



Newsletter Update Jan 2008

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a joyful and peaceful Christmas and wish you a successful and rewarding year ahead.

There are a number of things to mention as we start a new year.

RISK ASSESSMENT

This is a really big issue for festivals. We keep hearing about venues who ask festivals to do a risk assessment. They usually ask for this because they have cut down on their insurance due to cost.

As it says on that part of the insurance papers that you keep when you take out Federation insurance, if and when you are asked to do a risk assessment, you can make contact with Liz at Festivals House if you wish – and it's best to do this BEFORE you do the assessment. If anything seems unclear, please don't run the possibility of finding yourselves liable for more than you need to be!

We often hear "our venue says our risk assessment is fine – they are very pleased with it". They may well be ecstatic if what you've written means you've taken on extra responsibility.

Risk Assessment / Insurance workshops have been offered to regional meetings for 2 years now, but, so far, only two have taken this offer. We hope 2008 will be the year when you ask for a workshop at your regional meeting. It's a vital half day!

EUROPEAN YOUTH SUMMER MUSIC - EYSM

The brochure is available for download www.federationoffestivals.org.uk/EYSM.html and we hope that more festivals than ever will give a young person the opportunity of a bursary this year. You don't have to pay the full amount, you can offer, say, £100 or £200. Why don't you contact the office for a chat?



And, if you could put an advert in your syllabus or programme, regardless of whether you give a bursary – please let us know.

The Aprille Bonner Memorial Award will be given for the first time in 2008 at EYSM. As you know from the Chairman's December letter, the Board opened an account in Aprille's name with the funds you gave. It will provide, in 2008, five bursaries for **instrumentalists or singers** - one per festival from five festivals. Contact Festivals House for details.

CONGRATULATIONS are due to June Lancelyn-Green MBE and to Prof Alan Gillett OBE, Ealing Festival. Both in the New Year's Honours list. Do you know of more . . . ?

UPDATE FOR DANCE

Cynthia Carr has updated the notes for Classical Greek Dance – as follows:

Classical Greek Dances from 2008 should show the use of opposition and relaxation through the movements. Dances should reflect the title. Myths and Nature themes are acceptable providing the movements are given their appropriate interpretation that relates to one or more of the seven different styles in this technique.

This section will not be combined with any other form of 'Free of Natural Movement'.

Dance, like all art forms moves swiftly forwards, hence the change.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Joanies Trust funds work in support of young people aged 11-25. Trustees are looking for excellence, innovation and imagination and strong evidence of how closely applicants consult young people in developing their service and for any community involvement or local financial support. Most grants awarded are around £1,000 and are for one year, although you can apply again after the initial 12-months.

Grants are available for running costs, project or core, and capital costs. The trustees will only consider applications submitted on the Trust's application form which you must download from the website and post with your accounts:

Further information and contact details for your area are available from www.joaniestrust.org.uk.

UPDATES TO THE YEAR BOOK

Robin Humphreys – Accompanist
19 Highfield Road, Timperley
Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 7PH
Our apologies for incorrect spelling

Bryan Husband – Music Adj
Should be vocal not choral specialist

Sylvia Lorden – Dance & Speech Adj
*Also adjudicated speech at BTDA
Leicester Festival*

NEW INFO

Paul Dyson – moved and changed email:
Stonehaven, 1a Belgrave Crescent
Harrogate, N Yorks HG2 8HZ
01423 538141 paul-dyson@sky.com

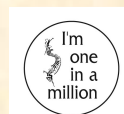
Portstewart Music Festival – now has email: musi66@btinternet.com

Canterbury Dance Festival – new website:
www.canterburydancefestival.co.uk

Penny Price Jones - changed email:
pennypricejones@btinternet.com

ONE IN A MILLION!

The popular "I'm One in a Million" stickers for all your young performers are now available again from Festivals House at £6 a thousand, including postage. Contact us for details.



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