

PUMP HOUSE NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2009



(Long overdue) Award.

I am delighted to inform you that our Artistic Director, Lee Farman, has recently won a Watford Community Award for his outstanding contribution to the Pump House Children and Youth Theatre. Lee collected his award at the Coliseum on the 27th March while supported by a small group of past and present PHYCT supporters.



Well done and well deserved!



Front of House Manager Training

Do you enjoy learning something new? Do you want to vary when helping with the rota for production? Then why not train as a FOH Manager? We are getting desperately low on people who can cover this essential job and need "new blood". Training takes less than 2 hours and you will be mentored on your first night. We won't ask you to do more than you are comfortable with-honest. So if you are interested please contact me ASAP on 07843 488 663

or lystere@btopenworld.com.

Remember Your Pump House Needs You!

Save the Date!

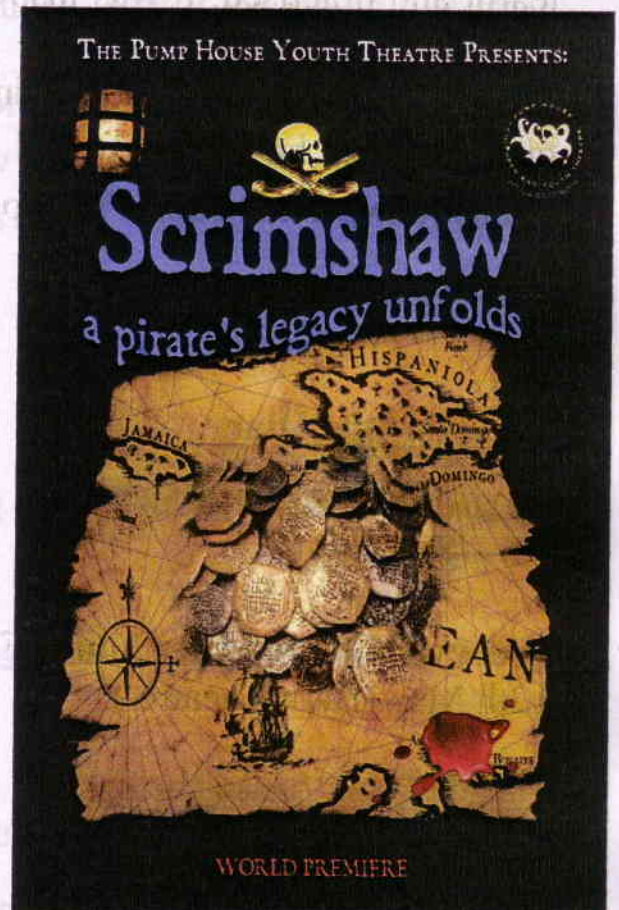
Training

Session

9th May

10-12 in the Theatre.

We are pleased to announce that the DVDs of Scrimshaw are now available at £8.00 each. If you want a forever keepsake of this wonderful production then please contact Paul Henley directly on 07958 644645



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Pump house news letter (Mencap)

6 o'clock on a Friday evening in the Watford Boys' sports gym and Ben Rhodes, Saoirse Brewer and I were lucky enough to be asked to help out with a drama session, run by Robin Scarborough, for the members of Mencap which caters for teenagers with a range of learning difficulties

It was amazing to experience how welcoming everyone was, which helped to settle my nerves. After running around and playing various little games of basketball, football and rugby whilst getting to know one another, we split up into two groups, one to do drama the others to do an introduction class to martial arts. Nobody was expecting our drama session to be so popular as for many people, with communication needs, just being able to relate to emotional responses can be a challenge but we were all stunned by the amount of people wanting to get involved with the workshop.

We helped run various drama exercises with lots of laughter running constantly throughout, as everyone launched themselves into it with confidence. The exercises built up to small improvised pieces showing the things we had learnt and practised. It was inspiring watching just how much enjoyment everyone drew from this experience.

The whole evening was incredible, it was so much fun and truly an eye opener to see how quickly and warmly our new faces were accepted. It was a fantastic experience and I'd leap at the chance to do anything like it again.

Kathy Scarborough

Dates for the Diary.

Bushey and South West Herts. Festival
6th—8th May

Welwyn Garden City Youth Festival
12th May (Barn Theatre)

Jungle Book / Into the Woods
2nd, 3rd, 4th*, 9th, 10th, 11th* July

* evening and matinee performance

IMPORTANT REMINDER. MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE NOW.

If you have not already done so please pay your PHCYT fees. The group still represents fantastic value for money and prompt payment reduces administration time. Remember , you can also pay fees on line through our web site with PayPal. Thank you.