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31 TA' MARZU — JUM IL-HELSIEN

Il-Kumitat Festi Nazzjonali flimkien mal-Ministeru ta'

l-Affarijiet Barranin u Kultura

jippreżenta

'MAN-NANNA FIL-MANOEL'

ta'

TONY CASSAR DARIEN

JOSETTE CIAPPARA

MICHAEL ZAMMIT

Direzzjoni: JOSETTE CIAPPARA

L-Erbgha 28 ta' Marzu 1984 fis-6.30 p.m.



Kull poplu jixtieq jkollu rajh f'idejh u l-hakma ta' art twelidu f'idejh. Il-bicċa l-kbira tal-poplu li għexu taħt hakmet ħaddiehor kellhom jissieltu u jxerrdu demm uliedhom biex jiksbu l-ħelsien mill-ħakma tal-barrani. Ahna l-Maltin kellna x-xorti tajba li niksbu dan ir-risq mingħajr ma kellna għalfejn inxerrdu demm ħadd. B'danakollu rridu nibqgħu b'għajnejna miftuha biex nifhmu li dak li ksibna xorta wahda kien kbir u ta' sedqa daqs ta' ħaddiehor. Jekk nibqgħu nagħrfu t-tifsira tal-31 ta' Marzu, aktar nibqgħu ngħoż-żuha, lilha u 'l-ħelsien li għabililna magħha.

Din it-tifsira l-kbar jifmuha aktar malajr għax għexu fiż-żmien tal-ħakma Ingliża li ntemmet biha. Iż-żgħażaq u tfal għandhom mnejn iridu min ifissirielhom għax iż-żmien ta' qabel il-ħelsien ma jafuhx sew. Din hija hasra għaliex l-ahjar żmien biex tifrah b'kis-biet artek u ġensek huwa sewwasew meta tkun żagħżugħ u qalbek għadha mhix mittiefsa bil-materjalizmu ta' min dejjem kien lest biex jaqdi u jsefter lill-barrani u għalhekk iżjed imhejjija tifrah bil-għid spiritwali tal-poplu Malti.

Jiena ninsab cert li l-bicċa l-kbira tat-tfal taż-żgħażaq igħożżu bil-ħerqa l-31 ta' Marzu 1979 - Jum il-ħelsien - u jqimuh bhala l-ġħelm tar-rebħha Maltija fuq l-imghoddi mudlam tagħha. Nittama wkoll li ż-żgħażaq lesti jsarrfu din il-qima f'ħidma għas-sliem f' Malta u fil-ħidmiet tagħha għall-ħbiberija mal-ġnus ta' madwarha.

LIL MALTA  
F'JUM IL-HELSIEN

Aħna minn qalbna nsellmulek, Malta !  
Ifrah u thenna, Genna ta' Sliem !  
Fuqek qatt aktar barrani ma jaħkem  
Tlajt sal-quċċata : minn hemm ħadd ma jniżżelek.  
Gensek iħarsek jibqa' sat-tmiem.  
  
Ifrah ! Jum ġdid, Malta, sebah għalik :  
F'artek, Sultana, kulħadd mgħaxxaq bik.  
Hielsa tul ghomrok kif int ma kont qatt.  
Gieħek ma' hiltek kif jixraq irbatt.  
Wasal sa fl-aħħar għalik il-ħelsien.  
Beda sa fl-aħħar għalik l-egħżeż zmien.

B. Schembri

'MAN-NANNA FIL-MANOEL'

Dahla  
Play 'Il-Bini tat-Tejatru'  
Kant Medley  
Daqq fuq il-pjanu ta' Nicolò Isuord  
Qari ta' poežija 'lil Dun Mikiel Xerri'  
Mima  
Briju / Akrobazija *Laurie Bellissi*  
Ballet *Mary Jane Belli*  
Qari ta' poežija 'Air Raid bil-Lejl'  
Zifna 'Gwerra'  
Kant 'Ktejjeb Ckejken'  
Zfin Folkloristiku  
Daqq fuq il-Kitarra  
Qari ta' Poežija  
L-Innu Malti

*Leventi*

*John Dibon*  
*John*  
*Peter Portelli*

*Merk Grech*

Jieħdu sehem :

