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## Leeds Combined Arts Newsletter – Winter 2019-2020.

Dear All,

Welcome to the 'LCA Winter Newsletter' which covers the period December 2019 to February 2020. We hope you enjoy attending many of the events over the winter season.

The LCA seasonal meal will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.30 p.m.** at The Queens Arms, Harrogate Road. Please pay in advance by sending a cheque for **£11.99** for 2 courses. If you would like **3** courses, please add an extra **£3.50**. All choices of food can be made on the evening. Please see the Toby Carvery Festive meal for the full menu which is available on their website. Please book by **12<sup>th</sup> December** at the latest by sending a cheque for the full amount to us made payable to '**Leeds Combined Arts Theatre Group**', please send to us at **Leeds Combined Arts, Bennett Road Headingley LS6 3HN**. Thank you. A further reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

### AGM

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 p.m. HEART, Bennett Road, Headingley.**

Join us for our Annual General Meeting at HEART on Weds 11 December. We will present our Annual Accounts and Report and have a look back at all the events that have taken place up to and including 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Refreshments provided.

**Disclaimer: Leeds Combined Arts reserves the right to alter, cancel or amend an event when circumstances arise beyond their control. However, if an event has to be cancelled or changed this will always be advertised on the website. Participation in any event included in this Newsletter is undertaken at the individual's own risk.**

# COURSES & WORKSHOPS

## **'Singing and Lyric Writing' Weekend Course, 6-8 December.**

Please see details of our course and weekend away which has been tailor-made for our group on the **6-8 December**. The weekend includes all accommodation and tuition as well as breakfasts and evening meals. The accommodation is based on single and twin rooms for those who wish to share. For further information please contact [carol@leedscombinedarts.org.uk](mailto:carol@leedscombinedarts.org.uk) **Only two places now left.**

## **World Dance Workshops with Emma Sutton Meanwood Institute, Green Road, Meanwood. 2-4 p.m. 'Dance the World'.**

Our world dance workshops which commenced in November are continuing until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December with a mixture of dances from around the world.

In our world today we find dance in all aspects of culture – in our gestures, in religious and spiritual ceremonies, in romance, in popular culture, in entertainment, in fitness and in art. Dance styles are closely tied to the cultures in which they develop. Each gesture and move has its own history and cultural derivation. The way we move with our bodies is both an expression of our culture and our identity.

In these workshops we will explore culture and identity by learning dances from all over the world. Circle dances are a widespread and traditional form of dance which exists in many cultures so we will be learning some of those. We will also look at other group dances and mind/body practices too. We will dance across the continents. We will learn about the roots of the dances and try our own feet at the steps. Everyone is welcome to come and join. The dances are versatile and adaptable to suit each dancer. The classes are inclusive and welcoming for people of all ages and abilities. Entrance is £3.00/£2.50 members and concessions including refreshments. For further details please visit our web site at <http://leedscombinedarts.org.uk/event/worlddance/>

# POETRY & LITERATURE EVENTS

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 p.m. HEART, Headingley, Seasonal Winter Poetry & Prose Evening and Short Mummings Play.**

Join us for our final event this year with an open mic Poetry & Prose Evening on a Winter Seasonal theme. All welcome to participate throughout the evening, with readings performances on a seasonal theme. There will also be a short performance by **Leeds Morris Mummings**. A short, rustic, seasonal confection on the topic of climate change, featuring two of the most vociferous protagonists of contrary positions, with our fair Britannia stuck in the middle. But Father Christmas will undoubtedly sort it all out. God bless us, every one! Entrance is £4.00/£3.50 members and concessions and will include seasonal refreshments.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 p.m. 'Russian and English Poetry Evening', HEART, Headingley.**

Join Natasha for an evening of Russian Poetry translated into English. Would you like to experience the softer side of Russia and some of its rich cultural heritage? If so, then join Natasha for an evening of selected Russian poetry and folksong, covering a period of over 200 years. Entrance £3.50/£3.00 members and concessions.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 p.m. 'Open Mic Poetry Evening' HEART, Headingley.**

Join us for one of our 'Open Mic' evenings where all are welcome to read Poetry, prose or sing, play throughout the evening. Entrance £3.50/£3.00 concessions and members including refreshments.



