



# IODS THEATRE COMPANY

## Member Newsletter Q2 2021

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### Welcome

Welcome to the first IODS member newsletter of 2021.

We are all hoping that we are getting towards the end of the restrictions and we can start to get back to some sort of normality.

In this compact issue we have a statement from our Chairman, an update on Sounds Like Christmas 2021, some details of our accounts submissions & CIO progress, our departmental updates and a special quiz. Finally a summary of old friends we have sadly lost and news of some new arrivals.

### Statement From Our Chairman

Dear Members and Friends

Little did I think a year ago when I wrote a Newsletter message that we would still be in some form of lockdown twelve months on. But here we are, with our planned production of Sweeney Todd postponed yet again. I really do hope that we can perform it in 2022 – I feel very positive about it now that that we are moving cautiously out of lockdown, in fact, I would go so far as to say that if we don't perform it next year, I will eat one of Mrs. Lovett's pies!

As we gradually return to normal – or move to the new normal – we can begin thinking about AGMs for 2020 and 2021, and progressing the proposed change in our legal status. I am sure your committee will be looking at possible dates for these when we next meet – as well as a date for a social get-together in the real world as opposed to on Zoom (much as I enjoyed our pre-Christmas gathering). And elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find more on our plans for a Sounds Like Christmas in December.

Meanwhile, keep safe and well, everyone. The last year has been really difficult for so many of us, but I hope that very soon we will be able to meet together as friends united in our love of musical theatre!

James

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### Sounds Like Christmas 2021

We are very excited (but of course still with everything crossed at this stage), to start to make plans for our return to St Peter's by the Waterfront this Christmas!

The week has been booked from **Monday 6th December**, opening on **Tuesday 7th** and running through to **Friday 10th**.

We very much hope that we will be able to stage the concert in the same format as last year, with a 5-piece band and the same numbers in the cast. We also hope that, by then, we will be able to welcome and seat our audience without the need for social distancing.

Your production team has already started to put a fabulously festive programme together and we really can't wait to see you all again to rock those Christmas tunes!

If everything goes to plan, we will be commencing rehearsals on **Tuesday 7th September** at the Silent Street Social Club, so dig out those black folders and Christmas jumpers because Santa Claus is coming to town.....fingers crossed!!





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### CIO Update

For the time being, the society's plans to incorporate as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) are on hold. The Charity Commission has requested that people do not form new charities for the time being (save for charities that respond to the pandemic), and without the ability to hold valid AGMs, there would be no way for the society to properly transfer its assets to the CIO in any case.

The committee will keep the matter under review, but it currently looks as though incorporation will not be able to take place until the end of 2022.

### Accounts Update

We are currently preparing the society's accounts for 2020. Given the extraordinary circumstances of the year, these will show a loss as the society has continued to incur some costs (eg NODA membership) but has been unable to put on any in-person productions, which are by far the society's largest source of income in normal times.

The above "true loss" will, however, look substantially worse because the committee plans to re-value the society's assets, primarily wardrobe, in the 2020 accounts following a review of these assets during the pandemic. This revaluation will result in a large overall loss, albeit largely a "paper loss", reflecting not any substantial reduction in the society's assets, but simply a more conservative approach to formally valuing them.

The society was (and is) insured for losses arising from the cancellation of shows, which in March 2020 included cancellations as a result of coronavirus. We have therefore been able to recover some of the costs of rehearsing for Sweeney Todd from this insurance. Generally, these have been costs that have been incurred paying for items that will not be able to be carried over to a future show. (For example, we have recovered fees for rehearsal hall hire and pianists, but not the licensing fees, which the licensing agency has allowed the society to

transfer over to a future production.) The society's loss for 2020, particularly its "true loss", will therefore not be as substantial as it otherwise would have been.

Further, in the course of preparing the society's 2019 accounts, we discovered that our accounts for 2017 to 2019 had not been independently examined and that we did not hold a fully-signed copy of our 2015 accounts. We have re-filed our accounts for these years with only minimal changes of substance. We have also taken steps to ensure that this sort of thing does not happen again.

