THE EDWARD ALDERTON THEATRE

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THEATRE COMMITTEE:
Chair: Liz Gillett, Secretary: Karen Friett, Treasurer: Maureen Hardwen,
Technical Director: Michael Taylor, Bar Manager: Tony Donnelly,
Publicity Director: Kevin Coward, Theatre Maintenance: Timothy Webb

If you have any comments, queries or suggestions to put to the committee please email: edwardalderton@hotmail.co.uk

CODE OF CONDUCT
The Edward Alderton Theatre aims to produce performances of the highest possible standard in an environment that is enjoyable for audiences and those involved in the theatre. To this end we expect our members and visitors to treat each other, our property and our neighbours with respect. Thank you. EAT Committee

ONLINE BOOKINGS - Book online* at www.ticketsource.co.uk/edwardalderton or telephone** our booking agent TicketSource on 0333 666 3366

To contact the theatre directly on performance nights please call 020 8298 1269

* No booking fees apply
** Telephone bookings will incur a £1.75 service fee which includes ticket delivery

Full details can be found on www.edwardalderton.org

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The Beauty Queen of Leenane
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THE NEW, 2020-2021 SEASON WILL BE LAUNCHED AT THE EAT ON 21/03/20 SEE YOU THERE!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 25/02/20
Dear EAT Members, we are pleased to announce that the EAT AGM will be held at the theatre on Tuesday 25th Feb 2020. The AGM will begin at 8.15 pm and the bar will be opened once the meeting has finished.

With the exception of Liz, the committee members are prepared to continue in their current roles. Your current officers are:-

• Liz Gillett - Chair (Stepping down)
• Karen Friett - Secretary
• Maureen Hardwen - Treasurer
• Tony Donnelly - Licensee and Bar Manager
• Kevin Coward - Publicity Manager
• Mick Taylor - Technical Manager
• Tim Webb - Facilities Manager
• Chris Manning-Perry - Membership Secretary

Anyone who wishes to stand for any committee position is of course completely free to do so; they should have a nominator and seconder and need to put their application in writing, and we would then hold an election on the night of the AGM. If none of the positions are contested then we will simply ask at the AGM for member support for the continuation of the current committee.

THE NEW SEASON LAUNCH - 21/03/20
SIX EXCITING NEW PRODUCTIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON TO BE REVEALED!
Please join us at the theatre on Saturday, 21st March as we host our New Season Launch night. The six new productions for the 2020-2021 Season will be announced on the evening, and the Director for each production will introduce themselves and tell us about their plans and aspirations for the shows.

Doors open at 7.30pm, presentations start at 8pm. The bar will be open after the presentations.

NEW SEASON AUDITIONS DATES AND TIMES
Auditions for the six productions will be from 11.00am - 6.00pm. They will take place at the theatre and will be split over two days: Sunday, 7th June AND Sunday, 14th June.

The timings for each production’s auditions will be announced at the launch. You will have the opportunity to chat to Directors about their plays and note your interest in auditioning.

More information will be available on the EAT website later in March/April.

BEXLEYHEATH TRAIN STATION TEMPORARY CLOSURE
Saturday 15 to Sunday 23 February 2020
Please note that, during the production week of The Beauty Queen of Leenane, Network Rail will be closing the Bexleyheath line, to carry out major work to prevent landslips. More information can be found at: www.southeasternrailway.co.uk/travel-information/live-travel-information/bexleyheath-engineering-work

EAT NEWS
WE NEED HANDY PEOPLE!
HANDS UP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER...

The EAT are looking to create a rota of keen and enthusiastic handy-people to assist with our Set-Building for 2020 and beyond.

Do you have some spare time? Are you interested in DIY? Would you like to help in building and painting exciting new sets and spaces for our productions? Would you like a hobby filled with laughter, fun, friendship and a sense of Community?

THEN COME AND JOIN US AT THE THEATRE
You would be needed for one or two nights a week, per production. You would not need to work on each production (we produce six shows each year). We are just looking for committed and enthusiastic people that can help us with one or two shows each year. No experience necessary! Guidance and support with set building and safety will be given on site.

If interested, please email edwardalderton@hotmail.co.uk or pop by on one of our Set Build nights, (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 7 till 9pm for a chat, or pop along to one of our Social Evenings, held every Wednesday from 8pm (apart from show weeks). We guarantee you will receive a very warm welcome. We hope to see you soon.

A CELEBRATORY CENTURY!
Long standing patron and life member, Mrs MacDonald was 100 years old on Christmas Day. Mrs MacDonald attended the Panto and the audience gave their congratulations. Roses and afternoon tea were sent wishing her a very Happy Birthday from all her friends at the EAT.

RON TO RETIRE
Many Thanks to Ron Hardwen who retires from the stock control and buying of beer and wine for our bar.

Did you know that Ron was a Grenadier Guard and accompanied the Queen’s coach on Coronation Day?

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION
The Beauty Queen of Leenane
Written by Martin McDonagh
Directed by Melinda Hunt

15th - 22nd February 2020

The Beauty Queen of Leenane is one of Martin McDonagh’s early plays. Set in a backwater village in the west of Ireland, the Beauty Queen of Leenane tells the darkly comic tale of Maureen Folan, a plain and lonely woman in her early forties, who takes care of Mag, her manipulative and insufferable mother. The story follows their mundane, spiteful and vindictive relationship, in this often laugh out loud comedy, where we are also introduced to neighbour Ray Dooley. Then an old beau, Ray’s older brother, Pato, comes to town, offering to steal our lonely heroine away. Maureen’s first, and potentially last, loving relationship with a man, sets in motion a train of events that is as gothically funny as it is horrific.

Then everything goes feck...g insane.

CAST

Maureen Folan...........Clare McNamara
Pato Dooley.......Richard Toynton
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Ray Dooley.........Matt Friett

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Maureen Folan.......Clare McNamara
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