# LCA BOOK GROUP

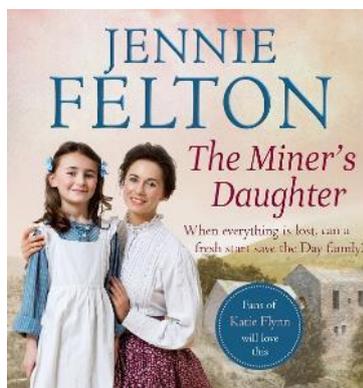


**Meanwood Institute, Green Road, Meanwood LS6 3HN.**

The LCA Book Reading Group continues to meet bi-weekly at 3 – 5 p.m. on Monday afternoons at Meanwood Institute, Green Road, Meanwood.

We are continuing with our current book 'The Tin God' by local author Chris Nickson until the end of January, and in February 2020 we will commence with a new book '*The Miners Daughter*' by Jennie Felton, (see below for further details).

## **New Book - Commencing February 2020**



When Annie Day at number four, Fairley Terrace, loses her beloved husband in a tragic mining disaster, she cannot afford the luxury of grief. For now, she must find a way to support herself and her two young daughters, Kitty and Lucy, and marriage to widower Algernon Pierce seems to be the answer to Annie's prayers. For a time, all is well. But beneath her new husband's respectable veneer, lies a darkness which deepens as the years roll by. Annie begins to fear for her daughters' futures, particularly vibrant, headstrong Lucy, whose defiance of Algernon alters the course of their lives forever.

All reading takes place in the two-hour slot, including a break. Entrance is £3.00 and includes refreshments. Further details on 0113 269 0356.

# DAY TRIPS, EVENTS & WEEKENDS AWAY

## **New Year Weekend in Earby; joint with Leeds YHA Walking Group.**

Join us for a fabulous New Year weekend Earby surrounded by great countryside with easy access to the industrial history of the area. This lovely cosy cottage on the outskirts of Earby village is close to the Yorkshire Dales, great for a countryside break. The Pennine Way, Pendle Way and Lancashire Cycleway are great destinations for walking and cycling holidays. From here you can also explore historic Skipton, the Forest of Bowland and Pendle Hill - home of Lancashire witches. The full address is Earby Hostel 13 Birch Hall Lane Earby, Earby BB18 6JX. The Cost is £30 for one night & £40 for 2 nights. We are intending to stay on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December and some people will also be staying o 1<sup>st</sup> January. The cost for 3 nights is £45.00. There will be a buffet on New Year's Eve to which we will all contribute. **Please Note:** All cheques must be made payable to '**Leeds YHA Walking Group**' and sent to **John Freeman, Treasurer, Leeds YHA Walking Group at 6, Gledhow Park View, Leeds, LS7 4JS.** If you would like further information please contact Susan on 0798437030.

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 9.00 a.m. Day Trip to Skirlington Market and Bridlington.**

Join us on a day coach trip to Yorkshires biggest indoor and outdoor Sunday market, with the afternoon in the popular East Coast town of Bridlington. **£10.00 Please book in advance by sending a cheque for £10.00 made payable to Leeds Combined Arts theatre Group to us at the HEART address.** Once we have received payment and e-mail will be sent to you nearer the time giving further details of meeting point and times etc.

# THEATRE VISITS

Please find below the Theatre trips between December 2019 and February 2020.

There are limited seats available for some productions so please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Please note that although Opera North will do their best to seat those with mobility problems in the stalls if possible, we cannot guarantee those seats will be available.**

All productions are available to book now by sending payment to us (all cheques to be made payable to '**Leeds Combined Arts Theatre Group**', at Leeds Combined Arts, Bennett Road, Headingley, Leeds LS6 3HN.

**Please ensure we receive payment for all theatre trips at least one week before the show'.**

Thank you and we hope you enjoy attending many of the theatre visits on offer at discounted rates. *Sibylle & Emma.*

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**Thursday 12 December 7.30 p.m. Leeds Grand Theatre. 'Band of Gold'.**

The gritty thriller tells the story of a group of women – Carol, Rose, Anita and Gina – as they battle to survive while working in Bradford's red-light district. First aired on television in 1995, *Band of Gold* captivated over 15 million viewers each week and starred (among others) Geraldine James, Cathy Tyson, Barbara Dickson and Samantha Morton. The ground-breaking crime drama ran for two series after which Kay felt the series had run its course. All tickets in the front stalls £21.00 (usual price £39).



**Saturday 14 December 7.30 p.m. Zoobin Surty Karma Dance Company – 'British Bollywood Spectacular'.** Kala Sangam Arts Centre, St Peter's House, 1 Forster Square Bradford, BD1 4TY.

