



Burning News

from the Ipswich Incinerator Theatre

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The JUNE 2007 Ipswich Little Theatre newsletter

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AUDITIONS anyone?

Monday 9 July 7.30 pm Jean Pratt Building

ALL WELCOME

The Maintenance Man by Richard Harris Director – Doug Moses

This play is a bitter-sweet and perceptive look at the collapse of a marriage and the decay of an affair. Bob and Chris's marriage has already sunk to the level of constant bickering and recriminations when Bob meets Diana. It is not long before he has transferred his affections (and box of tools) to her house.

Bob is a do-it-yourself en-

thusiast, a compulsive handyman with a longing to be needed. Even after he is divorced from Chris, he constantly returns to his former home until Diana resents having to face competition from his children and his Black and Decker.

It seems that Bob's relationship with Diana is heading down the same path to domestic disaster. This witty and astute comedy takes a new look at the old 'love triangle'

If you would like to know more about the cast required or to discuss the play or the audition process—please contact the Director Doug Moses on 3281 2846

The next auditions—date to be announced, will be for the end of year Theatre Restaurant to be directed by Di Johnston.

Titled *Mystery on the Orient Express* by Mary McMahon, it is sure to have plenty of fun roles for those of you who enjoy working in theatre restaurant.

The 2008 ILT program is still being discussed by Selection Committee—check out future newsletters for full details.

Last minute call for any Directors interested in submitting an expression of interest for 2008. Do let Doug know if you are keen to direct.

14 JULY MEMBERS' NIGHT AT DOUBT

Director of *DOUBT*, Jan Paterson is organizing a **special night for Members and friends on Saturday 14 July, 8.00 pm.**

This will take the same format as a social night—tickets are \$20 and that includes the show and supper.

If you would like in the audience on that special night, contact Jan on 3201 7974 for tickets. Hurry though. Over 60 sold!



Ipswich Little Theatre Polo Shirts

are now available again.

They are a heavy weight black polo shirt with a white patterned trim at

collar and sleeve edge.

There is a small white ILT print on the front and a large white print of the Incinerator building on the back.

Currently all sizes from small to XXL are available and they are \$20 each, available by phoning Suzanne Matulich 3281 4748.

These shirts are great for working front of house or assisting with guided tours.

Jean Pratt Building

RECORDING YOUR REQUESTS FOR USE OF OUR BUILDINGS

In order to avoid the overlapping of times that groups are using the buildings, a monthly planner showing the dates and times of use, will be placed, each month on the web site, on the notice board outside the Jean Pratt Building and in the green room in the Incinerator Theatre. It is the responsibility of the conveners of groups to enter details on the notice boards, after the booking has been confirmed with Desley Cronon.

We hope this will avoid the overlapping of times of use for groups who have booked the building, as it is most disruptive to members using the building for other members to wander in ahead of their booked time.

Whilst the building is in use (eg for meetings, workshops or rehearsals) a sign will be placed on the door of the building.

Members are reminded for the need for

COMMUNICATION, CONSIDERATION and COURTESY.

News from the groups within Ipswich Little Theatre four groups all based in the Jean Pratt Building

S-Troupe News

from Di Johnston

Many thanks to Bec, Jim, Nic, Di and Marie for our TRIVIA TEAM recently who came in second and had a great social night - a good mix of young and old theatre knowledge.

Smart Arts

from Liz Boekholt

Smart Arts are currently on holidays—back for term 3 on Saturday 14 July.

Daytime Theatre Troupe

from Jan Paterson

Watch out for Ruby's Bush Christmas, in performance from mid November. Details closer to time.

Crossfyre Young Theatricals

from Suzanne Matulich

The Property of the Clan has completed a successful season and was a great learning experience for both the Crossfyre students and the adult ILT members of the cast. Watch out for two murder mysteries at the end of October.

from your President—Judy Grant

I was very pleased to accept two awards from the Ipswich City Council on behalf of our members this month. One was in recognition of our contribution to the Ipswich Festival and the other was a Gold Award for Excellence for our contribution towards Heritage Conservation, Education and Promotion. Di Johnston compiled our submission, which recognised the work that we have put into promoting Ipswich through our Heritage Tours of the Incinerator. Thanks you to all our members who contributed.

Our one act play, *Dancers* (from our *Deck Chairs*' season), directed by Robyn, has been entered into two Play Festivals. Dianne Adams won best actor in a comedy role at both festivals and we were placed 3rd in the Murrumba Festival.

Our first Theatre Activities Night for the year was a very successful Trivia Night which was well supported, with teams from many of our sub-groups entering.

I would like to thank Relle, Rebecca and Melinda for organising the evening and our members for their support.

We are almost half way through the year and it is a busy time, with all our sub-groups presenting their end of semester productions. Congratulations to our actors, directors and helpers on the quality and entertainment value of your productions.



In the Heritage section of the Ipswich City Council Awards for Excellence 2007, we received a Gold award, the Cr Paul Tully Award for Heritage Conservation, Education and Promotion for the conservation of our heritage building and the educational tours of the theatre precinct.

What do you know about ILT ? Some questions from the recent Trivia Night to tantalize you!

Ipswich Little Theatre Questions

- 1) What is the name of the ghost that is said to haunt the Incinerator Theatre?
- 2) Which Australian television actress known for her major role in the series *Prisoner* has been an adjudicator at our ILT One Act Play Festival?
- 3) Current Home And Away character and owner of the Rocket Club, Cam Reynolds, is played by which former ILT member?
- 4) ILT has presented two productions of the popular play "Steel Magnolias". Who were the two directors responsible for those productions?
- 5) Give the title of one of David Williamson's plays that has been put on by Ipswich Little

Theatre in the past 5 years.

