

ArtsLink

Quarterly newsletter for Brighton & Hove Arts Council members

Drama Awards

Brighton & Hove Arts Council held its own “Oscars” ceremony on 12th December 2012, and what a great night it was. The newly refurbished hall at BHASVIC was a lovely setting for an evening of good food and entertainment, jubilation and disappointments.

All five participating drama groups were successful in at least one of the many award categories. Our adjudicator, Sian Webber praised the overall standard highly and said it compared favourably with many professional productions.



The Best Actor award went to Jerry Lyne of New Venture Theatre for *The Price*, and Best Actress to Jenny Lloyd-Lyons of Lewes Theatre Club for *Calendar Girl*. Best Supporting Actress went to Sheelagh Baker of Wick Theatre Company who also put on *Calendar Girls*. Burgess Hill Theatre Club was awarded Best Sound Design for *Fur Coat and No Knickers*. Lewes won the highest number of awards, seven in all, including Best Supporting Actor (to David Morley) and Best Director (to Sandra Tomlinson). The Arthur Churchill Award for Excellence went to Southwick Players for *Visiting Mr. Green*. The BHAC Chairman’s Award and the Bea Waters Challenge Cup for Best Overall Production went to New Venture Theatre for *The Price*.

In the interval, while enjoying a delicious buffet, we were entertained by the Sussex Harmonisers, an extremely talented barbershop chorus, with a varied repertoire of songs.

Many thanks go to Robert Snell for his excellent organisation of the evening and the whole drama awards process.



BRIGHTON & HOVE ARTS COUNCIL

SPRING EXHIBITION

Paintings Photography Sculpture

17-20 APRIL 2013

Friends' Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton, BN1 1AF.

This year for the first time, the exhibition will be extended to include a collection of 50 photographs by Brighton & Hove Camera Club. The exhibition will also show over 100 pictures plus a selection of sculptures by local Sussex artists. Art groups taking part will include, Dupont Art Club at Hove, Rottingdean Art Club, the Society of Catholic Artists, the Society of Sussex Painters and Sussex County Arts Club.

During the exhibition, visitors will be asked to vote for their favourite piece of art, whether it be a painting, photograph or sculpture. The winning artist will receive *The People's Choice Cup* which will be awarded to the winner at the exhibition on Saturday 20 April at 3.30pm.

The Mayor of Brighton & Hove, Councillor Bill Randall, will officially open the exhibition during the Private View which will take place from 5.30pm - 7pm on Wednesday 17 April.

**The exhibition is open from 10am to 5pm
Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th April and
from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 20th April.
Entrance is free of charge.
All work on show is for sale.**

The exhibition is sponsored by

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The 2012 exhibition showed great variety

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If you didn't receive this newsletter by email, please make sure we have an email contact for your group. If you did, we hope you will email it on to all your members.

Contact milla.hills@ntlworld.com



Brighton and Hove 24/7 by Peter Waller

Who Are We ?

Brighton & Hove Arts Council promotes the not-for-profit arts sector around Brighton and Hove. We currently have about fifty group members in the fields of theatre, music, poetry, painting, sculpture, singing, local radio and so on. We also have many individual members.

As well as producing this newsletter for members, we publish the quarterly Arts Diary, distributed across the Brighton and Hove area. This advertises our group members' activities for the coming months.

We also hold an annual art exhibition in the spring and a drama awards event in the autumn.

For more details visit www.bh-arts.org.uk

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From the Chairman

What a wonderful year 2012 was for the arts in Sussex, so many great events, many provided by our members. We are very lucky to live in such an artistically rich area. This year is starting off well; take a look in the Arts Diary where many of our 54 members are advertising events over the next three months.

Fund raising is always difficult, more so in the current financial climate. I would like to have a feature in the next issue of ArtsLink giving members ideas to help them raise funds. Can I have your help?

Have you found an unusual way to raise funds? Have you had success with one particular way of fund raising, do you have any new ideas? Please let me know at johnhirdbhac@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

May I wish everyone a successful 2013.

John Hird
Chairman



Individual Members

YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR VALUABLE WORK

Individuals, whether they belong to member groups or not, are welcome to join the Brighton & Hove Arts Council. For just £6 per year you will receive your personal copy of our Arts Diary and ArtsLink newsletter posted to you. We will also invite you to the Private View of our annual Art Exhibition and to the Arts Forum and Annual General Meeting.

You can join on-line at

<http://www.bh-arts.org.uk/membership>

Or write to Daphne Groves, 87 Saunders Park View, Brighton, BN2 4EX.

Enclose a cheque for £6.00 payable to Brighton & Hove Arts Council, and please give your full name, address, phone number and email address.



In the Spotlight

**Shoreham
Oratorio Choir**



Shoreham Oratorio Choir is based in Shoreham-by-Sea. We perform traditional and contemporary classical choral pieces from Mozart's 'Requiem' and Stainer's 'Crucifixion' to Jenkins's 'The Armed Man.'

For Christmas 2012, alongside carols old and new, we sang Bach's 'Sleepers Wake!' to a large and appreciative audience. On Good Friday 2013, we will perform Rutter's 'Requiem' and pieces from Bach's 'St Matthew Passion.' Our concerts are held in the beautiful mediaeval setting of St Mary de Haura Church, Shoreham. Free parking is available nearby.



We all know that singing is good for our health and well-being. Why not come and join us as audience or singer? We have a policy of open recruitment. In addition to the regular Thursday rehearsal led by conductor, Tony Allen, there are many ways to learn the pieces for those who don't sight-read music. Your choir colleagues will be there to support you and CDs, websites and your own willingness and enthusiasm undoubtedly will play their part.

Since 1981, SOC has had an exchange programme with the Madrigalchor in Elmshorn, near Hamburg. Singing and socialising together has stood the test of time. In 2011, the choirs jointly performed Fauré's 'Requiem' in St Michael and All Angels Church, Brighton. Our next visit to Elmshorn will take place in October 2013. Everyone expects the trip to be the usual enjoyable mixture of music-making and merriment.

**Shoreham
Oratorio
Choir**

**Why not join us?
We'll make you
very welcome.**

For further details please see our lively and informative SOC website:

www.shoreham-oratorio-choir.co.uk

or contact 01273 530350

Members' News

Dupont Art Club at Hove has now more than 95 members and is believed to be the largest amateur art club in the area. They meet every week at Ventnor Hall, in Blatchington Road, Hove.

Details on the BHAC web site

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