



Carlisle Green Room Club

Newsletter

February 2023

Editorial

The first play in our 2023 Season, *The Luvvies*, is now on the stage. All best wishes for the run. Following on is the Club's first musical production since the 2011 production of *The Little Shop of Horrors*. This time, an evening of songs from the West End is on offer. I hope you have got your tickets. Finally, the second play, *Funny Money*, is in rehearsal. This classic farce should cheer you up.

If you would like to be involved with a play, please come to the reading of *Things I Know To Be True*. Details of the cast, which covers a wide range of ages, can be found inside this newsletter. Besides actors, the play will also need back stage staff.

The theatre is also the venue for a celebration of 60s music, focusing on the singer Cilla Black. Again details can be found inside this newsletter.

Tickets for all of these can be purchased through the Club's website. However, please note that only actual members are entitled to the members' discount.

A look at the hazards that can be found in the theatre has suggested a reminder about the correct and safe operation of the door and grill when entering and exiting the theatre if you are opening or locking up is needed, see inside for details.

I would also like to draw attention to the generosity of local firms in supporting the activities of the Green Room with help in kind and also sponsorship.

Tim Padley

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Casting for *Things I Know To Be True*

By Andrew Bovell; Directed by Jessie Southwell

Performance 15th to 20th May 2023

Casting reading: 27th February 2023 at 19:00 in the Theatre

Funny, poignant and heartbreaking, *Things I Know To Be True* examines the dynamics of a family and how they understand truth in the face of tragedy. Bob and Fran have four adult children, all trying to define themselves separately from their parents' expectations. The play is about family love. Sometimes comforting and supportive, sometimes suffocating and destructive. But always love.

Cast Required

Fran Price
(aged 50+)

The mother of the family and a senior nurse. She calls a spade a spade, and can be both harsh and unfair on some of her children, but her love for them all is palpable. She is torn between her yearning for independence, and her responsibilities to her beloved family.

Bob Price
(a little older than Fran)

The father of the family. He has retired earlier than anticipated, having taken a redundancy package from the car company he worked for. He often unwittingly makes remarks that add comedy to serious or tense moments. Bob's prized possessions are his children and his roses.

Rosie Price
(aged 19)

The youngest child. At the start of the play she has returned from a disastrous gap year. She wants her independence, but loves all her family very dearly. As their baby, Fran and Bob see Rosie as the opportunity to carry on their legacy the way they want to, keeping her close and always in contact.

Pip Price
(aged 30ish)

The eldest child. She feels distanced from her mother as she always felt like she was the least favoured sibling. This results in conflict between mother and daughter.

Mark Price
(late 20s)

The elder son. He comes out as transgender in the second half of the play, announcing that his name will now be Mia. Bob and Fran greet the news with shock and hostility. Mark is particularly close to Rosie.

Ben Price
(mid/late 20s)

The younger son. He appears to be the highest achieving of the family, and Fran's favourite, but eventually Bob discovers that Ben has been stealing large sums of money from his firm.

If you are interested in being involved with this play, either by taking a part or helping back stage and cannot come to the reading, please contact Jessie at jessiesouthwell@talktalk.net or telephone: 07920124774

Party Booking of Tickets - Members' Discount

The Club would like to make it clear that when booking tickets to Green Room Club productions for other people, including friends and relations, **only those who are members of the Club qualify for the members' discount.** Everybody else must pay the full £10-00 price. Your co-operation over this will be much appreciated.

This is separate from the group booking which provides a 10% discount when you buy 10 or more **full price** tickets for a single performance (GRC productions only, excluding panto).

Front of House

Debbie Armstrong, Our Front of House Manager, writes:

By the time you read this I will have completed my first run of shows (*The Luvvies* and *Pottervision*) as Front of House Manager. Luckily, lots of volunteers have offered their time to help out in the various areas required and we have a full rota which is fantastic! Thank you to everyone!

You may know (or have seen) that all the chairs have been removed from the foyer. There are reasons for this but first and foremost, they were considered a fire risk. It is much safer to provide a clear space where, if there were an emergency and the Theatre had to be evacuated, we can safely do so. Secondly, when people were sitting all along the wall, it created a bottleneck of people trying to get to the Box Office. This needs to flow much better so people don't have to wait in a queue outside for a long time (especially in winter). Also, the chairs were quite old and stained which wasn't the best look. We hope to make our theatre look smarter, more modern, and inviting. Removing the chairs was the first move towards this.

