

# **October 2020**

## **Important Updates.**

### **SCDA update**

Below is important information about our festivals plan for 2021, a new playwriting competition, a new monologue competition and our plans for the AGM.

### **Festivals**

In recognition of the unique situation and of the fact that conditions may vary from place to place, SCDA feels that it is best that decisions are taken locally. We have therefore devolved responsibility for the timing and conduct of district and divisional rounds to the four divisions of SCDA. In addition, the timing of the British Final is currently under review by the four countries with a proposal to hold it in either July or September being considered. If this happened, then the current dates we use for each of the rounds could be pushed back.

We intend to be as flexible as possible and as soon as we have more information, it will be published on our website and notified on Facebook. Do keep referring to the website for the up to date position.

### **Play on Words**

We will be launching a new two tier Play on Words competition in November for playwrights based in Scotland. An open category for playwrights of any age and a young playwrights' category for the under 30's. The winners will have one to one mentoring sessions with ex-Artistic Director of Glasgow's Citizens Theatre, Guy Hollands to prepare for publication. We hope to have details and entry forms on the website and Facebook very soon.

### **Monologue Competition**

We are launching a new competition for 2021 which will bring together two strands: the first for writing and the second for performing. Details are still being finalised, but entries will be accepted from individual SCDA members (one entry only) and SCDA member clubs which can submit as many as they wish, though each writer and performer can be involved in only one entry. Application forms and details will be made available on our website soon. We will also be providing on-line resources to help with both writing and performing. Monologues will be between 3 and 6 minutes in duration.

### **AGM**

Our AGM this year will be held on Zoom on 7 November at 11am. All intending to attend must register with the SCDA secretary ([secretary@scda.org.ok](mailto:secretary@scda.org.ok)) and will be issued with a link which must not be shared. Membership checks will be carried out to determine who will be entitled to vote.

We intend too to hold a social evening – also on Zoom on the 6th November at 7.30pm. Watch out for details. Again, you will have to register for this event with the SCDA Secretary ([secretary@scda.org.uk](mailto:secretary@scda.org.uk))

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