Journey through the seasons of India as our season comes to an end with a spectacular performance that captures all the colours, sounds and flamboyancy of Bollywood! Choreographed by Zoobin Surty, this extravaganza features community performers and professionals from across the region dancing to some classic Bollywood hits. Whether you know your Shah Rukh Khan from your Katrina Kaif, or you're a complete newcomer to Bollywood, this performance is the perfect alternate Christmas night out and guaranteed to get your toes tapping. All tickets £10.50. **Join us for a pre- show curry at the Jinnah Restaurant which is 5 minutes walk from the Arts Centre.**



**Thursday 2 January 7.00 p.m. 'Cinderella', Northern Ballet, Leeds Grand Theatre.**

Marvellous feats of magic'. Escape to an enchanting winter wonderland with **Northern Ballet's** beautiful reimagining of '*Cinderella*'. A glorious summer's day turns into tragedy. Devastated by the loss of her father, and excluded by her cruel stepmother and sisters, **Cinderella** finds solace on the frozen lake where she first sees her Prince Charming. Escape into an enchanting winter wonderland with Northern Ballet's beautiful reimagining of *Cinderella*. Live every moment of Cinderella's story from heartbreak to joy. In this sparkling adaptation of the classic rags-to-riches tale. All tickets in the front – mid stalls. £28.50, (usual price £55).



**'Street Scene', Opera North, Leeds Grand Theatre, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 7.00 p.m.**

On a stiflingly hot summer's day in New York, a family is pushed to breaking point. Frank is angry at a world that's changing too fast, his daughter Rose longs for a better life away from the squalor of the city, and his unhappy wife Anna struggles with a terrible secret that could tear them all apart... As the heat builds, the tension erupts into violence and their lives are changed forever. Weill's richly varied score blends opera with the music of golden-age Broadway. Soaring arias and duets rub shoulders with jazz and the jitterbug, and Puccini shakes hands with Gershwin. All tickets £12.50. (usual price £26.00 - £52.50).



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7.45 p.m.,  
'Night of the Living Dead' Leeds Playhouse. (CT)**

Seven strangers take refuge from flesh eating 'ghouls' in an isolated farmhouse. As the night draws in, their situation becomes desperate, hope turns to despair, and the picket-fence American dream is smashed apart. Seven performers enter the stage armed with cameras, a box of props and a rail of costumes. Can they recreate the film, shot-for-shot before our eyes, using whatever they can lay their hands on? 50 years after the release of George A. Romero's politically charged zombie movie, imitating the dog and Leeds Playhouse create a love-song to the original 1960s film, retelling it as a searing story for now. All tickets £10.50 (usual price £26.00).



**Saturday 22 February 7.00 p.m. 'The Marriage of Figaro'. Opera North: Leeds Grand Theatre.**

Figaro and Susanna are getting married, but trouble clouds the horizon. Figaro's master, Count Almaviva, is out to bed his bride-to-be Susanna. Meanwhile the heartbroken Countess finds herself the object of Cherubino's adolescent passion. To top it all off, if Figaro cannot repay a debt to the housekeeper Marcellina, he'll have to marry her

instead! Mozart's joyous farce of mistaken identity and misunderstanding, heartache and forgiveness, is bursting at the seams with invention and wit in this hit production. The sublime music bubbles along with comic high spirits, conveying all the delight and pain of love, and the agony and ecstasy of desire. All seats £12.50 (usual price £26.00 - £52.50)



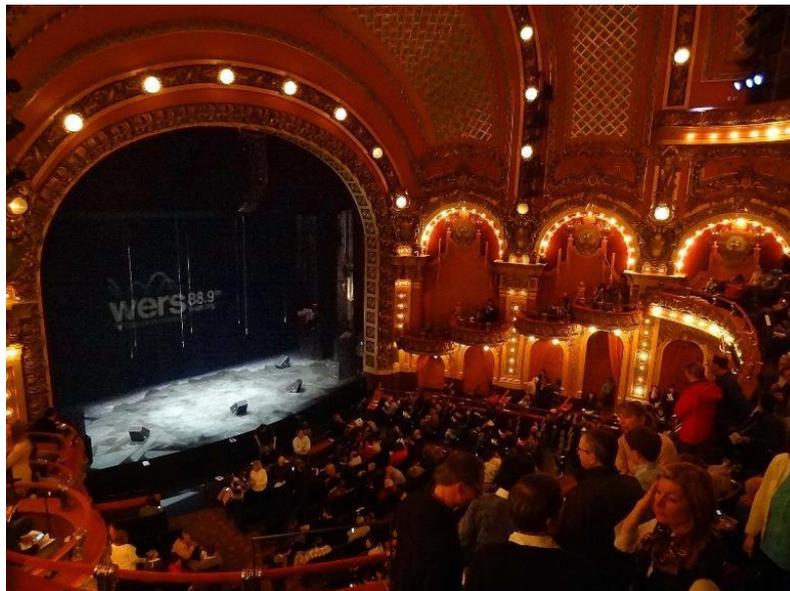
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 p.m. 'The Turn of the Screw'. Opera North: Leeds Grand.**

