

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the
Dramatic Society of the Imperial College Union
in the 2015/2016 session

February 2015

Committee Members Present

Zoë Edwards, Agnes Donnelly, Gautam Kambhampati, Steven Kingaby, Andrew Finn, Chris Love, Elena Stronach, Robert Schüssler, Ellie Rose, John Oliver and Oscar Gill.

Committee Members Apologies

Andrew Finn, Sam Gardiner and John Oliver.

Honorary Members

Alhasan Al-Habib, Helen Root and Jack Steadman.

Agenda

- Approval of Minutes from the last Committee Meeting
- Shows
 - Birdland
 - Big Fella
 - LSDF
 - Sweeney Todd
 - Edinburgh Fringe Festival Show
- Workshops
 - Writing Workshop/LSDF

- Acting Workshop
- Technical Workshop
- ArtsFest
- AOB

Approval of minutes from the last committee meeting

- Committee minutes approved

Shows

Birdland

- **Elena Stein** reports that the acting part is going smoothly and also notes that a photographer will be coming in soon. However the gig aspect of the show will now not happening.
- There is currently a sufficient number of people for all the roles on the production team except for front of house members. **ACTION:** find front of house people. Front of house for MTSoc's Sweeney Todd might also be complicated due to a lack of people, might be an idea to coordinate. There is now a union product for
- **ACTION: Helen Root** to share all updates from Birdland blog on their facebook event. **Oscar Gill** will help **Helen Root** with this task .
- **ACTION: Jack Steadman** to change times on Birdland posters.

Big Fella

- **Alhasan Al-Habib** takes the floor. "Going well. Cast is brilliant" - **Alhasan Al-Habib**. "Rude" - **Jack Steadman**. #banter.
- "I am the greatest actor I have ever worked with in DramSoc" - **Alhasan Al-Habib**.
- **Alhasan Al-Habib** has become the face of **Jonathan Masters** due to the latter's absence from committee meetings.
- We now have a producer; the one and only **Daniel Clay**. A room for the venue has now, nearly, been organised. The room in question is MR3, which can hold 36-45 seats. Performance dates will be a Saturday to the following Tuesday (20th - 22nd March). Note that this will class with the DramSoc AGM. **ACTION: Jack Steadman** and **Chris Love** to finalise these dates.

- **ACTION: Gautam Kambhampati** to give **Alhasan Al-Habib, Daniel Clay, Jonathan Masters** a budget for Big Fella.
- Production team depends highly on the room of confirmation. We are likely to have a set man, but otherwise that's all we have so far. Note that **Agnes Donnelly** might stage manage the production.

LSDF

- We now have a full script. Auditions are taking place next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. 30 people have signed up for auditions so far! Note that **Steven Kingaby** will now assistant direct and **Sam Wood** will do tech. We prefer **Sam Wood** to **Sam Gardiner**.
- We want publicity for the show but as it stands, Imperial students will not be able to buy tickets online as Imperial is no longer a part of the University of London. A solution to this will be to reserve tickets in bulk for Imperial Students. **ACTION:** we should attend the LSDF event to support our DramSoc production.
- Should we publicize LSDF through ArtsImperial? **ACTION: Oscar Gill** and **Agnes Donnelly** to email ArtsImperial to see if there is publicity material available for our LSDF show.

Edinburgh Fringe Festival Show

- We need to decide whether we are doing a devised piece or not. **Helen Root** would like to produce our Edinburgh show again, but will confirm in 2 weeks time after she has arranged a summer internship.
- Accommodation still needs to be sorted out. The Techtonics have already booked their accommodation for weeks 2-3 of the fringe festival.

Workshops

Writing Workshop

- See LSDF section above

Acting Workshop

- See Edinburgh Fringe Festival section above.

Technical Workshop

- Trips and Workshops are happening - **Francis Clegg** is coming tomorrow to host a workshop.

ArtsFest

- Discussion postponed until next meeting. We have nothing to show and have no time to present it, hence we might drop out politely in the last minute. We will ask at the end of Edinburgh Fringe meeting this Thursday to see if anyone is interested in taking part in the acting or directing side. **ACTION: Elena Stronach** to ask **Jack Williams** and **Nathan Patel** to see if they're willing to put on a 20min piece from Birdland for ArtsFest.

AOB

- We welcome our new temporary, soon to be permanent, Publicity Officer. **Oscar Gill** to help with the transition. We want to have a formal handover. **ACTION: Helen Root** needs to email **Zoë Edwards** saying "I would like to be considered in the election for publicity officer".
- AGM will take place the very last Tuesday of term. **Agnes Donnelly** has agreed to be returning officer. "There is only drunk in 90mins" - **Zoë Edwards**. **ACTION: Zoë Edwards** to circulate details about the upcoming AGM and EGM.
- **ACTION: Sam Gardiner** needs to organise bar nights.
- **NOTED:** Last week's trip to see Pornography "Wasn't even about pornography" - **Steven Kingaby 2k16**
- We have been contacted by ICMD to organise a joint social. Brainstormed ideas include seeing the play "Hand to God" (16th of february), bowling, potentially lsdf. Cannot confirm but we can say that as a committtee we are generally enthusiastic about the idea of a joint social.
- Summer ball theme is "Las Vegas". There is talk of running a casino in the library cafe. Fun fact from Zoë Edwards: all neon tubes are hand made.
- DramSoc hoodies have now been ordered and should be arriving soon. Possibility of ordering polos have been raised, however there has been disagreement for the purpose of having polos (is it for advertising DramSoc or a substitute for crew shirts?).

Summary of Actions

- Find front of house people for Birdland
- **Helen Root** to share all updates from Birdland blog on their facebook event.
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- **ACTION: Jack Steadman** and **Chris Love** to finalise performance dates for Big Fella.
- **ACTION: Gautam Kambhampati** to give **Alhasan Al-Habib, Daniel Clay, Jonathan Masters** a budget for Big Fella.
- Committee Members to attend LSDF event to support our DramSoc production.
- **Oscar Gill** and **Agnes Donnelly** to email ArtsImperial to see if there is publicity material available for our LSDF show.
- **Elena Stronach** to ask **Jack Williams** and **Nathan Patel** to see if they're willing to put on a 20min piece from Birdland for ArtsFest. **Zoë Edwards** to circulate details about the upcoming AGM and EGM.
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Adjournment:

At 19:06 PM **Zoë Edwards** made motion to adjourn the meeting and **Steven Kingaby** seconded it.