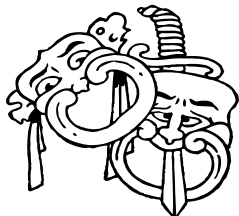


Burning News from the Ipswich Incinerator

The August 2005 newsletter of Ipswich Little Theatre



What a Month ...!

Ipswich Little Theatre must be the busiest community theatre in the country this month.

Consider this ... we began the month with the amazing *Winners are Grinners* Theatre Restaurant season from S-Troupe, who have over 40 cast plus helpers and entertained large audiences.

The following week auditions were held for *Money and Friends* with a large cast of 9 being successfully selected and rehearsals now well under way. (cast details on page 3)

The next weekend Ipswich Little Theatre hosted the 51st One Act Play Festival with a total of 17 plays being performed to nearly sellout audiences for each of the five sessions, and lots of members helping front of house and backstage as well as being involved on stage.

The very next day after the festival, auditions were held for *Highland Fling*, our end of year Theatre Restaurant with what must be a record number of 17 cast members. (details of cast on page 3)

With members also attending admin and building committee meetings, Crossfyre and SmartArts classes, Daytime Theatre Troupe rehearsals and the cast of Wolf Lullaby performing at the Sunshine Coast Drama Festival, it all totals well in excess of 100 Ipswich Little Theatre members being very actively involved in the business of theatre for the month of August.

Well done, everyone!

Funny Times

Police reveal that a woman arrested for shoplifting had a whole salami in her knickers. When asked why, she said it was because she was missing her Italian boyfriend!

(The Manchester Evening News)

INSIDE BURNING NEWS THIS MONTH:

Group News Page 2

Page 3

Page 4

Page 4

Front Page Joke

A real life comment from a QR guard:

"To the gentleman wearing the long grey coat trying to get on the second carriage - what part of 'stand clear of the doors' don't you understand?"



Ian Bielenberg is happy with his Best Actor award for the role of Arthur in Pinball Productions production of *On Tidy Endings* by Harvey Fierstein.

S-Troupe - director Di Johnston

Winners are Grinners has completed their season without one spilt drink or plate. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Many thank you's to theatre members who assisted with loan of equipment and working backstage. It was a mammoth task and I do appreciate their help.

Feedback from audience was wonderful and of course S-troupe enjoyed themselves.

Due to time constraints we will not be visiting nursing homes in the coming weeks - our next special workshop is for Father's Day.

Crossfyre Young Theatricals - director Suzanne Matulich

Crossfyre students are beginning to develop their end of year performance *Absurd*, which will be a collection of short sketches which are mostly slightly odd if not downright peculiar and definitely all with a little twist to the tale somewhere.

Congratulations to Kelsie MacDonald who is an X-Crossfyre student and took out the Best Actress Award at our recent One Act Play Festival in the Open section against some very experienced and much awarded actresses.

Another X Crossfyre student Jean Goodwin was in the cast which one the Best Production of an Australian Script. Well done, Kelsie and Jean.

SmartArts - Junior Theatre - director Liz Boekholt, assistant Lana Gishgariany

The 2005 performance for SmartArts is in the Incinerator Theatre on Friday 26 August – do go along and see what they have achieved this year.

Librarians - Relle Scott and Patti Pratt

It is important to keep our Library vibrant and topical and representative of the best in drama scripts available today. For this reason the Librarians ask for members to submit suggestions for script purchases to Patti (32812427) or Relle (38160969)

Also, if you have recently directed a play for ILT and you still have scripts that you or your cast members used, please return them to the library as soon as you can.

Theatre Activity Nights - 7.30 pm - all welcome

NO Theatre Activity Night for September – unfortunately there were no offers from members to run an activity night and your coordinator Suzanne Matulich isn't able to organise one herself. Sorry.

Tuesday 4 October - Under the Milk Wood - a chance to take part in a classic radio play by Dylan Thomas – led by Relle Scott

Tuesday 1 November - Speed Poets are back – this time in the Incinerator theatre and with full bar facilities – should be a wonderful way to finish the Theatre Activity Night season for 2005.

