

# **Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club**

Minutes for Meeting 21/04/13, 6pm ADC Bar

**Present:** Adam Smith (AS), Emily Newton (EN); Oli Rew (OR); Emma Powell (EP); Charlotte Quinney (CQ); Phoebe Hill (PH); Tim Palmer (TP); Zoe Higgins (ZH); Kit Fowler (KF); Johann Hendrik Kamper (JHK); Sam Rayner (SR); Emma Wilkinson (EW); David Stansby (DS); Peter Birch (PS).

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Minutes and Matters Arising

## 3. Show Reports

#### a. Streetcar

**Publicity:** designed with online presence, but print is delayed due to actor scare. Bella is on the case, but **DS to check status of order**.

**Technical:** Set underway, full team.

- Lacking 2 ASMs (or floor crew) for furniture movement off safety curtain. DS: not on the casual crewing list as for non-committal roles only. **JHK will cover most nights**. Committee members (eg. CQ, EN, etc.) will sub out so JHK can see show. Floor crew signup list also in clubroom? **For KF to decide.**
- TP on set construction any building help Monday/Tuesday + get-in appreciated.
- Yet to source a cast iron bath?

#### b. Nine

Technical: Most team in place, filming and set design underway.

- No lighting designer AS to design, potentially with rig designed by Alistair.
- No sound designer, but Paul, Jamie and Alaric to fix with volunteer ops. Gareth to clarify arrangements.
- Yet to source 10 black chairs

**Production:** Producer changed – inexperienced Gareth needs help with budget managing, **EN to email about all above and for general help.** 

#### c. Oresteia

**Production:** one part uncast, potentially covered by current actors. **Technical:** unknown. Bella likely to be backstage, one techie required.

#### d. Six Characters

**Production:** fully cast, venue confirmed, script probably written (!) **Technical:** production designer interviews underway, other applications still open.

- OR to schedule budget meeting.

#### e. Assassins

- Production: fully cast, fully crewed, accommodation and venue sorted.
- Looking great, and absolutely nothing at all is happening in Bristol. Definitely.

## 4. <u>AIDA Costume Overspend</u>

- Costume spend just under £1000 from a budget of £500.
- Debate over correct disciplinary action: blacklisting, percentage fine and non-payment discussed.
  - > EP: Pay them back in pennies? OR: or 1p cheques with £1 admin charge on each.
  - > AS: Consider non-financial action vs. OR: Theatre fines exist (ie. mess) so why not us?
- No specific constitutional guidance, OR + AS to speak to Richard Barnes (ST).
  - > Cast costume expenses to be repaid immediately.
  - > Wait for settlement and rights bill from Weinberger, review remaining money.
  - > Work on awareness among producers/theatre users of etiquette on society money.

## 5. Website Updates

- Peter has rebuilt Omi's template from scratch.
  - > Show event, start/end, ticket info+ pictures. It is rich text, not HTML.
  - > Past shows disappear automatically from new animated grid.
  - > Bloody Chamber has finally gone (after what was apparently a spectacular 7 month run).
- Now easily updatable by individuals with WordPress apps and personal log-ins (Group A atm).
  - > Still hosted by SRCF.
  - > Michaelmas: producers to have limited editing power for individual shows.
  - > New show or event can add media can embed video trailers, etc.
    - + Zoe will have admin approval
    - + May be integrated with CamDram
- AS: building photo archive for previous shows. ZH to captain catch-up from previous years.

#### 6. <u>Angels in America in London</u>

- AS: **Yes to funding** as big publicity for CUADC in London
- OR: Very **concerned about budget** Rosanna says Part 1 was already financially unviable.
- Angels was tech heavy, Hugh should be made aware of major stripping back needed (AS).

## 7. <u>Gender the Elephant at Brainfest/Camden Fringe (Bethan Kitchen)</u>

- Original writing needs small amount of funding (£100) to relieve pressure on ticket sales. Should we receive applications for shows outside of CUADC?
  - > EN: If we are funding Angels 2 (previously unseen), is this different to new shows?
  - > Angels 1 was a CUADC show, therefore there is a level of previous involvement and control. Has potential to open flood gate to more funding outside of Cambridge.
  - > Discussion of artistic grant throws up issues of the remit of CUADC in Cambridge drama.
  - > No funding/grant to be awarded due to lack of creative control.

#### 8. Michaelmas Applications

- AS and OR to be on panel.
- Separate applications to open for Panto and Freshers' Shows

#### 9. <u>Co-opting Directors Rep</u>

- Vote postponed until next week. Top suggestions:
  - > Helena Middleton
  - > Sam Rayner (Acting Dir. Rep)
  - > Robbie Aird

## 10. Open Days July 2013

- Ben Hosford keen for ADC to be open on the **University Open Days 3<sup>th</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> July.** 
  - > AS, EN and JHK to be there.

## 11. <u>Club Noticeboard</u>

- In limbo for about a year. To be reinstalled above fireplace by DS and TP.

#### 12. Stash

- One standard item agreed PH to pick (can be vetoed) ideally jumpers or t-shirts.
- AS: Balloons!

## 13. Garden Party

- 16<sup>th</sup> June; 1.00-4.30. EN to organise catering, photography and publicity.
- Venue problematic: Newnham unable to host. Committee to ask and report by Sunday
  - > OR Pembroke
  - > CQ Lucy Cavendish
  - > AS Queens
  - > Richard Barnes Emmanuel (via OR and AS)
  - > PB Sidney

#### 14. Thorpe Park

- Doodle date 11, 12, 14 June for Committee trip, with current and future management.
  - > Kelloggs cereal has 2 for 1 vouchers (EN and DS have 3). Eat cereal!
- Likely to take minibus with driver (factor in contributing cost). EN to organise.

## 15. <u>AOB</u>

- **Club Publicity – produce new 'get involved' booklet** and get permanent slot outside and at box office. Potentially also a CUADC poster somewhere too.