



Newsletter August 2006

## AGM – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2006

The management structure is as follows:

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Member	Barbara Moon	Press and advertising	
Member	Adrian Pope	Membership and Scenery	

Unless some-one else comes forward, Adrian has offered to be the opera co-ordinator for Magic Flute. This means he will be the “enforcer” ie. he will make sure that everything gets done and be the focal point for queries.

We still have vacancies on the committee if any-one would like to get involved.

This could also be open to non singing members if any-one has a friend or spouse who wants hobby but does want to perform.

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Website: [www.operanova.co.uk](http://www.operanova.co.uk)

Graham has been working hard on this and as you can see our website is now freestanding. It has a hit counter so we can tell how many people have looked at it.

It tells you about us, our history, who our management committee are and how to contact the officers; where we rehearse and how to join or audition; past shows with photos; what we have coming up; what scenery we have for hire etc etc and there are many extras such as pop up maps on how to get to rehearsals and performances. Please keep your eye on the website for rehearsal schedules, and find out what we are doing next before the next newsletter comes out. There is also a complete diary of forthcoming plans. Congratulations on all your hard work and inventiveness Graham.



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## Quiz Night – 29<sup>th</sup> July



64 people came to this with 11 teams. Fun was had by all and the winners were the Encot table who were awarded the Brian Moore Cup.

This together with the raffle raised a further £264 for the Opera Nova kitty.

Wot's next!!! (this is a copy of the diary which is on the website)

## Opera Nova Diary of Events

(including Rehearsal Schedule)

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED Friday rehearsals run from 7.45 - 10.00pm

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT	WHO	DETAILS
Fri 28 Jul	WTC	A.G.M. at 8.00	Company	Please come, your opinion matters
Sat 29 Jul	WTC	Quiz Night	Company	All welcome to a 'fun evening'
Wed 9 Aug		Meeting	Committee	148 Kingshall Road, Beckenham
Fri 25 Aug	WTC	Concert rehearsal	Company	Double Take concert
Fri 1 Sep	WTC	Concert rehearsal	Company	Double Take concert
Fri 8 Sep	WTC	Concert rehearsal	Company	Double Take concert
Sun 10 Sep	ADE's	Treasure Hunt	Company	1.00pm start from Wellington Road
Fri 15 Sep	WTC	Concert rehearsal	Company	Double Take concert
Fri 22 Sep	WTC	Concert rehearsal	Company	Double Take concert
Sat 23 Sep	HVH	Performance 7.30	Company	Double Take concert
Fri 15 Dec	WTC	Patron's Evening	Company	A social event to entertain our Patrons
2007				
Sat 24 Mar	PBVH	Performance 7.30	Company	"Spaghetti Opera Evening"
April	WTC	Rehearsals start	Company	The Magic Flute
2 - 8 Sep	Bob Hope	Perfomances	Company	The Magic Flute

To ensure a prompt start please arrive 5 mins before the start time

### Double Take Concert – Co-ordinator - Adrian - 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Operas and musicals based on the same story  
Rehearsals for this start on 25.8.06 under the musical direction of John Hargreaves.

If you want to be in this and haven't already told Adrian, please let him know on 020 8464 2298, otherwise you may turn up and no music has been provided for you.

**Programme:** Graham has put the programme on the website (click on the poster on the home page). Soloists have been informed who is singing what.

You can print off a colour copy of the handbill by right clicking on the handbill on the web and copying into either word or whatever artwork software you use.

**Treasure Hunt - 10<sup>th</sup> September** from 1.p.m  
from Adrian and Carole's  
24, Wellington Rd, Bromley – 020 8464 2298

This is a fun/social day rather than fund raising.

Bring Family and Friends, a plastic bag (for treasure), a pen and clipboard, and your food for a picnic/barbecue/indoor nosh/raincoat depending on the weather.

Small entrance fee to pay for the barbecue fuel and prizes.

This is a walking treasure hunt and is about 3 – 3 ½ hours walking time.

## **Patrons Evening/Xmas party - Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> WTC**



Soloists and chorus please come with a pile of music ready for unrehearsed singing, however we thought we would change the theme slightly this year and have some party games as well as singing so soloists will not get as much time to sing as they have done in the past. This is also not a fund raiser but a thank you to our Patrons and to make a bit of Christmas fun. Put this date in your diaries.

## **Spaghetti Opera evening – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2007 Pratts Bottom Village Hall**

An Italian evening done more in the form of a cabaret than a concert, with an Italian meal sandwiched in the middle. (I will check on whether the cast can order a meal – but this would have to be paid for).

All music to be Italian except for a “plug” for the The Magic Flute.

I would like to include some Neapolitan songs.

Would soloists like to E Mail me, on my normal E Mail address which is working again, with some ideas of items

They would like to sing. I can't guarantee to include them all.



## **The Magic Flute 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2007 – Bob Hope Theatre**

M.D. - Martin Cleave

Director – Paul Govier Simpson

Stage Manager – Maggie and Alan Matthews

Lighting – Ivan Buckle

We have finally managed to secure a date for this after a long search. As some of you know our previous venue Holy Trinity College closed down and the committee has spent a lot of time looking for another venue. We thought we had found one in the shape of Hayes School, but unfortunately all the dates they had available clashed with one show or another, and so we



auditions for non members for the remaining roles approximately one month later.

Carole Pope

wondered whether we could mount it at the Bob Hope Theatre since the orchestral demands of Magic Flute are not quite so rigid as that of Cav and Pag which we had to cancel there due to the changes to the pit. By the time we contacted The Bob Hope theatre there were only 3 dates left, two of which had the same clashes as the school, and so we took the above dates. It was either that or no show in 2007.

We are therefore making a request at this early stage that you try to avoid booking holidays in the latter part of August 2007.

There are lots of roles in this opera - 18 to be precise and with double casting this should give lots of solo opportunities and most roles will be asked to sing in the chorus on their off nights.

Auditions for members are likely to be middle to the end of February 2007 with open