



DAODS

July

DAODS Newsletter: Issue 2

Welcome back to the second edition of DAODS' new newsletter.

It has been great to get things going again this month, with rehearsals for our next show, Shrek starting again at the Hall, and even our first social event taking place out in the garden. The rules about social distancing feel very strange—singing in a face shield is a weird experience, especially when you have a very loud voice—but being back in any fashion feels wonderful. It was a blow to have the full reopening delayed, and has played havoc with the schedules that we can manage, but it should not be long until everything is back in full swing. In the meantime, stay safe, and keep letting me know your thoughts or anything that you would like to see in the newsletter going forwards.

Alex F

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News...

Huge congratulations to Sophia Allerton (May), as her and Scott welcome baby Jacob. Born on 20th May, the whole family are



doing well. Everyone at DAODS is sending love, and looking forward to having another male dancer in a few years.

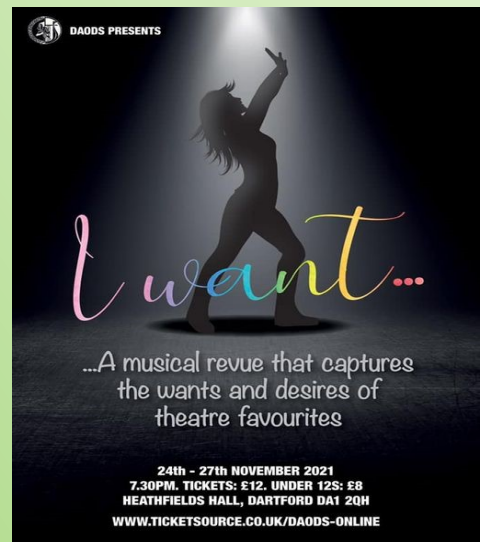


Shrek rehearsals have started again! It is great to be back in the Hall and rehearsing again, and we have already done lots of work.

With the changes in the COVID regulations, there have obviously been some changes to how we can rehearse. We expect to know more mid-July, so please keep a lookout for updates on who is needed when.

In the meantime, keep selling tickets! They are on sale through the Orchard now.

Some updates on the production team for Shrek. We are pleased to have Natacha Cox step up to Choreographer, as Steph has had to step away for other commitments. Ed Sage will be assisting Matt Kellett over the summer whilst Matt has work commitments. And finally, James Lockwood has taken the reigns as Stage Manager after Alex Tostdevine has moved away. Welcome to all as we restart rehearsals.



This November, our first Hall show back is on! I Want is our fab new revue—tickets will be on sale soon, and we look forward to seeing you all back at the hall.

Social Events



On June 5th we held our first social of 2021, and I think its safe to say it was amazing to be back. We were blessed with wonderful weather for the garden party and it was so lovely to have smiling faces back at the DAODS hall. Even after a year away, it felt like no time had passed since we all gathered last, and the event was a huge success. I feel sure that we are all greatly looking forward to the next one and can't wait to see even more DAODS members there!

Ella Walden



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our members born in July!

Emma Garthwaite
10th July

Michelle Wright
16th July

Tracy Knapp
22nd June

Jasmine Howe
7th July

Ella Walden
14th July

Jonathan Hughes
11th July

Fast Five

A quick five questions with a DAODS member. This month, our new Shrek choreographer, Natacha Cox.



What is your favourite musical?

My favourite show of all time is definitely Starlight Express—I have seen it twelve times!

What is your favourite song from a show?

That is The Perfect Year from Sunset Boulevard.

What part would you love to play?

Pearl or any of the other girl carts from Starlight Express. I just think it would be such a fun musical to be in!

What's your funniest on stage moment?

I remember being late for a number in my dance school show when I was younger, I was running back stage and ran into a locker door and fell to the floor. I didn't want to miss the number so I got up and went on stage not knowing I had blood dripping down my face as I had cut the top of my eye open !

What show would you love to see DAODS do?

The Lion King—it's a show that has everything!

Games

Nobody got all the answers right last month, so I shall try and make things a little easier this time. Send the answers to me at the DAODS address or on Facebook.

Six sections of six DAODS show posters. Can you name all of the shows from what you see?

