



**The South Devon Players theatre company**  
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Dear Editor,

Please find included, the press release for the South Devon Players theatre company's September auditions for our pantomime and our film series.

Sent August 2014 by club secretary, Laura Jury,

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## **Press release – Brixham theatre company announce ambitious new panto and film auditions**

The South Devon Players return from a quieter summer, with all new projects in the bay, for stage and film, and are putting out a call for new people to join the projects. Whether acting for stage or film is your ambition, or whether you would like to join in a technical capacity, we are planning on two big projects to start through the autumn, both being cast in September 2014. Both projects are being written by local writers, and directed by local directors,

### **Zorro: The Panto**

The stage show? Giving Zorro the panto treatment, in an all-new pantomime, with a difference. Combining traditional elements of pantomime, with elements of Vegas-type shows, this show is planned to be a high-tech, creative, glamorous, hilarious family show. Will the shy and bumbling Diego de La Vega outwit the evil Capistrano, and will we discover the identity of the dashing outlaw Zorro?

All roles are open for casting, we are looking for everyone from lead performers, who must be willing to sing and dance as well, through to chorus members, and require a cast aged from 8

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We are holding open auditions on at 1pm on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at our regular rehearsal venue of Chestnut Community Centre, Poplar Close, Brixham. People hoping for a principal role, are asked to contact us beforehand for set audition pieces for those roles. This show is to be directed by Laura Jury and Hayley Rushton.

### **Les Miserables: The Web-film Series**

The film – well the film series? Following the success and London sponsorship of our 2013 production of Les Miserables: The Memoirs of Jean Valjean, several of our members have decided to collaborate on an crowdfunded internet film series based on the unabridged novel by Victor Hugo, in episodes of an hour each to be released for worldwide online viewing.

This is a long term project but we intend to begin filming for Episode 1: Favrolles, telling of how the main character Jean Valjean ended up in prison, by the end of 2014, and again, are seeking a full cast for this production, with most roles open for casting, including for characters not usually seen in stage or feature film dramatisations where the storyline is significantly condensed.

Again, we ask anyone who interested in performing in the show, to attend our open auditions, being held on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 6pm at Jasmyn House community rooms, on Midvale Road, Paignton.

For both productions we would also like to clarify that anyone is welcome to come and audition, they do not need to be pre-existing members, and we would also be delighted to hear from anyone interested in getting involved behind the scenes in a logistical or technical role.

This film is being directed by Ric Vince and Edward Stewart, with Laura Jury as producer.

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### **ABOUT THE SOUTH DEVON PLAYERS THEATRE COMPANY**

**we are an award winning, family-friendly, completely non-profit, community-based theatre company, from the beautiful fishing port of Brixham; Devon (in South West England).**

**We perform theatre shows in Brixham, around Torbay, and South Devon, based on historical events, classical stories and mythology.**

**We were founded in late 2005 by two Brixham performers, and performed our first production in the summer of 2006. Since then we have gone from strength to strength, and are now growing rapidly, with awards won and a rapidly increasing member base, an appearance on a national BBC 1 TV programme, and sponsorship from London for our recent non-musical adaptation of Les Miserables.**

**New members are always welcomed regardless of their background, experience, beliefs or nationality; we provide an exciting hobby, performance experience and education, and a friendly, safe, inclusive atmosphere. We are not a "childrens" group, and in general require our members to be aged 16 (to 116!!!!), however younger performers may be accepted for some shows, with the strict requirement that they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.**

**More details on us from our main website: <http://southdevonplayers.weebly.com/>**