

XAVIERA HOLLANDER BRINGS THE VERY BEST OF ENGLISH THEATRE TO MARBELLA

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Xaviera Hollander, 'the Happy Hooker' is a legend within the industry. She was renowned as being 'the New York Madam' who at the time would have even put Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss in the shade.



However Xaviera has many other attributes, in particular her dream of bring English theatre to the heart of Marbella. To this end she has tirelessly fought, over the last few months, to bring this cultural delight across the water. She has co-produced one terrific play already with Sherry Midas who worked alongside her presenting 'Nijinsky's Last Dance' which won the Award as 'Best Play of the Year' at the Dublin theatre festival in 2008.

Sherry introduced Xaviera to The Black Box Theatre, where the first of their Theatre Productions have been staged and promoted by Lorraine Powell, the President of The Assosacion de Arte y Cultura Marbella.

The inaugural play was 'Slaves of Starbucks' written and performed by Peter

Aterman. He has just won the top prize for this production at the 6th International Festival of Monodrama, Kiel. The production went down a storm in Marbella and re-ignited the theatrical light on the Costa del Sol.

Soon after Xaviera produced '**Continental Carousel**', an upbeat international cabaret act, where Xaviera herself, starred alongside her dear friends Fifi L'Amour and her partner Rodolpho Ravissant.

One of the comments following the performance was from Puerto Banus Piano Bar owners Duke and Jocey:

"What an incredibly funny show that was. It has been so long since I really had a good cry from laughing so hard. Everyone was laughing all the way down the street and it made a very Merry Christmas sound echoing through Marbella as people head off in different directions to find their cars and head home.

How eager I was to hear what you were going to sing and was just not prepared for anything at all so that was a double laugh when your voice sounded even more like opera than the star herself. For a minute I thought it was 'Figaro'.

What praise indeed from one of our local residents!

Xaviera will be presenting '**Mourning Glory**: The Funeral of the Century Revisited' on the 9th and 10th of January starring David Benson, a well known comic actor from England. It is based upon the last days of Diana, Princess of Wales. How she died and the public reaction; a tragic comedy.

"The second one is '**Starstruck**'. This will be staged on the 15th at El Campanario Golf & Country House and the 16th and 17th January at the Black Box Theatre in Marbella..

It starts at 9 p.m. The play can only be described as the following: 'Imagine having a party at which all your heroes are invited. How many of them would live up to your expectations? And how many would turn out to be a complete nightmare? In this magical, brilliantly performed show, David Benson meets Quentin Crisp, Frank Sinatra, Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Groucho Marx, Noel Coward and many others - and finds out that hero-worship is not all that it seems.' The great David Benson is starring in this production.

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On a final note, from Marbellas.com, these productions have been and will be positively show-stopping. If there is one date for your diary, this coming New Year, that must not be missed, is a visit to The Black Box Theatre.

Price per ticket only euro 20 .