- 6) Which local playwright's Theatre Restaurant offerings performed on the ILT stage have included:

The Reigning's Pain, The Shaming of the True, Genoa Cantina With a Nice Pisa Tart and Take A Wild Shot?

- 7) Who was the first president of Ipswich Little Theatre from 1946-1950?

General Knowledge

Questions

1. Which TV series was the gateway to stardom for George Clooney?
2. In which movie was this line uttered "I am not an animal. I am a human being!"

3. Which consummate entertainer released the Album *Some People's Lives* and starred in the movie *Outrageous Fortune*?
4. What 1961 movie has Audrey Hepburn note: "Personally, I think it's a bit tacky to wear diamonds before I'm 40"?
5. Who is the most voluptuous female in Toontown?
6. What Marx Brother's name spelled backwards is the name of a daytime talk show host?

ANSWERS can be found on page 1 of this newsletter.

How did you fare? Would you have won a prize on Trivia Night?

Where are you? Calling all past Daytime Theatre Members

To be able to properly celebrate 25 years of performances, the organizing committee is looking for the following ex Daytimers.

THE NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Annette McGregor, Carol Winter, Charlene Duggan, Christie McMillan, David Bacon, Debbie Christensen, Debbie Worth, Doug McGuire, Elaine Young [Fields], Fiona Baunach, Glenda Cook, Graeme Cross, Helen Oldham, Jennifer Smith, Jenny Linley, Jo O'Donohue, Julie Rucker, Kay Anderson, Kerrie Davitt, Kerrie Headrick, Kerryn Nicks, Lee Haywood, Leonie Peasey, Linda Martin, Maryanne Schultz, Pam Woolgar, Pauline Wild, Ralph Ashby, Rachel Johnson, Rene Sadler, Rhonda Coucher, Robyn Harm, Roy Nugter, Roslyn Mowatt, Sarah Lawrie, Sue Morris, Susan Collis, Tina Turner, Tracy Fox,

Tracy O'Loughlin, Tracy Wilson and Viv Gearin.

If any ILT members know their whereabouts please contact JanPaterson on 3201 7974 or email patto130@primusononline.com.au

ALSO

It is thought that videos (or maybe some still photos) exist for the following productions:

- 1984 – *Pinocchio* [directed by Jane Sheppard], *Peter Pan* [Judy Floris], *Snow White* [Jan Paterson]
 1985 – *Red Riding Hood* [Jane Sheppard]
 1987 – *Ladies this is War* [Sandra Harle]
 1991 – *Ali Baba* [Bette Turley]
 1992 – *Pinocchio* [Cheryl Klaassen]
 1994 – *Give a Dog a Bone* [Sue Morris]
 1995 – *Snow White* [Cheryl Klaassen]
 1996 – *Cinderella* [Cheryl Klaassen],

Death in the Limelight [Cheryl Klaassen]

1997 – *Beauty and the Beast* [David Austin], *Paddington Bear* [Jane Sheppard]

1998 – *The Wizard of Oz* [Di Johnston], *Peter Pan* [Jan Paterson]

1999 – *Jack and the Beanstalk* [Kay McAllan], *Priscilla the Performing Pig* [Di Johnston]

2000 – *Snow White* [Kay McAllan]

2001 – *Winnie the Pooh* [Jane Sheppard], *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* [Jan Paterson]

2002 – *Mother Goose* [Kay McAllan]

2003 – *Santa's Christmas Story* [Kay McAllan]

2005 – *Santa's Christmas Story* [Jan Paterson]

As before, if you can assist with any of this archival material please contact Jan.



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The Ipswich Little Theatre complex including the historic Incinerator Theatre designed by Walter Burley Griffin is in Burley Griffin Drive, off Griffiths Road, Ipswich.
To ring the theatre when there is a class or rehearsal **PHONE 3812 2389**.
NOTE: this phone is not staffed all the time.



2007 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

Monday 9 July 7.30 pm	AUDITION <i>The Maintenance Man</i> to be directed by Doug Moses
13 - 28 July	DOUBT directed by Jan Paterson
5 August	Working bee to set up for Festival
10-12 August	Ipswich One Act Play Festival
25/26 August	One Day After Another directed by Helen and Ian Pullar

Selection Committee news

The following season and genre of plays for 2008 was suggested and a decision was made to call for expressions of interest from directors to direct a suitable play in the time slots.

2008 Dates	Genre
27 th February to 15 th March 2008	Comedy
30 th April to 17 th May 2008	Light Drama
2 nd July to 25 th July 2008	Thriller
27 th August to 6 th September 2008	Pot Luck Season
8 th October to 25 th October 2008	Comedy / Light Drama
24 th November to 13 th December 2008	Drama
	Comedy/Theatre Restaurant

Submissions from prospective directors are requested to be in the hands of the selection committee by 10 July 2007 to enable them to be read the plays.

Contact details that you might need to know

President	Judy Grant	3288 0717
Vice President	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Immediate Past President	Pam Floris	3288 6159
Treasurer	Patti Pratt	3281 2427
Secretary	Helen Pullar	32814437
Smart Arts	Liz Boekholt	0413 235 028
S-Troupe	Di Johnston	3812 9141
Crossfyre	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Kay McAllan	5464 3965
ILT One Act Play Festival	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748

NEXT ILT COMMITTEE-MEETING:

Tuesday 10 July
7.30 pm

Theatre Activity Nights

In the coming months Rebecca Noble is interested in planning some Theatre Activity nights.

The following topics are being considered:

- Costuming
- Lighting
- Theatre sports
- Dance
- Prop building
- Mask (making and/or face painting.)

If anyone can assist or run a night please contact Rebecca on 3201 5675 or 0422 449 291.

ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL



If you would like to be involved in the Festival—let Suzanne know 3281 4784