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Ipswich Little Theatre Newsletter

Impromptu

One Act Play Festival Success at Dalby Drama Festival

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Impromptu, seen as part of A Stage of Life at
ILT in March is the Ipswich Little Theatre entry
this year into the One Act Play Festival
circuit.

The first festival entered was Dalby Theatre
Festival held over the weekend of 11, 12
July.

What a successful start to the circuit for the
cast and crew: five major awards were given
to the cast and crew. Best Play, Best Director
(Suzanne Matulich), Best Actress (Majella
Gee), Best Supporting Actor (Kyle Breese)
and Best Junior Actress (Sophie Stewart).

The play has been entered into 6 more festi-
vals over the next couple of months with a
grand finish at Norfolk Island in October.

Of course the play will be a part of the pro-
gram for the Ipswich One Act Play Festival
being held over the weekend of 7, 8, 9 Au-
gust in our wonderful Incinerator Theatre.

Ipswich Little Theatre One Act Play Festival

Our wonderful Festival has 21 entries this
year and that will ensure a very lively 5 ses-
sions over the weekend. The scripts have
been sent to our adjudicator, Sue Gough and



our sub-committee is working hard pre-
paring the theatre and grounds so that
they look their best and working out a
menu to keep the patrons and perform-
ers well fed and watered.

Season and single session tickets will be
available for pre-purchase at the Ipswich
Visitor Information Centre from 29 July
and limited tickets will be sold at the
Festival. See page 3 for program details.

➤ Your Invitation to attend the Incinerator Party ➤

Note: you must RSVP for this special event



FREE – FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY
IPSWICH LITTLE THEATRE INC
proudly presents:

"A CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS IN THE INCINERATOR THEATRE"
A PRODUCTION BY ILT's 40th BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE

22 AUGUST, 2009 7:00 PM

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THE BIGGEST CAST PARTY EVER
AT THE END OF THE FORMALITIES.

IN TRUE CAST PARTY STYLE PLEASE BRING A PLATE

**Please note: Seating will be limited to nametag holders
only. An RSVP is absolutely essential.**

RSVP:

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RSVP by: 6 August '09



**All ILT members
Past & present**

Bar open
Preshow
nibbles
Trip down
Memory lane
Tributes
Party

ILT 55th One Act Play Festival



7, 8, 9
August

Do you have a camera?

We are still looking for a dedicated person to document the whole festival. If you have a camera and like taking photos and would like to offer assistance in this way it would be very much appreciated. Festival. Please contact Suzanne 3281 4748 ah

QUOTE from Edward Albee

(Best known for his play Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe? And winner of 3 Pulitzer Prizes and 3 Tony Awards)

1945 "I shall walk the earth and search for something that I shall not find."

And his explanation of how he feels about that now ...

2009 "If you spend your time looking for stuff that's easy to find, you're not going to get anywhere, you're not going to grow in any fashion. I just keep looking for things and I hope that they all come together and, as a mosaic, they create something that will have been worth being around for."

News from the groups within Ipswich Little Theatre

S-Troupe

S-Troupe started back 18 July and will be rehearsing a shortened version of *Mary Pops In* in preparation for their performances at the Ipswich Art Gallery, Disability Action Week, ILT One Act Play Festival and ILT's Open Day on 22nd August. Following that they will be preparing a small concert *Merry Christmas Musicals* to have ready for end of year performances. They are also very excited about heading off to see *Beauty and Beast* in September, through a donation received from Ipswich City Council.

Di Johnston

Daytime Theatre Troupe

Daytime Theatre Troupe resumed 15 July, new members most welcome. Contact Jan on 38105884 or Jane on 54645363 for details.

The Director and playwright for our final production *The Gingerbread Man* is Jane Sheppard. What talented members we have.....

Performance dates are October 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 23.

Bookings by phone to Chic Currie on 3288 9783 or 0409 725 315.

The Gingerbread Man has been especially written for 3-8 year olds.

Jan Paterson

Celebrating 40 years in the Incinerator

Below are the events planned for the upcoming celebrations being organized to mark the 40th Anniversary of the conversion of the Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator to the unique theatre complex which we proudly call our home.

If you are in contact with anyone who has had an association with ILT, the 40th Birthday committee would be grateful if you could pass on the information included in this newsletter or get their contact details to Robyn (3812 3450).

See page 4 for information about activities in the Ipswich Art Gallery

15 August - Official Party

We will be holding a small "invitation only" evening at which will be unveiled an Interpretative Panel which outlines the building of the Walter Burley Griffin Municipal Incinerator, its workings and its new function as an intimate theatre since 1969. Local politicians, Life Members and people who have been especially significant in the life of the Incinerator will be our special guests.

22 August - Open Day

We are opening our gates to the public from 10am - 4pm in a carnival of events ranging from multiple performances by the subgroups of the Ipswich Little Theatre family, tours of the Incinerator complex, local choir performances and much more to showcase the talents and creativity of community theatre that we all know, value and love.

Look out for final details in the media and on the website.

22 August – Night time Celebration

This is a function to bring together past & present members and supporters. All are welcome to come along to the night's entertainment which will include a presentation of a DVD compilation and the launch of a new history, written by Helen Pullar, which follows on from "Rising from the Ashes". The evening will commence at 7pm with complimentary drinks & nibbles in courtyard prior to the event and a good old fashioned cast party afterwards. We are hoping the evening will prove to be to be a very special time remembering and celebrating friendships and relationships forged in this unique and historic setting, swapping stories and talking about the good old days.

