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Fancy a Tie?

By Diana Cormack

Now that the expression "Fancy a curry?" has taken on a major new significance, you could be forgiven for believing that there is a spelling mistake in the title of this report. But you would be wrong, for Justin Edwards of The Causeway, has actually eaten his own tie!

Along with two colleagues, actor and writer Justin was trying to raise money to add to their sponsorship from the Jerwood Foundation, in order to take part in this year's Edinburgh Festival. The three, who met at Manchester University, got together a few years later whilst at the Mountview Theatre to form a comedy sketch group called The Consultants. With business suit, collar and tie being de rigueur for their act, they came up with the novel idea of being sponsored

for each inch of tie they could consume. Justin managed ten inches of his Silk Tie Sushi, as did Neil Edmond with his Tie Lasagna whilst James Rawlings got through eight inches of his Old School Tie Marinade.

Pick and mix

It was obviously a recipe for success because the trio, at their first attempt, won the Perrier Best Newcomer Award for a comedy troupe. They are to perform at the Pick of the Fringe night at

Her Majesty's Theatre, which they hope will lead to bookings at other venues. Meanwhile they are involved in writing, with the possibility of a Radio 4 series and a situation comedy for Channel 4 called Comedyland, due out next year.

With his previous experience in film, radio and television, Justin Edwards is obviously a name to look out for. Just don't look for him in East Finchley - Justin is moving to Crouch End!

Interested in the Theatre?

"I thoroughly enjoyed the evening", says Incognito Youth Workshops new leader Sonja Taylor, of the first workshop session of the new season. Sonja studied Performing Arts (BA Hons) at Middlesex. She then went on to gain a PGCE in Drama. Having worked as Head of Drama at schools in Barnet and Hertfordshire, Sonja is now Head of Expressive Arts at Highlands School, Enfield. She enjoys the challenge of working with the Incognito Youth Theatre.

An important part of ITG's aims is attracting enthusiastic young people to learn about the complete range of theatre techniques. Some of their past youth members have gone on to theatre-related HE courses and careers.

Sonja aims to cover the following topics in the workshops or in special sessions:

- *Voice/Accent Coaching
- *Movement/Dance
- *Singing
- *Theatre Make-up
- *Masks
- *Stage Management

Sonja may invite others with particular expertise to contribute to the sessions.

There will also be a dedicated youth production in Spring 2003. They'd like to stage a large cast show - so the more members the merrier - all will get a part. No experience required.

Regular workshops are normally held on Thursday evenings during school terms from 7.30-9.30pm for those aged around 14 and upwards.

The workshops are held near to their fully equipped theatre at The Adult Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11 - adjacent to Friern Barnet Town Hall, opposite the Orange Tree pub. Feel free to drop in or phone 020 8883 0911

or 07974 368686 or 020 8440 1755 for more information or e-mail ITGYouth@incognitotheatre.com.

Junior Membership is free for those paying for and attending the workshops (£5 per week). Youth Membership without attending the workshops is £5 per annum.

See also www.incognitotheatre.com/youth.htm.

Rangoon return

By David Hobbs

Local rock band Rangoon return for an autumn tour that takes in the Torrington in North Finchley.

The band, who are committed supporters of the pro-democracy campaign in Burma will be playing an Amnesty International benefit there on Thursday 14 November.

Having seen them rock the

Ace Café and the Rock Garden you can be sure of a great night out and a chance to help a good cause. For more details contact Will Hudson on 020 8492 9468.

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