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# newsletter

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## Summer update

We hope that all friends, members and patrons are enjoying the summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the new season. This is a short update with a few important reminders and notices, and dates for your diary.

## Auditions: The Female of the Species

**Sunday 15 September at 2.00 pm**

by Joanna Murray-Smith | Directed by Mel Sessions

**Performance dates: 13-15, 19-22 February 2020**

Mel Sessions (recently seen as Lotta in *Waiting in the Wings*) directs her second show at the Sewell Barn – and it also happens to be our 300<sup>th</sup> production. Described as ‘a satirical comedy’, it is “full of larger than life characters, bad language, bad behaviour, high drama and some farcical situations”. Six great roles available (3M/3F). Please visit <http://www.sewellbarn.org/femaleauditions.html> for more information.



## Shows past and shows future

We were delighted with the success, both commercial and artistic, of **Waiting in the Wings**. Reviews and photographs will follow in our next newsletter in early October. Our first two shows of the new 2019/20 season are in rehearsal or will be very soon, and the Sewell Barn auditorium is already being transformed to accommodate Prospero, Caliban, Ariel and the rest of Shakespeare’s wonderful characters. **The Tempest**, directed by Joint Artistic Director Clare Williamson, plays 17-19 & 23-26 October 2019. This is then followed by the hilarious, challenging, powerful **Mojo** by Jez Butterworth (“Beckett on speed”), directed by Nick Meir, and playing 21-23 & 27-30 November. As always, please book either through St George’s Music Shop on 01603 626414, or visit our online bookings link at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/sewellbarn](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sewellbarn). Payment can be made by credit or debit card at St George’s, but please note that only cash payments can be made if purchasing tickets on the door.

## Front of House social and training evening : 2 October

***Important notice for stewards, bar helpers and everyone who would like to join our team***

You are of vital importance to the Barn productions. We cannot perform without you! So on **Wednesday 2 October** we will be holding our annual Front of House get-together. It is very important that we have as many of you there as possible so you can be totally up to date on procedures and the health and safety guidelines. It’s also a chance to socialise with other members. The bar will be open and nibbles will be provided.

If you have not helped front of house before and would like more details, please feel free to contact me with any questions. However, whether you’re new to the role or not, **please let me know you are coming** so we can cater appropriately. RSVP [chair@sewellbarn.org](mailto:chair@sewellbarn.org).

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Jill Fuller*

## Summer Barn 'Clear-Up'

We're very grateful to all those who came and helped so much with our clear-up weekend. The backstage scenery dock, corridors, gallery area and tech cupboard are almost unrecognisably tidy, and the skip was very full! A good time was had by all and we were well satisfied with the results. Thank you to Anne, Andrew, Cassie, Selwyn, Clare, Phil, Peter, Roy, Eva, Chris, Brenda and Elliot, all of whom gave so generously of their time to prepare us for the new season.

## Annual General Meeting: Sunday 3 November

*The Annual General meeting of the Friends of the Sewell Barn will be held on Sunday 3 November, 12 for 12:30.*

This is a social occasion as well as a business meeting. All are invited but only paid-up members are entitled to vote. The bar will be open from 12 noon and the meeting is scheduled for 12.30pm. There will be a snack lunch provided so please let me know if you are attending so we can cater for the right number: [chair@sewellbarn.org](mailto:chair@sewellbarn.org). Please send apologies to the secretary: Selwyn Tillet [selwyn@tillett.org.uk](mailto:selwyn@tillett.org.uk).

### Would you like to join us?

We have **a vacancy on the committee** so if you would be interested in joining us, please contact Selwyn as above. We meet around 6 times a year and are responsible for the general running of the theatre, publicity, finance etc. If you would like to make a very valuable contribution to the life and work of our theatre, don't hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

*Jill Fuller – Chair*

## Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season

*Plans are afoot for two great ways for you to help us celebrate The Sewell Barn Theatre's longevity*

### Party for friends and members: Tues 25 February 2020, time tbc

This will be happening just after **The Female of the Species**, our 300th production, ends. There will be food, drinks and reminiscing. Come and share your memories and look forward to the next 40 years...

Invitations and further information to follow but please **Save the Date!**

### Under Milk Wood Gala performance: Thursday 25 July 2020, 7.30pm

This performance will take place before an invited audience but there will also be a limited number of Gala tickets available to members and friends. The ticket price of £15 (no concessions) will include a glass of prosecco and nibbles.

Further information to follow but please **Save the Date!**

## What else is on in the area?

### Maddermarket Theatre

[www.maddermarket.co.uk](http://www.maddermarket.co.uk)

St. John's Alley, Norwich NR2 1DR

***Much Ado about Nothing*** by William Shakespeare **20-28 September**



### Great Hall Theatre Company

[www.greathalltheatre.org.uk](http://www.greathalltheatre.org.uk)

The Assembly Rooms, Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RQ

***Blithe Spirit*** by Noel Coward **10-14 September**

