

STAGE BEYOND

AN ADULT WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES THEATRE COMPANY

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Welcome to our Newsletter keeping you up to date with key events at Stage Beyond. We have some recent special announcements and are excited about our plans for 2022. A huge thank you as always to all our wonderful company members and their families, staff, carers, Board members and especially our funders for your support.

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION - 'THE GREAT DICTATOR'

Rehearsals are underway for our main production this year, 'The Great Dictator' which will be performed in the Millennium Forum on Wednesday, June 15th, 2022. Based on Charlie Chaplin's 1940s masterpiece of the same name, Stage Beyond examines what happens when society treats disability like a crime. Save the date and get a brief synopsis [here](#).



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CHAIRPERSON



Huge congratulations to the new Chair of Stage Beyond's Board of Trustees, Bernie Shiels. Bernie is one of our original company members and she has wowed audiences in a range of leading roles over the years. Commenting with pride on her new role, Bernie said: "I am honoured to be representing members of Stage Beyond on the Board." See full story [here](#).

MEET OUR 'FIRST CLASS' INTERN



Niamh McCarron, our new graduate intern, has been a superb asset to the team since joining Stage Beyond in January. She will be working with us until June and we couldn't be happier as you'll discover [here](#).

WE HAVE A NEW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



We are also delighted to introduce our new Communications Officer, Bernie Mullen, who will be supporting us in raising the profile of our award-winning theatre company as widely as possible. Bernie is already familiar to all at Stage Beyond from her previous role as Chair of the Board up until last year. She is an experienced marketing and communications professional, and we are very pleased to have her on the team.



Well done to all our members who recently received certificates on completion of their OCN in Mental Health Awareness. We are also currently completing the OCN Award in Vocational Skills with Performance Movement, which included a recent Teamwork module with group facilitator, Claire Harkin. See more [here](#).



'HAMLET' MAKES A COMEBACK

We got a lovely surprise recently when our New York award-winning radio play, 'Hamlet, Prince of Derry' was broadcast again on RTE Radio One. We are hugely proud of this production which was recorded remotely during lockdown and first aired on the Drama On One slot in July 2020. Well done once again to everyone involved.



STAGECRAFT PLUS ARTS AND CRAFTS



We have also been enjoying some specially themed arts and crafts workshops with our fabulous new facilitator Ciara O'Donnell. We made wonderful, personalised mosaic pieces for Mother's Day, handcrafted Easter tree table decorations and cute Easter bunny canvas prints – there really is no end to the creative talents of Stage Beyond!

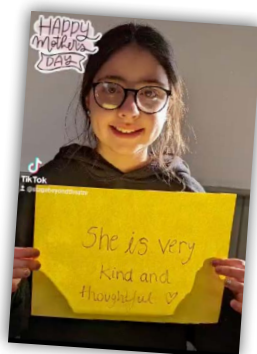
FILM CLUB VIDEOGRAPHY MASTERCLASS

Stage Beyond's youth Outreach programme funded by BBC Children In Need, facilitated a videography masterclass with Eoin Callaghan of Amelia Films, a film and music production company based in Derry.

Eoin previously worked with us on our film, 'Mind The Time', which was screened as part of the Foyle Film Festival last year. Stage Beyond recently invested in new video production equipment to enable our Film Club members to hone their skills for future projects – watch this space!

Monday nights are always productive. The Film Club also prepped for the 5th episode of their YouTube Channel, 'The React Review'. Check it out [here](#) and [here](#).

Our younger outreach members also produced a sweet TikTok video to show appreciation for their wonderful mums on Mother's Day.



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

We celebrated World Down Syndrome Day 2022 by shining the spotlight on some of our own superstars at Stage Beyond who include Marie, Kevin, Brendan and Alison. See more [here](#).



IN OTHER NEWS

We celebrated some other key calendar dates recently including:

World Autism Awareness Week



International Women's Day



St Patrick's Day



MEDIA CLIPPINGS

Some recent Stage Beyond media clippings in Derry Journal and Belfast Live, see links below:

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HAPPY EASTER



And finally, we wish everyone a Happy Easter. We will be taking a break on Easter Monday and Tuesday, returning to The Studio on Monday, April 25th. It will be all systems go as we get into full casting and rehearsals for 'The Great Dictator'.

Our Newsletter will be out again next month, however you can also keep up to date and contact Stage Beyond on our social media channels and at stagebeyond.com

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