Belated Congratulations

Congratulations to the director, cast and crew of *Hunter to Trader*. This play, written and directed by ILT member, Alison Cooper, was entered in the Strathpine and Redcliffe theatre festivals earlier this year. At Strathpine they won 'Best Unpublished Play' and 'Best Management' Awards, and both Shane Mallory and Barbara Marchke were nominated for 'Best Actor' awards. Unfortunately, Tony Beasley - one of the cast - has relocated to Melbourne, so the play has not been performed in any other festivals. But the cast are working on another of Alison's plays and will be performing it independently in the festival. Editor's note: sorry that this was missed from the July newsletter.

Bookings Open for Highland Fling

The bookings for this year's theatre restaurant at the end of the year opened on Sunday 21 August!

If you are keen to get just the table you want on a particular night then you will need to ring Robyn on 3812 3450 as soon as you can. Tickets are \$35 which includes Meal and Show. Nibbles, 3 Course Meal, Coffee and Tea. Book a table - a great idea for your end of year Work Christmas party!

Performances 18,19 November 25,26 November, 2,3 December, 9,10 December

And now for something completely different: If you have ever wanted to try your hand at **Drawing from the Model** (i.e. Life Drawing) with an experienced teacher to help you along, Arts Alive is offering a series of three Saturday afternoon classes on 3 September, 1 October and 5 November.

Check out www.artsalive.com.au for more details or phone Suzanne 3281 4748.

Ipswich Little Theatre 51st One Act Play Festival Report

'The festival was a huge success and we received many compliments from the attending groups and I do believe our adjudicator had a hard decision on his hands as he commented the standard was very high in both sections.

We missed Pauline and the "Girls" but our "Jane and Jan " had it all running at top speed and no one went hungry or thirsty.

Liz and Phil gave their best as usual and praise was heaped on them for their helpfulness and co operation. Every one worked as a team and ensured the smooth running of the festival.

Again Yvonne has done a mighty job and we thank her sincerely for that.

To the newer festival team members who leant a hand thank you and see you next year. To Suzanne (1st time festival stage manager), great job from you and your team.

Thanks again to all participating groups and see you next year.'

Lorna Longston Festival Convenor

and the winners are:

SENIORS

Best play	On Tidy Endings (Pinball Productions, Wynnum)
2nd best play	Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish (Brisbane Arts)
3rd best play	Under Milk Wood (Front Row Theatre)
Best director	Rob Allen and Julie Bray (Under Milk Wood)
Best actor	Ian Bielenberg (Arthur - Pinball Prod.)
Best actress	Kelsie McDonald (Wolf Lullaby ILT)
Best supporting actor	Ryan Tucker (Wolf Lullaby ILT)
Best supporting actress	Talaylin Zeppa (Cecily - Showscript, T'woomba)
Best supporting actor - minor role	Michael Webber (Jim-Pinball Prod.)
Best supporting actress - minor role	Carly Smith (June - Pinball Prod.)
Best production of an Aus script	Wolf Lullaby (ILT)
Adjudicator's choice	Andrea Carne (AWOL)

INTERMEDIATES

Best play	A Farewell from the Hill (Beenleigh Theatre)
Second best play	A Memory of Lizzie (Concordia College, T'ba)
Best director	Steven Pim (Beenleigh Theatre)
Best actor	Kiel Gailer (Beenleigh Theatre)
Best actress	Jane Schon (Beenleigh Theatre)
Best supporting actor	Matthew Jenkin (St Thomas More College)
Best actress - minor role	Kylie Miller (St Thomas More College)
Incentive awards	Concordia College St Francis College, Crestmead

Quote heard backstage at the festival:

PROP: what an actor loses 15 seconds before going on stage.