In a remote country house, the newly-appointed governess arrives to take charge of the orphaned Flora and Miles. She must fight to protect them from strange and menacing spirits. But are

these apparitions real, or the product of her troubled imagination? And what terrible evil occurred before her arrival? Based on the ghost story by Henry James, this edge-of-your-seat psychological thriller reaches new levels of terror and claustrophobia in this spine-chilling production. The disturbingly beautiful music ratchets the tension up to breaking point. Hold on tight to your seat, you're in for quite a night. All tickets £10.50 (usual price £26.00 - £52.50).



**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 p.m.** Born into poverty and misfortune, Oliver Twist escapes the workhouse for a life of adventure where he joins the Artful Dodger, Fagin and their mischievous gang of pick pockets. But the enjoyment is short lived as he falls under the influence of the vicious Bill Sykes. This bold, brutal and beautiful new version of *Oliver Twist* sends you on a dark adventure through the twisted streets of London. Adapted by award-winning playwright **Bryony Lavery**, every performance of *Oliver Twist* will feature the use of integrated creative sign language, audio description and captioning. *Oliver Twist* is in association with Ramps On The Moon. Now in its fourth year, this pioneering initiative from seven major UK theatre companies is committed to putting D/deaf and disabled artists and audiences at the centre of their work. All tickets £12.50 (usual price £32.00).



# FILMS @ HEART

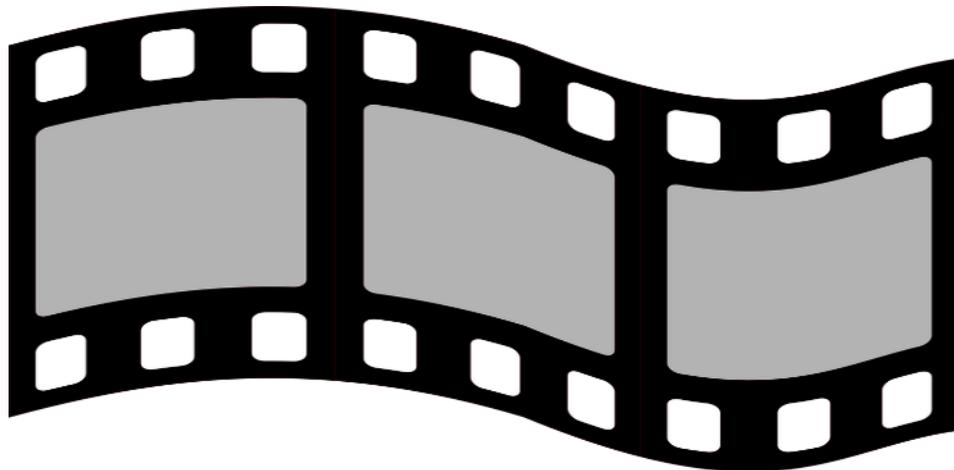
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**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 11.00 a.m. (Doors Open 10.00 a.m.) Film 'Brief Encounters', Shire Oak Hall, HEART, Headingley. FREE!.**

Returning home from a shopping trip to a nearby town, bored suburban housewife Laura Jesson (Celia Johnson) is thrown by happenstance into an acquaintance with virtuous doctor Alec Harvey (Trevor Howard). Their casual friendship soon develops during their weekly visits into something more emotionally fulfilling than either expected, and they must wrestle with the potential havoc their deepening relationship would have on their lives and the lives of those they love.

Tea & cakes are available at very low cost provided by OWLs and there is usually an interval half way through the film.