Your invitation is included on page one of this newsletter.

We do hope you will be able to attend. Please note that to ensure adequate seating and for the preparation of name tags an **RSVP is essential** to the contacts named on the ticket.

Picture Ipswich

The Ipswich Library and Information Services are currently putting pictures of the Incinerator and our plays on their web site. It is in the Local History section and to find it, go to Picture Ipswich and then type in Ipswich Little Theatre and there they will be.

If any members find mistakes in the text that accompanies the photos, would they please contact Judy Grant, 3288 0717, and she will have the mistakes corrected.

AUDITION RESULTS

Milo's Wake, our October production, has been successfully cast and rehearsals are off to a great start.

Cast members are Craig Taylor, Gillian Simpson, Sarah Pavitt and Brendan Jeffery. Each cast member is a very experienced performer with Gillian, Sarah and Brendan appearing for the first time in an Ipswich Little Theatre production. A big welcome to you all.

The compulsory Irish pub band members and bar staff already adding to the Celtic atmosphere are Max McKenzie, Brendan Williams, Relle Scott and Anne England.



Early winners of the first LA Thomas Shield for the Best Play at the Ipswich One Act Play Festival.

55th One Act Play Festival

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SESSION 1 Friday 7 August 7.20 pm

1. Crossfyre Young Theatricals *Why?* (intermediate) drama
2. The Hills Players *Something Blue* (open) comedy
3. Ipswich Little Theatre *Impromptu* (open) absurdist drama

SESSION 2 Saturday 8 August 12.20 pm

1. Rohl Academy *A Fully Sick Fairy Tale* (intermediate) comedy
2. Dalby Diamonds Drama *The School Concert* (intermediate) comedy
3. Crossfyre Young Theatricals *Train of Thought* (intermediate) drama
4. Front Row Theatre *Lady of Letters* (open) comedy
5. Brisbane Arts Theatre *The Loss* (open) comedy

SESSION 3 Saturday 8 August 6.20 pm

1. Act One Theatre *Beyond* (open) drama
2. KSP Theatre *Enigma* (open) drama
3. The Sunshiners *Good Grief* (open) comedy
4. Act One Theatre *The Lover* (open) drama
5. Golden Glove Productions *Cry Me a Wolf* (R rated) (open) drama

SESSION 4 Sunday 9 August 9.05 am

1. Wrightway Productions *49a* (open) comedy
2. Miranda's Dressing Room *Cupboard Love* (open) comedy
3. BATS Theatre *Warinda Flowers* (open) drama
4. Norfolk Productions *Not on the Usual Menu* (open) farce

Famous Festival BBQ lunch: 12.30—1.30 pm Bookings preferred 3281 4437

SESSION 5 Sunday 9 August 1.30 pm

1. Chink Theatre *Like a War* (open) drama
2. Brisbane Arts Theatre *Heaven on a Stick* (open) comedy
3. Pandora Productions *The Window Cleaner* (open) comedy
4. Excalibur Theatre *Provocateur* (open) comedy

Special demonstration performance by S Troupe 5.15pm

AWARDS CEREMONY 6pm

ILT 2010 Program

DON'T FORGET: Selection Committee is commencing planning next year's programme and now invites anyone interested in directing a play in 2010 to apply to the committee by the **end of August**.

Any member wishing to direct a full-length or one act play in any of these seasons or a one-acter for the Festival circuit is asked to apply in writing, nominating a preferred season, and to provide a script of the proposed play. Wherever possible, please supply an alternative in case the first preference is unavailable or cannot be cast.

Please assume that the dates for next year will be much the same as for this year i.e. Play 1 February/ March; Play 2 April/May; Play 3 or Theatre Restaurant June/July; Festival August; Play 4 October; Play 5 or Theatre Restaurant late November/December.

For more details please contact Selection Committee Chair, Ian Pullar 3281 4437



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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.

Please call one of our Committee (details below) for more information about any specific queries that you might have.

**NEXT ILT
COMMITTEE MEETING:
11 August '09
7.00 pm**

2009 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

7, 8, 9 August	ILT One Act Play Festival , Director Suzanne Matulich 3281 4748
15, 22 August	See pages 2 and 4 of this newsletter for details!
30 September - 17 October	Milo's Wake , Director Melinda Park. Bookings Visitor Info Centre 3281 0555

Celebrating 40 years in the Incinerator

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Art Gallery - we have secured space in the Ipswich Art Gallery in the Queensland Times Gallery to host an Exhibition outlining the history of ILT with still images, digital presentations, and memorabilia which will be on display from **30 July until 13 September**. As well as this, our sub groups S - Troupe, Smartarts, Young Theatricals, and Daytime Theatre Troupe & Tourific Troupers will each perform several times throughout August in the area which was the old Town Hall stage. Details of dates and times will be featured very soon on our web-site, in Gallery publications and the local media.

Judy Grant & Di Johnston have spent many hours researching in preparation for this and the Art Gallery staff have designed and prepared the display.

We hope members and theatre audiences old and new will visit the Gallery and enjoy this glimpse of our history.

'09 Contact details that you might need

President	Judy Grant	3288 0717
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Theatre number	Note, there isn't always someone at this number	3812 2389