Selection Committee News AUDITION RESULTS

Money & Friends

Peter	Peter Luxton
Penny	Anne Tannock
Conrad	Ken Verrall
Margaret	Linda Shapcott
Stephen	Gary Denman
Alex	Callum Campbell
Vicki	Majella Gee
Jaquie	Catherine Taylor
Justin	Ryan Tucker

Highland Fling

Lord Ronald	Alan Brown
Lord Ronald Jr	Tony Erhardt
Heather McDonald	Tash Canning
Bruce the Bruce	Shane Mallory
Mrs McBurger	Deirdre Lowe
Hamish McFries	Lauren Turner
Jock	Simon Taylor
Cyrus McWestpac	Matt Shield
Tavish McPorridge	Karen Shield
Father Begorrah	Michael Athan
Paddy	Josh Nicholls
Shaun	Kyle Breese
Mrs McTarnish	Susan Glosko
Doctor	Penelope Athan
Nurse	Melinda Park
Jimmy McJimmy	Rebecca Noble

2006 Program – last call

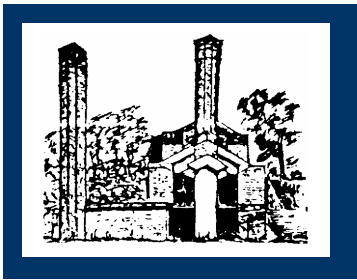
Selection committee is asking for expressions of interest from any members who want to direct a play for the 2006 season.

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted in writing by 16 September 2005 for consideration.



ILT POLO-SHIRT ORDERS

Supplies of printed t-shirts are available in small, medium and large. If you would like to order an xl, xxl or xxxl please contact Suzanne on 3281 4748. \$20 each.



Ipswich Little Theatre
PO Box 154
IPSWICH Q 4305

Editor
Suzanne Matulich
suzanne@matulich.org

check out the Ipswich Little
Theatre website:
www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au

UPCOMING DATES @ ILT

4 October Theatre Activity Night

28 September/22 October
Money and Friends

1 November Theatre Activity Night
Speed Poets!

18 November/10 December
Highland Fling

\$\$\$ Jokes

- I wished the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.
- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing this month of Brian Brayford who has been a long time supporter and worker for Ipswich Little Theatre. Our condolences go to his wife Pauline who is the backbone of our Daytime Theatre Troupe.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Geoff Burns who has recently undergone unexpected major surgery. Hope you are back to full strength soon, Geoff.

Sound of Music

Ipswich Musical Theatre Company's production of Sound of Music to be performed at the Ipswich Civic Hall 9,10,12 September has a strong Ipswich Little Theatre connection.

It is being directed by Jim Orr and he is assisted by Melinda Park both hard working ILT members. Also in the cast are ILT members Rebecca Noble and Susan Glosko who have been cast as nuns. With Raymond Chandler in the role of Captain von Trapp it makes it a must see for all.

Do go along and support this popular family musical. Tickets \$25 adults, \$20 conc and \$12 child can be booked by phoning 3810 6699.



Happy with the results of the Ipswich Little Theatre 51st One Act Play Festival are Ryan Tucker – Best Supporting Actor, Majella Gee – cast member of Wolf Lullaby which won Best Production of an Australian Script, Suzanne Matulich – director of Wolf Lullaby and Kelsie MacDonald – Best Actress.

Jean Goodwin, the other cast member was absent when the photo was taken.

Comments on acting from Australia actor Graeme Blundell

Any Australian actor will tell you that all too often their life is a joyless one of small-time heartbreaks and quiet desperation, rumour and grievance, much of it spent disguising their depression. And that's when times are good. The first thing you learn about acting is that being able to do it is less important than being able to satisfy some casting director's whim, fantasy or exasperated expectation.

Acting: a series of delays punctuated by periods of repetition, where you do the same thing over and over for a living, if you're lucky.

THANKS!

Cr Charlie Pisasale proudly supports Ipswich Little Theatre by printing the Burning News for ILT. Thanks Charlie!

*Next ILT meeting
for 2005*
Tuesday 13 September
7.30 pm