

Derry Playhouse Writers

Keep on Writing!
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Bi-Coastal Connections Projects

Play Writing & Acting/Directing with Yabo Yablonsky

These classes resume Mon., 20 September and will continue until Thursday, 9 December on the days and time listed below:

Play Writing Mondays @ 1-4pm

Acting/Directing Tuesdays @ 5-8pm

Play Writing Wednesdays @ 5-8pm

Acting/Directing Thursdays @ 1-4pm

*Yabo says, 'It's almost not raining in Derry so I'm seeking playwrights, actors and directors to work with me in a collective effort to create a new epic play, **Derry Aye!***

'Weaving together words, music and dance we will create this unique production from scratch and stage it at The Playhouse in December.'

Yabo is an award winning member of the Playwright/Director's Unit of the Actors Studio in Los Angeles. He is also an award winning screenwriter and director. He wrote the script for ***Escape to Victory*** starring Michael Caine & Sylvester Stallone, directed by John Huston, that was recently voted by the BBC as the best soccer film ever made. The film also featured soccer legends, Pelé & Bobby Moore and a host of other top players.

There is a fee of £20 for each workshop. Placements are limited so if you are interested in participating please contact Margie Bernard.



Yabo will also direct his play ***A Cue for Quasimodo***, The Playhouse in November (see enclosed Playhouse pamphlet). There are five roles, three females, two males. If you are interested in being considered please leave your name with **Margie Bernard** as listed above.



David Gothard Creative Writing Workshop

David Gothard will again facilitating a Creative Writing Workshop in October. We are still waiting for confirmation of when he will arrive but tentative dates are 4-19 October.

For additional information about David's workshop contact **Anne Crilly** at The Playhouse: 028 72 264 481. This workshop is open to beginning writers as well as more seasoned ones which makes for a rich mix of participants. Its aim is to help each person find her or his 'voice' as a writer. Fee: £20.

Funding for the Bi-Coastal Connections Project has been provided by the Northern Ireland Arts Council, Derry City Council with additional funds from student fees and theatre admissions.



Writing Radio Plays

Dave Duggan of **Sole Purpose Productions** has agreed to come to our meeting on 6 October from 2-4pm to provide advice and answer questions on how to write successful radio plays. He has had extensive experience with writing radio plays for BBC and RTE radio and will provide sample scripts and play taped examples.

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DPW Weekly Meeting

We are now meeting in a portacabin located in the lower courtyard at The Playhouse!! We continue to meet weekly on Wednesday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and will continue to do so during the pilot project workshops.



Annual General Membership Meeting

Our AGM will be held in our portacabin on Wednesday, 29 September at 1pm. We will elect officers and board members for the following year and provide an overview of our activities and finances during the past year. Please attend and let us know if there are activities you would like us to undertake next year. We look forward to seeing you.



Membership Fee

It's to renew your membership of £10. These funds help pay the cost of sending this newsletter which is how we keep you informed of upcoming workshops, speakers and other events. Please send a cheque or postal order payable to Derry Playhouse Writers and send to: DPW, Attn: Margie Bernard, Treasurer, The Playhouse, 5-7 Artillery Street, Derry BT48 6RG. Thank you for your support.



Resources

We have purchased the 2005 edition of The Artists and Writers Handbook which lists agents, publishers and other useful information. It is available for your use in our Portacabin. There is also a blue notebook that contains info of contests and helpful websites.



DPW Management Committee

Officers:

Chair: Madeline McCully
Vice-Chair: Joe Duggan
Secretary: Rosemary Quinn
Treasurer: Margie Bernard

General Members:

Ann Keys Colton	Tom Finnigan
Ann Crilly	Eugene McGinty
Ellen Factor	Del Prince

Mentors: Brian Foster, David Gothard, Gloria Goldsmith, Shirl Hendryx & Yabo Yablonsky