If you are coming to see a show in the future and there is a reason that you need to sit down then please come along either after the auditorium opens (30 mins before the start of the show) and go straight to your allocated seat or go down to the bar where there is plenty of seating. Our Bar Manager, Kath, is happy for people to go into the bar even if they don't want to buy a drink.

Now for some good news. *Castle Chocolates* in Carlisle have agreed to supply us with boxes of chocolates (at a discounted rate) to offer as raffle prizes on show nights. Their chocolates are just scrumptious!! Oh my goodness, I just realised: it's nearly Valentine's Day, get yourselves along to their shop in Fisher Street for a special present for your Valentine. They won't be disappointed!

I'm now busy trying to fill the rota for our February shows and still need willing helpers for both Saturday shows (18th Feb - matinée and evening) of *A Celebration of Musicals*. Please get in

touch with me if you feel that you would like to support the Theatre and join our happy team. I can be contacted at **foh@carlislegreenroom.uk**

Have a great February (especially Valentine's Day for all those in love 😊)

Attention all Theatre Keyholders

When entering the building, please ensure that you lift up the metal bar along the bottom of the metal grill door and padlock it back in the vertical position. It is very dangerous to leave it down as it is a trip hazard and is likely to cause an accident. If you are lone working in the building (or if it is just a quick visit) and don't expect anyone else to be coming in after you, just pull the grill back to the closed (unlocked so that you can exit quickly in case of fire etc.) position until you leave. Also, when you leave, please remember to make sure the number lock is engaged and to lock the door with the key.

Thank You

The Club would like to thank the following:



Your Local Electrical
Wholesaler

David Freshwater of *Premier Electrical* for donating two Motorola Radios. These will be getting used during our performances to allow our Tech and Stage teams to communicate during a show.

Peter Tyson

AUDIO / VISUAL

For sponsoring the *A Celebration of Musicals* production.



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Castle Chocolates

For supplying raffle prizes at a discount.

Future Attractions



This amazing show is a **MUST** for all fans of the magical world of stage musicals performed by our highly talented cast through song, dance and laughter. Includes favourites from *Phantom of the Opera* to *Wicked* plus lots of others, there is something for everyone to guarantee you will have the time of your life. You really don't want to miss it!

February 17th at 19:00

February 18th at 13:00 and 19:00

A Highly Entertaining Show.
It celebrates the life and music of the legendary Cilla Black as well as a handpicked selection from her well-known contemporaries.



Saturday February 25th at 19:30



Henry arrives home late for his birthday dinner after discovering that he has picked up the wrong briefcase. Instead of cheese and pickle sandwiches it contains one million pounds in used bank notes. Hilarious innuendo and cruelly funny turns of fate ensue as Henry and his wife assume various identities in their battle to escape to Barcelona and start new lives.

March 20th to 25th at 19:30

Dates for Your Diary

February 2023

Sunday 5th February

Pottersvision 20:00 in the theatre. Tickets £12-00 available from www.carlislegreenroom.uk/tickets or from the Tourist Information Centre, The Old Town Hall, Carlisle, 01228 598596

Tuesday 7th February

Production Committee meeting, 19:15 in the Theatre

Friday 17th February

A Celebration of Musicals, 19:00 in the Theatre. Tickets £10-00 (Members £9-00) available from www.carlislegreenroom.uk/tickets or from the Tourist Information Centre, The Old Town Hall, Carlisle, 01228 598596

Saturday 18th February

A Celebration of Musicals, 13:00 & 19:00 in the Theatre. Tickets £10-00 (Members £9-00) available from www.carlislegreenroom.uk/tickets or from the Tourist Information Centre, The Old Town Hall, Carlisle, 01228 598596

Tuesday 21st February

Executive Committee meeting, 19:00 in the Theatre

Friday 24th February

All contributions for the March 2023 Newsletter should reach the editor by this date

Saturday 25th February

Cilla & The Swinging 60s, 19:30 in the Theatre. Tickets £12-00 available from www.carlislegreenroom.uk/tickets or from the Tourist Information Centre, The Old Town Hall, Carlisle, 01228 598596

Tuesday 27th February

Casting reading for *Things I Know to be True* by **Andrew Bovell**; Directed by **Jessie Southwell**, 19:00 in the Theatre.

March 2023

Monday 20th to Saturday 25th March

Funny Money by **Ray Cooney**; Directed by **Janice Nixon**

Tickets £10-00 (Members £9-00) available from www.carlislegreenroom.uk/tickets or from the Tourist Information Centre, The Old Town Hall, Carlisle, 01228 598596

Friday 24th March

All contributions for the April 2023 Newsletter should reach the editor by this date.