



April Times 2013

Welcome to the not-quite-summer PADOS times!

March this year saw our younger members tread the boards – and how proud they made us! First was our Junior Group with **The Peace Child**, a vibrant and fun-filled production with some truly touching moments. Then, our Youth Group took The Met by storm with their stunning production **RENT**. The talent of these young people and the maturity and confidence with which they approached the issues of life, loss and love just goes to prove that the future of PADOS is indeed in safe hands. A huge thank you to all who supported these productions!

During the production of **RENT** the youth group decided that they would like to support the **NATIONAL AIDS TRUST** by raising money and by wearing the iconic red ribbons. PADOS are pleased to announce that just over £400 has been raised for NAT, which is the UK's leading charity dedicated to transforming society's response to HIV. Their goals include effective HIV prevention, early diagnosis, equitable access to treatment, care and support and the eradication for HIV-related stigma and discrimination. To find out more about this charity visit [www.nat.org.uk](http://www.nat.org.uk).

A read through for our next play **The Memory of Water** will take place at PADOS House on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm. Auditions will take place the following week on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Written by Shelagh Stephenson, the play is about three sisters who return home after the death of their mother. Throughout the play, the sisters struggle over who remembers which events more clearly, only to find that individual memories and experiences can become fuzzy, and that family stories, many times re-told, become free game to be re-shaped and detailed until the story develops so far that it surpasses the memory. For more information contact Iris Kennedy on 0161 792 6735.

PADOS are once again partaking in the charity event **Showcase at The Lowry**, which will be raising money for The Christie. This year we are using members from all three tiers of our society, the juniors, youths and adults to put on **Matilda**, a quirky and enthralling new musical by Tim Minchin based on Roald Dahl's book. Good luck to all those taking part!

PADOS are pleased to announce that our 2014 musical will be... **Sweeney Todd!** A story of love, revenge, loss and shaving, this fantastic show will be performed at The Met, Bury from **8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April 2014**. If you want to get involved or find out more info about the production, our initial Get-Together will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm. Auditions will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> July – more info to follow!