

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society

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Welcome....to your Christmas edition of Op News—Bristol Amateur Operatic Society's regular newsletter. Here you will find out about the events that have taken place since the last issue, including details of the cast for Jesus Christ Superstar.

Jesus Christ Superstar

The Box Office is NOW OPEN to take your bookings for the show. Hazel awaits your call on 0117 962 2 5 8 8 or e mail — boxoffice@baosbristol.co.uk. Our annual President's Evening will take place on Wednesday 6th April 2011 and tickets for this are £20—further details can be obtained from Hazel.

Pre-audition "rehearsals" for the show started in earnest in October, with Matt, Lizzy and Matt setting out their vision for the show. It was not long before the audition dates were set. The Production Team decided to audition "Jesus" and "Judas" together but separately from the other parts as these characters would have an impact on how the rest of the show was casted.

The audition panel—Matt Jeanes (director), Matt Ramplin (musical director), Lizzy Westney (choreographer) and Tina Ayers-Hunt (committee representative), saw a high standard of auditionees with good competition and each person offering something different. At the end of the evening, a tough decision was made and *Mike Griffiths* will be playing the part of Jesus and *Simon Verdakis* will be Judas.

So now those two male parts were

cast, it was over to the task of casting the rest of the show. A big thank you to everyone who turned up to audition and congratulations to those who got their parts and sorry to those who did not. The cast list includes, Emma Watkins (Mary), Georgie Coles (Miriam), Brendan Casey (Pilate), Ian Taylor (Herod), Ian "Cookie" Brooks (Simon), Simon Gregory (Caiaphas) and Ruth Harries (Annas).

In addition to these named parts, we are very fortunate to have a talented chorus who will be kept very busy by the production team.

At the time of going to press, we are still looking for a few more people to add to the chorus. If you are keen to get involved, please contact the production team by email:

productionteam@baosbristol.co.uk

to register your interest.

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NOTE.....

Our last rehearsal for 2010 will take place at Oasis Academy Westbury on Thursday 9th December as we will be having a social gathering on Thursday 16th December (see later in this newsletter)

Social Events



The **Annual Dinner and Dance** took place at The Aztec West Hotel on 6th November and was enjoyed by all who attended. This was also the time when our awards were given out and we must congratulate our award winners—Hazel Coles (dedication and loyalty), Barry Wiles (most supportive member), and Ruth Harries (most promising newcomer).

Prior to the Dinner and Dance, we enjoyed a Quiz at The Newman Hall where our quiz master was Pete Cottell. Our thanks go to Pete for organizing such a good quiz which was full of merriment, as well as raising funds for the club.

Our final social of the year will take place on **Thursday 16th December 2010** at Oasis Academy, Westbury (or St Ursula's School). This will take place instead of the usual rehearsal and gives you the chance to get into the festive spirit! There will be Christmas music, festive entertainment and mulled wine (or non alcoholic drink) and mince pies. The cost is only £1.50 and we hope to see as many people there as possible to end the year in style.

BAOS Youth



Plans are afoot for BAOS Youth going into 2011 and we are currently looking at shows and venues for BAOS Youth. We are grateful to Paul Dyson and Joshua Newport for their continued in-

volvement and also to David Cain for his support. We are always delighted to see parents getting actively involved in this group as they re-establish themselves. We are hopeful that BAOS

Youth will be returning to a much loved venue in the autumn of 2011 and details of this will be announced once they have been finalized.

And Finally...

In the last newsletter, we announced that Lizzy Westney had been nominated for a Rose Bowl Award for her excellent choreography in West Side Story. This category is quite wide and diverse as it is for Creativity and Design and includes costumes, choreography and set design. Unfortunately Lizzy was pipped to the post by another group but we are delighted that her work and the Society is recognised at such a prestigious event. Here's to the next nomination!



The BAOS Committee would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will return on **Thursday 6th January 2011** when work will continue on Jesus Christ Superstar in earnest. Our annual subscription for the year ending 31st December 2011 of £65.00 for existing acting members and £13.00 for patrons will also be due. Please look out for the announcement regarding rehearsal venues for the new year as we hope to have more time in the Newman Hall where we can make use of their excellent facilities... and bar!