

Theatre Notes

The society is delighted to welcome you to the second production of our 2015/2016 season, and our 47th here at Powys Theatre.

Jan has selected this play that was first performed here in Powys Theatre some 40 years ago. The story of the Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia is a fascinating one, and some of you may have seen the recent BBC documentary about the Romanov family. Marcelle Maurette's play is based on the legend about the sole-surviving daughter of Russia's last Tzar. In Berlin in 1926, a suicidal amnesia victim is chosen by Russian expatriates to impersonate Anastasia, the last surviving member of the Romanov dynasty and heiress to the Russian throne. As such, she becomes part of a scam to collect ten million pounds owed to Anastasia. Is she just impersonating the heiress or is she the real thing? With an extensive cast the play has also given the opportunity to introduce a number of new faces to our stage. We are pleased to welcome Holly Gee, Ian and Charlotte Salter, Gerard Matthews and Owain Farrington as newcomers to Powys Theatre. Also a warm welcome back to our stage to Annabel West.

Remember, if you have any suggestions for possible future plays for our society to present, we would welcome your comments. Please email the society, leave us a message on our Facebook page or leave a note with our front of house teams before you head for home this evening.

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<https://www.facebook.com/PowysTheatre>

As ever I would like to remind you that we are always looking to welcome new members to our society to ensure its continued prosperity. So if you or somebody you know would like to consider acting, helping backstage or even just come for a social chat and a cup of coffee, you and they would be most welcome. We can be contacted as above.

The final production of the current season will be in the week 25th-30th April and we look forward to seeing you then. Until then, enjoy the show and have a safe journey home.

Garth Woodhouse - Chairman

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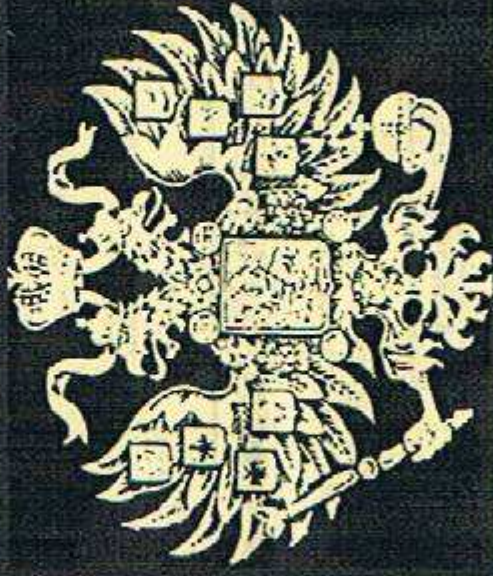
Newtown, Powys

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Presents

ANASTASIA



English translation by Guy Bolton of the play by Marcelle Maurette
This play is produced by kind permission of Samuel French Ltd

Week commencing 1st February 2016 Each evening at 7.45pm

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at Powys Theatre

The Cast
in order of appearance

Boris Chernov, an ex-banker	Craig Harris
Piotr Petrovsky, an artist	.....	Brian Davies
Counsellor Drivinitz	.....	Tom Rothwell
Irina, the housekeeper	.....	Annabel West
Prince Bounine	.....	David Morgan
Sergei, the manservant	.....	Ian Salter
Anna Broun	.....	Holly Gee
A Charwoman	.....	Charlotte Salter
A Sleigh Driver	.....	Walter Sholmoth
Dr Michail Syrensky	.....	Gerard Matthews
The Dowager Empress of Russia	.....	Gillian Thorp
Baroness Livenbaum, <i>her lady-in-waiting</i>	.....	Pam Edwards
Prince Paul	.....	Owain Farrington

The play directed by Jan Fursier

The action of the play passes in a Reception Room in Prince Bounine's mansion on the outskirts of Berlin.

Synopsis of Scenes

ACT I A winter evening, 1932

ACT II

Scene 1 An afternoon, four weeks later

INTERVAL

Scene 2 The action is continuous

ACT III An evening, two weeks later

Refreshments will be served in the foyer during the Interval.

Behind the Scenes

Set Designer Philip Lumsden

Stage Manager John Barnes

Stage Crew Tony Maher, Philip Lumsden,
Mike Beal, Gareth Woodhouse,
John Barnes, Gaynor Tinker,
Jenni Freeman, Adam Evison
Ian Salter.

Prompter Jackie Barnes

Properties The cast

Wardrobe Heather Hughes, Lisa Bywater
Jan Fursier

Lighting Philip Lumsden

Sound Tony Maher,

Front of House

Managers Gareth Woodhouse,
Jenni Freeman

Publicity Jenni Freeman

Floral Decor Sylvia Davies

Refreshments Members & friends of the Society

We are grateful to:

The Salvation Army, Market St. Newtown

Oriel Davies Gallery, Newtown

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For providing us with accommodation for booking purposes