

# August 2020

## Welcome to the SCDA National Newsletter.

### **Festivals Update**

SCDA is planning to run our one act festival in 2021, but we recognise that the current crisis could still impact in a variety of ways. We are therefore considering how we might cope with different eventualities. The four divisions are integrally involved in these plans. We will be asking districts and clubs for their thoughts, so please watch out for emails about this. As soon as we have clear plans, these will be made available to all.

In addition, following a query about the rules governing the award of trophies for stage presentation or best set, we considered a situation where, for example, a team had hired or borrowed all or part of their set from a professional production. There was a lot of discussion about this, but we agreed that, whilst such action was not exactly in the spirit of our competition, it was neither practical nor desirable to try to identify any such situations nor to try to legislate against it.

*Tony Flisch*

### **Stop Press!**

#### **News about the National Script Library**

While the Library at Summerhall will remain closed to the public for a while longer we are delighted to be able to advise that the postal service is re-commencing as of now.

Script requests go to [library@scda.org.uk](mailto:library@scda.org.uk)

Please be patient as circumstances may delay processing.

We would ask that you don't try and visit the Library. Scripts can however be returned to Summerhall reception with appropriate social distancing measures.

Please mark all packages with the Library name and your details – it makes Alison's life so much easier.

We'll update the SCDA website and our Facebook pages with any further changes.

### **In Motion Theatre**

In Motion Theatre are delighted to have been working with SCDA over the last couple of months to create an online set of monologues - Beyond The Headlines. Ten writers from SCDA clubs all over Scotland have been working with playwright and creative director of In Motion Theatre Company, Lisa Nicoll, to create

stories/monologues. Over a series of live and recorded workshops and one to one development, these writers have each created 5-minute fictional stories which have been inspired by media headlines and take us beyond what a headline really says. This culminates in a digital online performance on **Thursday 20th August 2020 7pm** via In Motion Theatre's [Youtube channel](#) and their website [www.inmotiontc.co.uk](http://www.inmotiontc.co.uk)

The pieces will be performed by professional Scottish actors who are ex SCDA members. More to come!

### **Scene Magazine**

Copy is now being collected for a bumper issue of Scene magazine out hopefully in September. The Editor is looking for small articles, (400 words or so) plus photos of what clubs have been up to during the lockdown. Looking at facebook you have all been quite busy and it would be good to hear all about your efforts. Please send in copy and pics to [scene@scda.org.uk](mailto:scene@scda.org.uk) as soon as possible. Many thanks



### **Guest starring Pam Ayres.... the (Virtual) Killin Komedy Fest 2020**

Not to be undone by Covid 19, the Killin Komedy Fest has gone online for 2020 with a special appearance by Pam Ayres.

<https://youtu.be/dy41Rhc-peg>



### **Calling all SCDA bear owners!**

Just for fun we're trying to create a "route map" showing where our bears live. We've sold a lot to date, but don't have any idea as to their whereabouts – many have been raffle prizes too.

So if you're reading this and have a bear, don't be shy, email [membership@scda.org.uk](mailto:membership@scda.org.uk) and tell us where your bear lives!

### **Support SCDA while online shopping:**

More and more people are doing online shopping now and there's a free and easy way to support SCDA while you do it. Simply sign up to [Easy Fundraising](#) or [Give As You Live](#) and select SCDA as the charity you wish to support, then do your shopping via these sites and every transaction will generate a donation for SCDA without it costing you anything. Why not give it a go?

### **Membership handbook 2020-21:**

The membership handbook has been updated. Please [click here](#) to download a copy.