

Copacabana

Sept 28th to 2nd Oct 2010



"Her name was Lola, she was a Show Girl" We all know the song and Pendle Hippodrome Theatre Company will bring the story to life when they present 'Copacabana' the fabulous fantasy musical with music by the one and only Barry Manilow. The show will hit the Hippodrome stage in September and 'hit' will be the operative word. With fabulous music, extravagant costumes, dancing and Vegas style glitz and glamour, this will be a show to remember.

The show is now cast and features the very best of bright young talent that Pendle has to offer. They will be backed by a line up of Showgirls and Boys who will add that extra 'wow' factor with their fantastic dance routines. To top off this extravaganza of a show there will be an excellent extensive chorus, displaying their acting, singing and dancing skills.

Lola will be played by newcomer to the Company, Sophie Lord. Sophie is no newcomer to the stage however as she has previously performed in the Bacup and Rossendale area. The role of Tony will be played by another newcomer to the Company, Gary Dowson. Gary may be new to the Company but he is certainly no newcomer to the world of entertainment. He has appeared at the O₂ Arena, performed alongside Sir Cliff Richard and toured with a 'Take That' tribute band. He was a 'Red Coat' and the list goes on! Local Award winning actors Liz Wellock and Sam Crabtree will play Rico and Conchita.

The show will be Directed by Angela Boulton with Dan Cox as Musical Director and making her debut as Choreographer will be the young multi-talented Cathryn Osborne.

Going For Gold

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You may recall that in the last issue of Footlight Forum it was reported that the Theatre had a new Silver Slash Curtain and the 'Editor' thought it would be great if we could have one in a different colour for a change!!

Well now, thanks to a grant from Lancashire County Council, the Theatre has purchased a Gold Slash Curtain. This will greatly enhance future events staged at the Theatre and enable our stage staff to add 'The Golden Touch' to our productions.

**A big THANK YOU
to Lancashire County Council**

NODA

Congratulations go to Kevin Rawcliffe who was formally elected as NODA North West Regional Councillor at the North West AGM in Blackpool on Sunday May 2nd 2010.



In his new role Kevin feels that communication is the key and he would like to build strong bridges with both individuals and societies as well as outside organisations.

Kevin has been our Region 3 Representative for several years. He has also performed with many local Societies including Colne Operatic Society where he played *Daddy Warbucks* in 'Annie' and *Mack* in 'Mack and Mabel' amongst others. As well as an accomplished actor and singer Kevin has directed many productions in the local area.

He would like to thank everyone for their support and we in turn wish Kevin all the very best in his new role.

A Real Treasure



Geoffrey Holgate took on the mantle of Theatre Treasurer on the retirement of Marjorie Kemp and now it is his turn to retire and hand over the purse strings to a new Theatre Treasurer.

As Treasurer he was entrusted with the unenviable task of transferring many of the Theatre's accounts in order to gain better banking services and rates of interest. Geoffrey carried out this onerous task with great efficiency and thanks to him the new Treasurer has inherited a much more manageable service. Geoffrey was also a serving member of the Theatre's Board of Directors from which he has also retired.

Karin Wilson took over the role of Theatre Treasurer following Pendle Hippodrome Theatre's AGM in May.



The Board of Directors would like to express their sincere gratitude to Geoffrey for all his hard work over the last year and his many years of service to the Theatre in general.

NODA Awards

The Theatre Company and the Youth Theatre were very honoured to be nominated for 3 of the prestigious NODA North West Awards for the best performances and productions in North West Theatre.

Unfortunately on this occasion none of our nominees were successful but we wish everyone luck at the 2011 Awards with this year's productions.

Think Before You Buy ³

Most of us enjoy a drink from the Theatre Bar either in the backstage bar, after a show, in the interval when we are members of the audience or at any of the Theatre's social events.



How awful then if the Theatre should lose its licence to sell alcohol and we all had to make do with a cup of tea! Not that there is anything wrong with a cup of tea, but things would just not be the same.

One of the problems the Theatre is encountering is the consumption of alcoholic drinks, be they alcopops or other similar beverages, by some of our younger customers. Everyone knows the age of our own youngsters so they are never sold alcoholic drinks.

Unfortunately drinks are being purchased and handed over to people under the legal drinking age, without the bar staff's knowledge.

This is a criminal offence and the person buying the drinks is liable to prosecution as is the young person who is consuming the alcohol and both would gain a criminal record.

The Theatre is also liable to prosecution and would lose its licence and get a hefty fine. It would also mean that one of the most profitable sources of revenue for the Theatre would dry up and that would be a disaster.

It has been said that the Police never come into the Theatre. That is not true. How do we know who may be in the audience or standing next to us in the Bar, male or female. The next time they visit it could be in their official capacity as members of the Constabulary.

**Please
THINK BEFORE YOU BUY
or we may all have to suffer
CHEERS!**