



Hello

The trustees are working on two major projects at the moment; the AGM and our 40th birthday celebrations! More news will be winging its way to you about our 40th party, which we will be combining with the annual Quay Awards. In the meantime, please keep **Saturday 7th September** free!

Our AGM will be held on **Monday 29th April** so, again, please keep this date free. More details and agenda will be available shortly.

In other news, we have spent the last couple of weeks looking at a number of maintenance issues. This has included gathering quotes for boiler repairs and investigating ways to keep our water usage to a minimum! Nothing terribly exciting but crucial to ensuring the building is kept at its best.

Thanks again for all of your support and I look forward to seeing you at some of the fabulous shows we have lined up in this season.

Chairman • Sarah Williams

SAVE THE DATE



Diary

AGM

Monday 29 April
Agenda to follow

40th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 7 September
inc. the annual Quay Awards



Artistic Notes

One thing about a theatre, the programme is never complete. No sooner is the Spring/Summer schedule finalised than you start thinking about Autumn/Winter.

The Autumn season begins on Monday September 23 with the opening of *The Turn of the Screw*, Henry James's famous ghost story in a stage adaptation by Ken Whitmore. Many will know the story from the famous film, *The Innocents*, starring Deborah Kerr released in 1960. There are starring roles for two young Wharfies, to play the ten-year-old Miles and his eight-year-old sister Flora, who are haunted by the ghosts of the former valet and governess. They are both demanding roles and I will be looking for young people to fill the parts when I audition in May ... watch this space!

Then Mervyn Harrowen has agreed to direct Alan Ayckbourn's *Living Together*, one of the Norman Conquests trilogy, last performed at the Wharf over 30 years ago. When it was revived in the West End ten years ago it won several awards.

The year will end with our own panto group performing their version of Cinderella. The last two outings by these bold farceurs sold out and were hugely popular with the audience.

Meanwhile, rehearsals are well under way for Liz Sharman's production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* and if the audience have half as much fun watching it as the cast do performing it, they will have a tremendous evening's entertainment!

Artistic Director • Lewis Cowen



Audition notice

Legally Blonde Jr • The Musical

Directed by Oliver Phipps & Hayley Baxter
Playing dates : Wednesday 24 - Saturday 27 July 2019

Workshop : 10am-12 Saturday 13 April at the Wharf.
Auditions : 10am-1pm Sunday 14 April at the Wharf.

Delta Nu sorority president Elle Woods seems to have it all; good looks, a relationship with the campus catch and great taste in clothes. However her life is turned upside-down when her boyfriend, Warner dumps her in an attempt to start getting serious about his future and attend Harvard Law. Determined to win him back, Elle uses a lot of hard work and some charm to get into Harvard Law so she can prove to Warner that she's serious enough for him. Once at school, she is challenged by her peers, professors and her ex, but with the help of some new friends, Elle realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Full rehearsal schedule TBC. Initial rehearsals will be Tuesday & Thursday evenings plus Sunday afternoons. Any enquires prior to the workshop please contact the director, Oliver Phipps via email : oliverhipps@live.co.uk

CHARACTER LIST • Ages 12-18

Elle Woods

Female lead, California sorority girl but not your typical blonde, earnest with a loveable spirit.

Margot, Serena & Pilar

Elle's trio of best friends and sorority sisters. Always got Elle's back, three young ladies with lots of energy.

Warner Huntington III

Elle's ex-boyfriend caught between his former life with Elle and his new found serious girlfriend and legal career.

Emmett Forest

Hard working law student who befriends Elle. Nothing is coming between his desire to be part of Callahan's law firm, except maybe his surprising love for Elle.

Arron Schults, Sundeep Agrawal Padamadan & Enid Hoopes

Three featured law students with academic credentials that would intimidate anyone.

Vivian Kensington

The opposite to Elle, comes across as staunch, conservative and everything Warner needs to make him serious.

Professor Callahan

Most feared professor at Harvard Law School who all the students want to impress, especially to join his law firm as a partner.

Paulette

A bold character, Elle's supportive stylist who needs a little help with her own self esteem.

Kate / Cashier

Delta Nu sister and academic of the bunch / Part of Paulette's entourage.

Gaelen / Kiki / Chutney

Delta Nu sister / Part of Paulette's entourage / Brooke's unhappy step-daughter, with a bad perm and bad attitude.

Chad / Kyle

Young frat brother with lots of energy / The UPS delivery guy who Paulette has eyes for.

Sales Woman / Brooke Wyndham

Tries to miss sell Elle the wrong dress / Famous fitness instructor being framed for her husbands murder.

Store Manager / Stylist / Whitney

Sorts out Elle's dress issues / Part of Paulette's entourage / Vivian's law school friend.

Wintrop / Dewey / Carlos

One of three Harvard Admissions officers / Paulette's brash ex-boyfriend / Nicos' boyfriend

Lowell / Judge / Bookish client

One of three Harvard admissions officers / Judge of the Wyndham trial / Paulette's salon customer

Pfrozheimer / Baliff

One of three Harvard Admissions officers / Officer of the Wyndham trial

Jet Blue Pilot / Prison Guard / Nicos

Cameo in 'What you want' / Prison Guard in 'Wiped into shape' / Brooke's gay pool boy

Delta Nus / Inmates

Female ensemble

Frat Boys / Waiters

Male ensemble

Please note that in order to take part in any Wharf Theatre production, you must be a current member and pay a show fee where applicable.

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If you have any articles or notices you wish to feature in the next newsletter, please contact us by email : publicity@wharftheatre.co.uk by Monday 15 April