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Dear societies

Congratulations on a great season, there have been some excellent shows and you should all be very proud of your work. This will be recognised at the Awards in September, and while we are still a few adjudications short of being able to contact nominees, it shouldn't be long before I'm in touch with societies to pass on the nominations.

This is an update on a few things before we go quieter during the summer.

### **LCAG AGM**

As you have been made aware previously, the LCAG AGM is being held on 7 September. It is again being held at 7pm – 8pm, so people can attend and still have time for rehearsals afterwards. The nominations form for officers is up in the theatre, and all positions are up for renewal. While the majority of the Exec are intending to stand again, we are still short of a secretary and any Guild member can be nominated for a role on Exec. The deadline for this is 1<sup>st</sup> September.

I have attached a copy of the complaints procedure that has been drafted and approved by the Exec. As an amendment to the wording of the constitution, we would like to amend paragraph 19, which currently reads:

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This needs to be ratified by societies at the AGM.

### **GUILD AWARDS**

As I've already mentioned, the Awards nominations will be out soon, though we are still waiting for a number of trophies to be returned to the theatre. All winning societies from last year have been contacted with a request to get the trophies back to us as soon as possible, so if you have a trophy, can you please drop it in to the main office at the Carriageworks Theatre. Tickets are on sale priced £6, which will get you fed!

### **CARRIAGEWORKS 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHOW**

Anita has been working on this and information has been sent out to societies to pass on to members. Please speak to your committees if you haven't had this information.

There is also a plan for storytelling project to happen around the 10 Year Anniversary. As part of the project, the theatre is keen that the artists who will be performing the storytelling would spend some time talking to Guild members about their experiences at Carriageworks, the transition from the Civic Theatre to the Carriageworks or even further back! This is still in the planning stage, and if it goes ahead, they would be looking to speak to Guild members during September. If you're interested, please let me know.

#### **WHARFEDALE AWARDS**

Congratulations go to the Leeds G&S, LIDOS, STARS, and Leeds Youth Opera who were winners at the Wharfedale Theatre Awards. Numerous people picked up gongs and you can find the full list of winners at [http://wharfedaletheatrefest.org.uk/awards\\_evening](http://wharfedaletheatrefest.org.uk/awards_evening)

#### **RSC DREAM 16**

Next year the Royal Shakespeare Company will be touring the UK with A Midsummer Night's Dream, which they have called a play for the nation. At the various regional venues, the Mechanicals (Bottom, Flute, Snug, Peter Quince, Starveling and Snout) will be played by various amateur groups, and Leeds Arts Centre have won the right to represent Yorkshire, at the Alhambra in Bradford between 12 and 16 April, and eventually in Stratford! Well done Leeds Arts Centre and you can find out more at <http://www.rsc.org.uk/whats-on/dream2016/>

#### **SUPERTOWN AT THE FRINGE**

The Edinburgh Fringe plays host to Supertown, first performed by LIDOS last year and written by Guild members James Sidgwick and Robert Sanders. This isn't a LIDOS production as James and Robert are doing this under their own name, with funding raised through many events, but there's a host of familiar Guild members, some reprising their roles from the original production. Find out more at <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/supertown>

As always there is a version of this email to send out to members. Have a great summer and I'll see you all soon

David Wheatley  
Chair of the Leeds Civic Arts Guild