

Rose Bowl

News

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Hello everyone

Isn't it great to be back in front of live audiences again?! The reception of audiences shows how much live theatre was missed. Entries for this 2021-22 Season are back at pre-covid levels and it is lovely to see all your hard work coming to fruition. We know that, for some of you, it has been a long 2-year wait to put on the productions you have been rehearsing since 2019 and, my goodness, you have come back with a bang! Well done.

Our Virtual Awards Ceremony

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Virtual Rose Bowl Awards Ceremony back in November; it was a lovely night and something entirely unique. We were determined that we would go ahead with the Awards Ceremony after two years and it was a totally new experience for all the Committee. Yes, we have all got used to Zoom and Teams meetings, but a whole Awards Ceremony? To be honest, it was quite nerve-racking for the organisers. Will there be an audience? Will everyone be heard? Will the wifi signal hold....?

We had nothing to worry about and with grateful thanks to the wonderful support of Spirolux who had everything under control, you attended, we were heard and the wifi held! It was lovely to see the group get-togethers and parties, all the nominees and the winners.



Congratulations to all the nominees and the winners and (although it took some time) all the Rose Bowls have been delivered to the recipients. Thank you for your patience.

Now, for this year.... we are thrilled to be able to tell you that this year's Awards Ceremony will take place on Sunday 27th November 2022 at the Bristol Marriott City Centre hotel. Yes, we are having a live ceremony, so get that date in your diaries!

Adjudicators

One thing we have noticed is the increase in the numbers of productions happening all over the South West around the same dates. Obviously you are all wanting to get back on stage. So it is quite timely that we can announce that we have three new adjudicators joining the adjudicating panel. Please welcome:

Mike Clark

Michael has been involved with the theatre, in one way or another for nearly 50 years. He started at Sally Noble's Bristol Youth Theatre at the age of 10 and went on to graduate from The Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art in the mid-1980s. Thereafter he worked as a professional actor for a couple of decades. In the 2000s until 2016 Michael worked as a full-time drama teacher, teaching all age groups from year 3 to year 11. In 2012 he gained a first-class honours degree in Theatre Studies from the University of Manchester. Michael currently works full time as a site manager in the construction industry.



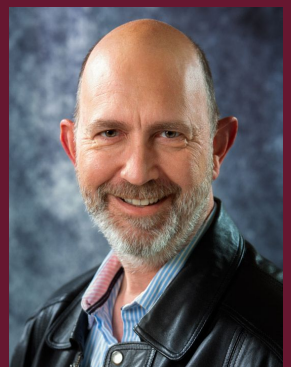
Nick Goodall

Nick started learning the piano at the age of five and attended the Central Oxford Music School for six years, learning piano with Vernon Jones and playing the violin in the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra.

He has recently retired from a long and successful career in education. He was Director of Music at Stonar School in Wiltshire for the last 28 years. Throughout his teaching career he continued to perform regularly as a pianist and bass player and has written several instrumental compositions. He works closely with a number of local musical groups.

Chris Howland-Harris FRPharmS, IPresc

Chris worked in NHS primary care which he combined with being a writer, and for many years wrote an anonymous satirical column for a national pharmacy magazine. In addition, he has appeared in amateur drama and theatre sketches, been employed for corporate presentation and voice-over work, and recently has written and directed a number of amateur productions. Now semi-retired, Chris also performs with a sea shanty group that tours regularly around the South West.



Full biographies of all the Adjudicators can be found in the Rose Bowl Awards website, **www.therosebowlawards.org.uk**

Changes in the Treasury

Denise Jones, our Treasurer, has recently decided that now is the right time for her to hand over the books to someone new and has resigned from the Committee. We are very sorry to see her go. In the years she has been Treasurer she has had her work cut out, amongst other things, bringing us into the 21st Century and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all her hard work. With such quiet professionalism, the changes she has made are almost imperceptible but so valuable. Thank you Denise; we will miss you.

When Denise told us of her intention to resign we thought long and hard about who could replace her. We are pleased to be able to introduce our new Treasurer to you, someone who a lot of you will already know, Rob McDonald. Rob has been on the Rose Bowl Awards Ceremony Organising Committee for a number of years and has held the position of Treasurer in other clubs before, so it is a position he is very familiar with. Welcome to the team Rob.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

