

**March 2021**

**Welcome to the SCDA National Newsletter.**



Bring your inner voice to life by creating characters and situations for the stage.

The Play on Words playwriting competition has been releasing playwriting talent from all around Scotland for more than twenty years.

# Playwriting competition

The competition is open to anyone based in Scotland. The winning playwrights will be able to work with a professional director to develop their script for a performance. The final scripts will also be published.

Entries by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Go to [scda.org.uk/pow](http://scda.org.uk/pow) for more information

**Scottish Community Drama**  
Scottish charity SC021397

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**Countdown to closing date: only 30 days left to get your entry in!**

[www.scda.org.uk/pow](http://www.scda.org.uk/pow)

### **Scottish Youth Final 2021**

SCDA Executive met on 7th February and sadly concluded that the Scottish Youth Final, already postponed from this June to later in the year, should be cancelled. (District officials have already been notified.)

This was not an easy decision to make. We're sure you'll understand that with things being so unsettled, and especially doubts about the timescale of restrictions being eased, planning for events is very difficult. After great discussion the most sensible approach was sadly cancellation for 2021.

Let's hope that, with a successful vaccination programme underway, we can all plan sometime soon for other events.

We aim to be back on track in 2022 with the Scottish Youth Final in its usual June slot.

Please keep looking at our website for news and updates on other SCDA events.

Best wishes  
SCDA Executive

## Are You a UK Taxpayer?



If you are, SCDA would like your help. By signing a gift aid declaration in our favour SCDA can turn every £1 you give in donations, membership fees and Patron Scheme monies into £1.25

It doesn't cost you anything, all you have to do is sign the form ([click here to download](#)) and return it to HQ. If you are able to help us in this way, please do. If you have any questions please get in touch.

## PATRON SCHEME

The past year has been a difficult time for each one of us but currently we are starting to see light at the end of the very long tunnel. We're all hoping for better times ahead and to catch up with family and friends

Behind the scenes in SCDA there has been lots of work going on, and we've recently seen the re-launch of the Play on Words Competition, along with the new Monologue Competition. During the pandemic the Association's overheads have continued as before, but our income is falling short. One relatively constant source of income is from our Patrons Scheme, and we owe grateful thanks to each of you who support us in that way.

Once regulations allow, we aim to get the 'show back on the road' and look forward to curtains going up around Scotland and beyond.

Your help is still needed as always.

If you're not already a Patron, please consider joining the scheme – here is a link to more details and the application form - <http://scda.org.uk/home/patrons-support>

If you want to help but are unable to make a regular commitment - maybe you can spare a small donation using the pocket money not spent at the pub? You can donate via our website [scda.org.uk](http://scda.org.uk) using the PayPal button or contact [headquarters@scda.org.uk](mailto:headquarters@scda.org.uk) for bank details, if you don't already have these.

Thank you,

Gordon Hibbert [fundraising@scda.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@scda.org.uk)

## **Geoffrey Whitworth Competition 2021**

Please note that the Geoffrey Whitworth Competition 2021 has been cancelled.



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The masks carry the SCDA logo and the caption Live Breathe Drama.

Keenly priced at £4.95 each, or £12.95 for 3, including postage to one address. Available in one size and in black or white, they are packed individually.

For enquiries and details of how to pay email [fundraising@scda.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@scda.org.uk)

Thank you all for continuing to support SCDA