



BlocNotes
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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE
7th March 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

THE THREEPENNY OPERA and *DANCE TO THE MUSIC*, both got off to a brilliant start in January. Sixty of us were there for Barbara and David's presentation of Brecht and Weill's famous updating of *THE BEGGAR'S OPERA* and De Kam's the Paarse Zaal was packed to capacity with those wishing to sing and dance the music of the early 1900s.

I hope that by the time of the March BLOC NOTES we may be able to publish a programme of one-off social and cultural events, the regular Summer Barbecue and Christmas Party, perhaps a revue and possibly a visit of *THE LONDON QUARTET*, a classic comedy singing group, in conjunction with De Bosuil Community Centre. Whatever the events, it would be great if BLOC could continue to offer its members, especially those who don't perform on stage, more than just the main shows.

We can't look ahead without looking back to the devotion of two long-standing BLOC workers: Sheila Hewitt who edited BLOC NOTES during the last ten years and who has managed the BLOC Wardrobe generally and for many individual productions for even longer; and Philip Bennett, Chairman over two years, Secretary over two years, producer of four major shows and retiring membership secretary. Their contribution has been quite exceptional.

Is this a suitable moment to mention that we are still looking for a producer to support Adam Brown in his production of *HELLO DOLLY*?

Ken Woollard
Chairman

DATES FOR THE BLOC DIARY			Status: 05/01/2011
Dates	Time	Event	Location
12 January –8 April	20.00	<i>Dance to the Music: 1900 – 1920 – music and dance course</i>	De Kam
18+25 January	20:00	<i>ThreePenny Opera: pre-audition sessions</i>	De Kam
30 January	20.00	<i>Auditions for ThreePenny Opera</i>	De Kam
4-7 May	20.00	<i>ThreePenny Opera</i>	De Kam
24-27 November	20.00 & 15.00	<i>Hello Dolly</i>	Auderghem Cultural Centre



BLOCNOTES Articles

Please send me all your contributions to my e-mail address: dennis.elslander@telenet.be. (Do not use any other e-mail address you still may have from me).

Apologies for the delay in preparing and sending out this edition of BLOCNotes

IMPORTANT NOTICE: spring is approaching and already the first flowers start to appear in the garden. Nature is starting to wake up and to change. But this is not the only change that is going to happen. What? You'll have to wait for the next BLOCNotes to find out ☺.

Dennis Elslander
Editor of BLOCNotes

The ThreePenny Opera

IMPORTANT DATES

Presentation show 11th January 2011 at 20:00 at De Kam
Auditions 30th January 2011 (more details to follow), De Kam
Performance 4th - 7th May 2011 at De Kam

The piece was first performed in 1928 and was based on John Gay's 18th century satire the Beggar's Opera. It's divided into 9 scenes with a prologue (The Ballad of Mac the Knife). The background for the opera is that a procession is to take place to celebrate the coronation of the queen.

CAST

Congratulations to the cast of BLOC's Threepenny:

Macheath--John Baldwin
Mr. Peachum--Alan MacKenzie
Mrs. Peachum--Bridget Peirson-Davis
Polly Peachum--Sarah Watts
Tiger Brown--George Rahim
Lucy Brown--Hanna Karska
Jenny--Annika Norstrom
Balladeer--Ed Gibson

Confirmed ensemble of beggars, gangsters, whores and constables so far:

Guy Farmer
Dennis Elslander
Isabel Berkemeier
Joanna Rydzkowska
Lisa Thauvette
Sam Thomas
Marjolein Klun-Gabel

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Please let me know at bloc.brussels@gmail.com when you change your email address, otherwise you will probably no longer receive information from BLOC.

Paul Menterfield, Membership Secretary

YOUNG Film star wanted!!!

ADS KASTING is a casting agency in Brussels. And for the new film PUPPY LOVE directed by Delphine Lehericéy and produced by ENTRE CHIEN ET LOUP, we are looking for a young actress (professional or not) to play the supporting role.

- 1 woman between 16 and 21 years old speaking english as her native language
- The persons who'd be interested by the casting can send us an email with two pictures and their name and contact at michael@adk-kasting.com.

Here is a link to the producer's website : <http://www.entre-chien-et-loup.be/home-production-en.html>

Here is a link to our website : <http://www.adk-kasting.com>

Thanks for your time,

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TENORS WANTED!!!

