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PROGRAMME 2011

First half of the year

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| Feb 25-27 | 50th anniversary celebrations at the Globe (See below) |
| March 20 | DCC Gold (Heritage) Festival (See below) |
| March 14-28 | Dunedin Fringe Festival (Details of productions to be held at Globe in next month's newsletter) |
| April | School holidays: Children's theatre productions |
| May 7/8 | Visiting production - Helen Moulder and Rose Beauchamp in <i>The Legend Returns</i> |
| May 26-June 4 | Globe Production of <i>Carluccio and the Queen of Hearts</i> |

Second half of the year

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| (August or September) | Globe Production of <i>Waiting for Godot</i> |
| October | (Globe Production - information being finalised) |
| December 1-10 | Globe Production of <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> |

We have also confirmed one Members' Night event, readings from Jane Austen presented by Terry MacTavish and Jocelyn Harris. We hope to have at least 2 more during the year although dates and details have not yet been finalised.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLOBE, February 25-27

Please see http://www.globetheatre.org.nz/registration_form.pdf for a copy of the registration form. Can you **PLEASE** return this soon, preferably by the end of the month, so that we may have a better idea of numbers attending for catering purposes (ours and Etruscus).

We will be opening the whole of the theatre to attendees so that everyone may appreciate how the building has changed over the years. We will have displays of posters, costumes and other memorabilia, a continuous photo loop, mainly of production stills, and a DVD loop of extracts of some productions.

We would also like to create a booklet of reminiscences from and for all those attending the anniversary celebrations. We will ask everyone attending to write in this book or to send us their memories/comments before or after the weekend and will then collate all into something that we can send you all afterwards.

We certainly hope that a number of you will contribute to our Sunday morning "Reminiscences of 5 decades" session. Some of those who have confirmed that they will share their memories at this time are Michael Noonan, Ian Fraser, David Bolton and Beth Evans. Rosalie Carey is too unwell to attend, sadly, but thanks to Stuart Devinnie, who filmed her recently at her home in Whangarei, will provide her own unique contribution of memories and memorabilia for the occasion.

DCC GOLD (HERITAGE) FESTIVAL: SUNDAY MARCH 20th, 11am TO 3pm

The Globe has been commissioned by the organisers of this Festival to re-enact the scene that *might* have been the Octagon 150 years ago by providing people to 'be' Dunedin citizens at the start of the gold rush that created Dunedin's great wealth in the 1860s (and thus, incidentally, the building in 1867 of 104 London Street, the house which has been turned into our Globe Theatre).

Briefly; we will need to organise about 50 active participants, children as well as adults, to play the parts of the kind of folk who might have been in Dunedin at that time. There will be miners and ministers, loose women and ladies, drunkards, servants, policemen and 'proper' people too. The central and upper roads

around the Octagon will be closed to traffic for the day so we will have children playing appropriate games in the central carriage way while some of the adults interact with members of the public who may be in or around the Octagon.

Miners, Chinese as well as Caucasian, will cluster around the four tents that will be pitched in the upper Octagon while a black-coated preacher will deliver the kind of sermons that might persuade them and others to change their [probably] wicked ways.

The Globe will be directing this re-enactment in place of a production in the theatre at that time. We will thus need: People [lots of] to be all of the above and more; ideas; costumes and many more things no doubt. So... **We need YOU!**

Specifically we need people who will:

- 1/ be part of a small planning group to oversee the reenactment
- 2/ take part (You can have a choice of character type!)
- 3/ help our wardrobe manager to make/assemble/find the many costumes we will need
- 4/ make helpful suggestions even if you are not able to take part on the day

The different character types will not be expected to learn lines of course but will be coached in the kinds of behaviours and activities they might be expected to show. We will have wardrobe fittings and hold a number of rehearsals/practice sessions before the day itself. None of these will take up as much time or require as much effort as a normal production so please don't be shy or think you won't have the time to get involved.

Please respond by mail (Friends of the Globe Theatre, P.O. Box 5334, Dunedin), email (brirose@ihug.co.nz), phoning the Globe (4773274) or Globe secretary (4780248) or texting the secretary on 0212086695

This will be a great opportunity for the Globe to raise its profile in the community, make some money and, most importantly, enable lots of its members to have fun.

WORKING BEE

When you next come to the theatre, you will notice that we have made some big changes in the appearance of foyer during the last few weeks. If you were to come up this week you would also notice the garden appears to be trying to take over the whole building due both to wind damage and also the incredibly fertile Globe soil. We would really appreciate some assistance with keeping this garden at bay. If you can help even for a few hours would you please contact us as above and suggest times/dates that could be suitable for you.

MEMBERS EVENINGS

As you can see, we would like to reinstate these in 2011 and currently have details (but not yet a date) of one evening listed. Ideally, we would like to have a couple of rehearsed play-readings for some other evenings because these give members the opportunity to direct and perform in works without the pressure of weeks of rehearsing, staging and line-learning that full productions require. This is YOUR theatre. Please make use of it.

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