**There is no need to book for films; just turn up!**



# MIND BODY SPIRIT EVENTS

*(All take place at The HEART Centre, Bennett Road, Headingley LS6 3HN)*

**Wednesday 22 January 'Talk 'Why Your Mind is not your Own' (The link between mass media and tyranny) with Janine Griffiths, HEART, Headingley.**

In this talk Janine will be discussing... Divide and conquer is the name of the game when it comes to the mass media. In this talk I will outline why I think tyranny would not be possible without the aiding and abetting of the mass media. Some of the topics covered will be – The Economy - Why do we have recessions roughly every two years? Is it rigged? The push-back, why we need to stop contracting with the system. Brexit - Why Brexit is not what you think and why the powers that be will not allow us to leave the EU. These are just a few of the topics Janine will be discussing. £4.00/£3.50 members and concessions, (includes refreshments).

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 p.m. 'The Great Whale and Dolphin Beings ', DVD filmed live at Glastonbury Symposium, HEART, Headingley. With Patricia Cori.**

As usual we bring you the latest cutting-edge talks from Glastonbury Symposium, which covers Truth, Mysteries, and New Frontiers. The main aim of the Symposium is to bring in speakers from around the world and to give people information that isn't so easy to get from else-where. They have conversations and presentations about the things we are not supposed to talk about, and looking again about the things in the world going on around us in a light that is not allowed to be shown in the main stream. This evening a Renowned mystic and eco-campaigner Patricia calls for a restoration of our fragile ocean ecosystems to save the whales and dolphins from slaughter and exploitation, while sharing her insights into the role the Cetacean Nation is playing in human and planetary evolution. Entrance £3.00/ £2.50 concessions & members including refreshments.

# WALKS

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December walk 12 noon from the Royal Armouries.**

Join Sibylle for a short festive walk from the Royal Armouries. We will be taking the boat from the Royal Armouries along the River Aire to Leeds central station; from there we will be walking along the River towards Kirkstall Forge where we will have an afternoon tea break at Morrison's Café. Depending on the weather some people may decide to walk back to central station or catch a bus into town.

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon. January Circular Walk from Roundhay Park to Shadwell with Rob.**

Join Rob for a circular walk from Roundhay Park around Shadwell. Please meet at the Fox and Hounds, Roundhay at 12 noon. Further details will be sent out by e-mail nearer the time about this walk nearer the time.

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 a.m. Harewood Circular Walk.**

Join Carol for a 5 mile walk around the Harewood Estate finishing at the Muddy Boots Tea-room. Meet at the Junction of Wike Lane on Harrogate Road. The 36 Bus stops just opposite and runs every half an hour from Leeds Central bus station picking up in Moortown. There is also a lay-by car park just next to the junction. Please bring a packed lunch and drink. For further information please contact Carol on 07708 230 333.



If you are interested in leading a walk as part of our monthly walks programme, typically around 4 – 6 miles, or you have an idea of a walk you would like us to include, please get in touch via [carol@leedscombinedarts.org.uk](mailto:carol@leedscombinedarts.org.uk) or [sibylle@leedscombinedarts.org.uk](mailto:sibylle@leedscombinedarts.org.uk).



Previous walk around Woodlesford and Rothwell Country Park.

## MUSIC & SOCIAL EVENTS

**Friday 13 December 7.00 – 11.00 p.m. Headingley Social , Christy Herron Blues Band, HEART, Bennett Road, Headingley.**

Enjoy some mince pies, mulled wine and festive tunes. It'll be an evening of good company, vinyl and live music in the HEART of the community. Christy Herron Blues band has been writing and recording and performing as a guitarist for more than 20 years. A soulful, rich and road world blues voice teamed with searing guitar and virtuosity, he and the band cover songs by BB King, Howling Wolf, JJ Cale, Bobby Bland with Soulful bluesy conviction. Stay still if you can!. There will also be some fabulous Italian street food available by Salvo's served in the HEART Assembly bar and Kitchen. Donations on the door £5.00 but no one turned away for lack of funds.

Richard Howson, one of our longstanding members, sadly passed away in October. A memorial was held at the beginning of November in Leeds which many people attended. Richard did a lot for our group organising several walks and day trips and hosting and attending many poetry evenings; including reciting many of his own poems which were both humorous and sometimes emotional.

Below are two pictures of Richard, the first at lovely walk he led for us around Ilkley; and a walk and tour of Horticap which another of our members organised in Harrogate. Richard on the left is pictured with Sibylle and Natasha.



Richard Howson 1951 – 2019.



Horticap September 2017