The International Chorale of Brussels is urgently looking for tenors for their upcoming concert (see below in "What's on?"). Any tenors wishing to sing in this should contact John Brown at john.brown@skynet.be

Rehearsals are at 8pm on Monday evenings at the British School of Brussels.

What's On?

Reservations and further information on productions by regularly-featured groups from:

ATC www.atc.theatreinbrussels.com
BATS www.batsantwerp.be and 0495/31.76.87 or BATS_tickets@yahoo.com
BSS <http://shaksoc.com/> - for tickets: <http://tickets.shaksoc.com/> or 0475.59.27.03
ECC www.theatreinbrussels.com or 0477/40.87.04
ETCetera <http://www.europeantheatreclub.eu/>
ITG <http://www.irishtheatregroup.com> or 0475/58.54.62
Kam Klub www.kamklub.be, <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Wezembeek-Oppem-Belgium/Kam-Klub/60518989581?ref=ts> or Dave Skinner (tel. (h) 02.767.74.49, (w) 02.296.24.82, or david.skinner@ec.europa.eu)

The website for all the main groups in Brussels is: <http://theatreinbrussels.com/portal/>

ENGLISH COMEDY CLUB presents: **PRIVATE FEARS IN PUBLIC PLACES** by ALAN AYCKBOURN
Diane Morton-Hooper. Sir Alan Ayckbourn's superbly constructed, sharply observed 2004 play follows six characters searching for companionship and love in an emotional social blur through four tightly interwoven stories. Funny, poignant, a must see. The play was made into a French language film (Coeurs) directed by Alain Resnais in 2006. Tickets to be ordered on line at www.theatreinbrussels.com and cost 15€ or 13€ for ECC club members, groups of 10, under 18s and over 65s. Performances: Friday 25th and Saturday 26th Feb at 8 p.m., Sunday 27th Feb at 3 p.m., Tuesday 1st to Saturday 5th March at 8 p.m.

The next **Kam Klub** will be on Saturday 26th February 2011 in the Grote Zaal starting at 20.00. The guest group will be **No Angry Young Man** (<http://www.naym.be/en/>). They are Belgian and play their own songs: good melodies and interesting lyrics. For details please check the Kam Klub's website: www.kamklub.be.

Come to the **GLENN MILLER concert**, organised bij Patrick Leveaux in the St. Michel Theatre in Brussels. **Marlis** will sing some Andrew Sisters songs, Marlis together with Peter Mountain and Brian Flynn will sing some Modernaires songs. The Roer's Echoes Big Band will play lots of great Glenn Miller music. The MD is Pascal Peiffer. Tickets at www.musicall.be

BRUSSELS CHORAL SOCIETY will perform an exceptional concert with the Philharmonischer Chor Köln (Germany) and the musicians of the Ensemble Orchestral de Bruxelles. The concert will be conducted by Eric Delson. The program is: Claude Debussy's Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune and from Ralph Vaughan Williams "A Sea Symphony". If you order tickets directly via your friend or colleague who is a singing member of the BCS and who sent you this message, you can benefit from special prices (otherwise you will need to pay the full price): Full price tickets: €49 (Cat I) / €42 (Cat II) / €33 (Cat III) / €22 (Cat IV) Special discount under the condition mentioned above: €37.50 (Cat I) / €32.50 (Cat II) / €27 (Cat III) / €18 (Cat IV) / €10 (<26) www.brusselchoralsociety.com

The International Choral of Brussels presents YOUNG MOZART in two concerts. The first takes place on 25th March in the Deutsche Evangelische Kirche in 1150 Bruxells and the second take place on 27th March 2011 in Eglise Saint Jean-Baptiste, place Cardinal Mercier in 1300 Wavre. This concert is starring some well known BLOC members: Jan McBrice, andy Pimm, Richard Craddock and Margaret Lysak.

For details see the website: www.internationalchorale.com.

ETCetera Presents: **Hamlet Unplugged**

Hamlet is the supreme character in the finest play by the greatest playwright we have. He struts, frets, worries, jokes, abuses, roars, feigns madness, goes crazy, kills and finally is killed. All this because his mother married his uncle. What if 4 different actors play Hamlet's psychological unravelling and we simply hit the delete button on all other characters? See Hamlet struggle unaided with his demons in German, Swedish, Spanish, French and English. Surtitles in English & French. The Studio Theatre, Rue Waelhem 69A, 1030 Brussels. DATES: 15 to 19 March 2011 - 8pm
Tickets €15 (€13 Members/ Groups/65+) from tickets.etcetera@gmail.com
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