

Where are they Now May 2012

The awards keep rolling in with **SHERIDAN SMITH** (1995-200) adding the OLIVIER AWARD to her list of achievements for her performance in FLAREPATH, as did **JONNY LEE MILLER** (1986-89) for FRANKENSTEIN, as did **PETER DARLING** (1977) for his choreography on MATILDA. In the current cast of Matilda is **NICKY SEARLE** (1984-5) while on the other side of the proscenium **LOTTIE WAKEHAM** (2006) is Associate Director. LOTTIE'S production of ALLEGRO for the London School of Musical Theatre was recently seen at THE BRIDEWELL. **NIGEL HARMAN** (1991) also won an OLIVIER for his performance as Lord Farquaar in SHREK, in which he has just been replaced by **NIEL McDERMOTT** (1996-2000)!

Another major production for Opera North opened in May with **JO DAVIES** (1986-89) following her triumphant production of RUDDIGORE with a new look at CAROUSEL, which starts in Leeds before coming to The Barbican in the summer. Playing the lead is **GILLEN HERBERT** (1995-6,) and the choreography is by **KAY SHEPHERD** (1989 onwards).

There's masses of fine work going on away from London. In Manchester, it's not only the BBC that's moving in, the NYMT is doing the same with **CONNIE FISHER** (1998-9) who has won fantastic reviews in Bernstein's WONDERFUL TOWN AT The Lowry Centre, while **KATIE HALL** (2005-7) is doing the same at the other end of town in The Opera House as Christine in the 25th anniversary production of THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA and **AIDEN CRAWFORD** (2007) appeared in STREET OF DREAMS (The Coronation Street musical) arena tour earlier in May. Also on the road at the moment is **DOMINIC TIGHE** (1995-2000) playing the male lead in BAREFOOT IN THE PARK opposite Maureen Lipman before he comes back to London soon to play the role of Terence Rattigan in the much-lauded production of THE ART OF CONCEALMENT at The Riverside Studios. Dominic also kindly found time to come to The Vaudeville Theatre in April to sing at the NYMT's fabulous 35th anniversary Gala Concert brilliantly hosted by **MATT LUCAS** (1987) as did **GINA BECK** (1998-200) now playing Glinda in WICKED, **LARA PULVER** (1995-7) who joined us on a day off from Uncle Vanya at Chichester, **MIKE JIBSON** (1996-2000) who is currently filming LES MISÉRABLES alongside **ADAM PEARCE** (1999-2003) – who didn't have to move too far to The Vaudeville from his dressing room next door at the Adelphi, where he currently sings 'Attend the tale of Sweeney Todd' eight times a week in SWEENEY TODD! **IAN VIRGO** (1998-9) was there too, as was **STUART MATTHEW PRICE** (1996-8) - recently in SHREK at Drury Lane - **AMY NUTTALL** (1995-8) taking time off from filming the next Downton Abbey saga, and **CHIKÉ OKONKWO** (1999-2002). It was also wonderful to see **DAVID NIELD** (NYMT Chairman, 1978-99), **STEVE PERRITT** (NYMT General Manager 1980-1988) and **ROSEMARY GROGAN** (Chaperone Supremo since 1990 and still going) in the audience. It was a really great evening! Keeping the NYMT flag waving in the West End are **DARREN CARNALL** (1997/8) in GHOSTS and **OLIVER TOMPSETT** (1998), **CORDELIA FARNWORTH** (2004-7) and **JAMIE MUSCATO** (2006-7) in ROCK OF AGES. **ANDREW WRIGHT** (1989 -91) is winning rave reviews for his choreography for SINGING IN THE RAIN and **TOM CHAMBERS** (1991-96) is being brilliant as Fred Astaire in TOP HAT – also featuring **ALYN HAWKE** (2007) - at The Aldwych. **CHARLES EDWARDS** (1986-8), winner of the WHAT'S ON STAGE AWARD is playing the King in THE KING'S SPEECH at The Wyndhams Theatre opposite **JONATHAN HYDE** as the speech therapist, Lionel Logue who played The Earl of Oxford in the ATV production of THE BALLAD OF SALOMON PAVEY In 1977!!! Finally, in WARHORSE, **DANNY DALTON** (1990-91) and **RACHEL SANDERS** (1998-9) keep the NYMT link with The National Theatre alive at the New London Theatre. Coming up – **JAMIE PARKER** (1997-1999) plays Henry V at The Globe. **NICKY SPENCE** (1999) is singing in BILLY BUDD for the ENO at The London Coliseum. **MARK QUARTLEY** (1998-2002) recently appeared in WRITTEN ON THE HEART with the RSC at The Duchess Theatre. **SAM ARCHER** (1995-7) appears at The Gielgud in CHARIOTS OF FIRE in June with **SAVANNAH STEVENSON** (1997-9) and **ANTONIA BERNATH** (1999) also in the cast. **OLIVER PENGELLY** (1998-2000) is currently working with Stage Coach in Wimbledon. **HANNAH SPEARRITT** (1996-8) is in the new cast of ONE MAN, TWO GOV'NERS at The Haymarket and **JOHN MARQUES** (1998) is to be in the new production of RAGTIME in regent's Park in the summer. **DOM HODSON** (2006-8) appears in THE SOUND OF MUSIC at Kilworth House in August/September.