



HALIFAX AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY
Please respond to Geoff Cowgill – Chairman
18 Stafford Avenue
Halifax HX3 0BH

12th November 2014

Dear Member

I write to you to officially advise you of the resignation of Norma Bateman and Verena Swallow from their respective positions as Chair and Treasurer of our junior section HATY. Additionally Norma has also resigned her position on the HAOS management committee. Over the years Norma and Vee have worked tirelessly for HAOS and in particular for HATY. Between them (along with the respective production teams), they have achieved some incredible results and had a huge impact on the lives and careers of the young people they have worked with. They will be sorely missed and, as well as my personal thanks, I extend to them the heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the HAOS Management Team on behalf of all members of HAOS. Plans are currently underway for a thank you/leaving party for Norma and Vee on 20th December at the Wellington Rooms and we will ensure that the details of this are widely published once confirmed.

Their departure has obviously left a large void in the management team of HATY and it is understandable that those of us, who hold HATY dear, might be apprehensive about the future.

I want to assure you that the Management Team are fully committed to HATY and following an extraordinary meeting of the HAOS Management committee, a plan has been implemented, to ensure that we build on HATY's successes which will enable it to develop and continue well into the future and beyond.

As part of these measures I will be assuming the role of Chairman of HATY for the time being to support the existing officials. The management committee of HAOS want to ensure that the HATY has all the resources they need and are therefore looking to fill the following vacant roles with the minimum of delay;

Treasurer

Communications Manager

We would welcome any expressions of interest from people who feel they would be able to give their time and expertise to these very important roles and have included a brief description of each of these roles below

HATY-Treasurer

To work in conjunction with the Treasurer of HAOS to ensure that accurate records of all financial transactions are kept and to ensure monies are banked as soon as possible.

Communications Manager

A new and challenging role with responsibility for communication and information sharing within HAOS. This includes, but is not limited to Facebook, twitter, HAOS/HATY website, Email, sms and written communications. The

person in the post also needs to be able to work closely with the HAOS marketing team to ensure that HATY shows are marketed as effectively as possible

If you believe you have the necessary acumen and experience, or would like any additional information, please contact the HATY Secretary Jane Marescaux on 07715 363576 or via email at jane.marescaux@sky.com or contact the writer on 07903 345426 email cowgigeo@aol.com ideally by the end of November.

Our key priority in the short term is to return the HATY committee to full strength and start planning for next year beginning with the selection of the 2015 show. The selection of the 2015 HATY show will be discussed at the HAOS Management committee meeting to be held on the 1st of December. It is our intention to select a show which allows our talented youngsters to showcase their talents and is also inclusive with roles for young people of all ages from 8 to 18. If you feel you know a show that would meet these criteria, the management committee would very much welcome your suggestion. Please forward your suggestion, along with any information you would like taken into account, to the HATY Secretary by the 28th of November.

Finally on behalf of the Management Committee and Officers of the Society, I would like to once again offer my sincere thanks to both Norma and Vee for all their hard work over the years. Their leadership and passion will not be easy to replace but I feel confident that we have the plans in pick up the “baton” and continue to develop HATY for the future.

Kind regards

Geoff Cowgill
Chairman HAOS



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