A full set of the society's accounts from 2015 to 2019 and a more detailed explanation of the resubmission of IODS' accounts can be found [here](#).

### Membership Secretary Update

We request that all previous members renew their membership or join the Society through our membership website as soon as possible. Join our [membermojo](#) website now to make sure you stay up to date with all the latest news. More details can be found on the [IODS website](#).

Some of you who enrolled as online members received reminders in December to inform you that 2021 membership is due. If you paid for 2020, these will be transferred to 2021. For those who paid by standing orders, please could you cancel these for 2021. Alternatively, anyone who does renew who paid last year, we will treat this as a kind donation, thank you.

Many of you are still not online members. Please follow the link to our website and register. Bank details for payments are on the website. Please note, you can join as an "emails only" member so can keep up to date with the latest announcements. Membership for 2021 is £20. Joining up early really helps us with the admin so please consider doing this if you can.

Tanya Watson.  
Membership Secretary



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### ★ Social Secretary Update

Well it certainly has been difficult organising social events in the last year! Once this is all over, we hope to be able to arrange a really good get-together so we can catch up with what has been a very difficult time. Watch this space for details! If anyone has any ideas for social events, please email [social@iods.co.uk](mailto:social@iods.co.uk) with your proposals.

Richard Bradley.  
Social Secretary

### ★ Fundraising

There are various ways in which you can help the society financially.

1. You could make a donation either through the membership website when you sign, by setting up a standing order up or by passing a cheque to any of our committee members.
2. You could use Easyfundraising when making online purchases. There is no catch, no cost to you and you can raise money for us every time you shop online. Most people use Amazon. Every time you shop at Amazon, just go to the 'easyfundraising' site first then link to Amazon. Thanks to those who have been contributing and a special mention to "christine r" who is our biggest contributor raising £18.97 so far. Please use this [link](#) to earn us an extra £5 for each user who signs up and earns £5.
3. You could sign up for our 100 Club. Registration is really easy and can be done from our [website](#). The latest winners are now on the website. The more of us that sign up, the better the monthly prize amounts will be. We really could do with some more members.



### ★ Announcements

Finally, we have a few announcements which have been notified to us recently. Our deepest sympathies go to all the friends and family of our lost friends, members and associates and our congratulations go to those new arrivals and their parents.

#### Births:

- ◆ Laura and Tom Mayhew welcomed their daughter Eliza Peggy Rose into the world on 11th January.
- ◆ Molly Scurrrell and Kev Harmer welcomed Olive Rose into the world on 21st February, first grandchild for the very proud Nanna, Sally Scurrrell!
- ◆ Mike and Jemma Cook's baby, Sophia Rose was born on 2nd November 2020.

#### Obituaries

- ◆ November 2020: Pauline Walker - Co-Director of Coop Juniors
- ◆ March 11th 2021: Janet Harvey - Past IODS Performer
- ◆ We heard of the sad loss of Dan Scarlett's brother Liam. Dan has designed the lighting for several of IOD's shows. Our sincerest condolences go to Dan and his family.





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### A Quiz

Here is little quiz to keep those musical theatre brains active and to remind us all of those fabulous shows performed by the society in days gone by. All the answers can be found on the [IODS Website](http://www.iods.co.uk).

- ◆ How many people attended the 2004 production of West Side Story at the Regent?
- ◆ How many people were on a flight of steps when it suddenly collapsed whilst the cast were posing for a formal company photo at the dress rehearsal of Sounds Familiar in 2003?
- ◆ How many times have IODS performed My Fair Lady?
- ◆ How many years did Pat Taplin direct for IODS?
- ◆ How many were in the cast for our first production of Oliver?
- ◆ Add up the years on all the posters found on the "More Pictures" page of the website?
- ◆ What is the youngest age someone can join the IODS First Stage group?
- ◆ What is the total of the numbers found in the post code for the Ipswich Social Club?
- ◆ How much is the current membership for IODS in pounds?
- ◆ What year was the first meeting called by Douglas Mayhew to form the Ipswich Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society?

Now add up the numbers of all the above answers and send it to [social@iods.co.uk](mailto:social@iods.co.uk) for a chance to win a prize.



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