positive feedback from audience members and at the end of the day, it is you, our audience who are the most important people. So thank you for your support!

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I AM A CAMERA

by JOHN VAN DRUTEN

Directed by **Mark Higgins**
Designed by **Rob Hames & David Hawkett**

Cast:

Chris Lang **Jackie Hartley** **Ian Crosson** **Alex Parker**
Catherine Millar **Keith Hartley** **Janet Denne**

WED. 29th MAY—SAT. 1st JUNE

At 8pm (Doors open 7-30)

Seats £9, concessions £8

I Am A Camera was initially inspired by Christopher Isherwood's *The Berlin Stories*. The play itself went on to inspire the musical show and film *Cabaret* which famously starred Liza Minelli. It centres around Isherwood's life during the time he spent in Germany during the 1930's and the Second World War. The action takes place in the bed-sitting room of Fraulein Schneider's lodging house in Berlin. Confronting frank subjects such as unwanted pregnancy and racism, it is a tellingly real piece of history and life in 1930's Berlin.

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

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(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

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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.