Nanna Josephine Mahoney  
 Tifla Marie Briguglio  
 DeVilhena  
 Kav. 1  
 Kav. 2  
 Kav. 3  
 Kav. 4

Kor ta' l-iskola Sekondarja Bniet Qormi mmexxi  
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 Zeffiena

Kant  
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 Zfin Folkloristiku  
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 Qarrejja

Josephine Mahoney  
 Marie Briguglio  
 Raymond Abdilla  
 Edgar Sammut  
 William Hammett  
 Peter Busuttil  
 Simon Curmi *Simon Curmi*

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 Joseph Xuereb  
 Simone Zammit  
 Mario Attard  
 Mark Grech  
 'Ballet troupe' — Studenti ta'  
 M.J. Bellia  
 Mario Attard  
 Simone Zammit  
 Bernardette Pulè  
 Raymond Abdilla  
 Ray Guilford *R. Guilford*  
 Acrobelles  
 Zepp u Grezz *M. Mamo* *Lihani Sherrina*  
 Renè Mamo  
 Alfred Mallia  
 Charles Abela Mizzi

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 Sound

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Ringrażżjament lil Management tat-Tejatru Manoel

Kumitat Festi Nazzjonali

*Josette Ciapara*  
 Josette Ciappara  
 Mario Attard

Alfred Debono  
 Laurie Bellizzi

Mario Attard

Patrick Vella

Marthесe Vassallo

Vanni Laus

Emm. Dalli, Francis Mifsud

Power Sound

*Miss Galia Curmi*

## **Antonio Manoel**

## **De Vilhena**



Grand Master *Antonio Manoel de Vilhena*, a Portuguese, was elected Grand Master in 1722. A man of great intellectual qualities, he was popular with all, and his "savoir faire" earned him everyone's love.

At the beginning of his reign, fearing a second Turkish invasion of Malta, he promptly took steps against such an eventuality, and the enemy, seeing his preparedness, sailed away without even attempting a landing.

Having fortified the Island, he began to find ways and means of encouraging civil enterprise, and in the political field he managed to negotiate a treaty of peace with the Sultan of Constantinople.

As a befitting gesture towards the People of Malta, he built in 1732 the Manoel Theatre which is a living monument to his achievements. It keeps his memory fresh and glorious in all those who cultivate the Arts and all those who seek an honest recreation, as is implied by the Theatre's motto: "*Ad honestatem populi oblectationem.*"

## **THE MANOEL THEATRE FOYER**

The Bonici Palace on the corner of Old Bakery Street, acquired by the Manoel Theatre two decades ago, has been completely restored and now constitutes its foyer. It can be approached from the auditorium, the level of your box, or from the original courtyard. Climbing the staircase with its shallow steps of white Carrara marble you see at every turn shell-shaped niches in one of which you may find the bust of your favourite composer. Further up, double doors inset with bevelled-edged mirrors lead to impeccable cloakrooms.

There are wall brackets and chandeliers from Vienna, heavy silk curtains in bluey/green and gold, a pair of candelabra once the property of the Messina family.

You will see engravings characters and scenes from famous operas and showcases in which are to be found *memorabilia* of the Theatre collected throughout the years. An antique mirror hangs above the eighteenth century mantelpiece. Beautiful furniture has been collected from the Auberges and carefully restored. The ceiling is a particular delight, the newly hand-painted beams, so near in colour to the curtains, are decorated with the Maltese Cross and small crowns picked out in gold.

Keeping guard over all this splendour stands the bust of Grand Master Antonio Manuel de Vilhena which was recovered from Manoel Island.

A visit to the Manoel Theatre Foyer is a must for every art lover, this splendid old house, restored to its pristine glory, makes a marvellous venue for any art Exhibition. The setting and acoustics are perfect for recitals and poetry reading.

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## **MANOEL THEATRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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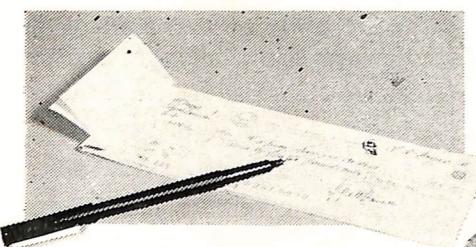
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