



Burning News

from the Ipswich Incinerator Theatre

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The special Christmas 2007
Ipswich Little Theatre Newsletter



Warm thanks to all those members who have accepted the positions filled at the recent AGM.

Please assist them in their tasks when you can and consider whether you might be interested in the positions of Librarian or Theatre Activities Coordinator.

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Following the ILT AGM held on Sunday 9 December we are pleased to announce the members who have been elected to positions on the Committee.

Executive

President	Judy Grant
Immediate Past President	Pam Floris
Vice-President	Desley Cronon
Treasurer	Jan Paterson
Secretary	Helen Pullar

Admin Committee

Alan Brown
 Tony Erhardt
 Robyn Flashman
 Sandra Harle
 Phil Holmes
 Di Johnston
 Kay McAllen
 Kerri-Ann Macdonald
 Suzanne Matulich
 Doug Moses
 Jim Orr
 Melinda Park
 Col Paterson
 Linda Shapcott
 Deidre Lowe

And those members who have been elected to fulfill the other

areas of responsibility within the theatre program are:

Building Committee

New or re-elected members:
 Alan Brown
 Phil Holmes
 Helen Pullar

Current members:

Suzanne Matulich
 Robyn Flashman
 Ian Pullar

Selection Committee

New or re-elected members:
 Alan Brown
 Doug Moses
 Ian Pullar

Jane Sheppard

Current members:

Dianne Adams
 Desley Cronon

Assistant Secretary

Melinda Park

Bar Manager Jim Orr

Crossfyre Young

Theatricals Co-ordinator

Suzanne Matulich

Crossfyre Young

Theatricals Assistant

Tony Erhardt

Daytime Theatre Troupe Liaison

Jan Paterson

Festival Director

Suzanne Matulich

Front of House Management

Co-ordinator

Desley Cronon

Group Liaison Secretary

Robyn Flashman

Librarian

vacant

Lighting & Sound Director

Phil Holmes

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne Matulich

Properties Manager

Alan Brown

Publicity Sub-Committee

Robyn Flashman, Yvonne Gardiner, Shane Mallory, Deidre Lowe

SmartArts Junior Theatre

Kerri-Ann Macdonald

S-Troupe Director

Di Johnston

Subscription Secretary

Sandra Harle

Theatre Activities Co-ordinator

vacant

Wardrobe Manager

Kay McAllan

Wardrobe Assistants

Di Johnston, Jan Paterson

AUDITIONS—THE FIRST FOR 2008

There will be auditions for *Enter a Free Man* by Tom Stoppard to be directed by Suzanne Matulich on **Monday 21 January in the Jean Pratt Building at 7.30 pm.**

Tom Stoppard is known for his crisp insightful writing and the play certainly reads well so it will be interesting to some of our actors bring it to life.

There are eight characters in the play:

George Riley—about 50 years old

His wife **Persephone**—same age—vaguely distracted
 their daughter **Linda**—18 years old (approx) and feisty
Harry—30 odd and a flashy salesman

Able—a callow young sailor

Carmen—the barman tough but curiously ineffectual

Florence—almost a good time girl, interested in Harry and last and least **Brown**—the 'typical man in the pub'.

The play reading held early December was very successful and the 15 or so members

who attended found the script to be very funny and yet full of pathos. Lovely characters waiting to come to life.

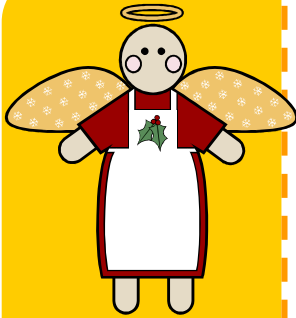
Tom Stoppard is also well known for other plays - *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, *The Real Inspector Hound* and *After Magritte*.

The first London performance of *Enter a Free Man* starred Michael Hordern as George.

If you would like to talk about the play or have a look at a script please call Suzanne 3281 4748 ah.



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



Christmas Present?

This year we know that someone is keen to get tea towels as a Christmas present. Does this sound strange?

We only know this because someone is so short of these highly desirable objects, that they have had to borrow a significant number from the theatre kitchen!

Or maybe they just had the wonderful idea of taking them home to wash them and completely forgot to bring them back.

If you are this person, can you please return them soon?

If you are desperately in need of a teatowel I am sure we won't mind if you keep one for yourself until after 25 December.



S-Troupe News

from Di Johnston

What a great way to end the year with our production of Okla-homer. I have had some wonderful feedback from audience. Congratulations to all S-Troupers – Oh what a beautiful show!

S-Troupe attended the daytimers pantomime on Saturday 17 September and had their end of year breakup.

We farewell one of our helpers Sharyn Twigg as she leaves Ipswich to take up her job elsewhere. Best wishes to her.

S-Troupe are now in recess until late January 2008.

Smart Arts News

Smart Arts is now in recess until early next year. Watch this space in the January issue for details of term dates etc.

Thanks to Liz Boekholt for the enthusiasm that she gave to Smart Arts and to Kerr-Ann McDonald for offering to lead Smart Arts in 2008.

Daytime Theatre Troupe News

from Jan Paterson

Now in recess till next year—don't forget the big Silver Reunion celebrations on 16 February 2008 at the Ipswich Golf Club. Phone Jan Paterson to book your place 3201 7974.

Crossfyre Young Theatricals

from Suzanne Matulich

Thanks to the students and Tony and Kyle for another fun night of performance at *Its Coarse .. Of Course*.

Crossfyre Young Theatricals are now in recess until **Tuesday 5 February**. Please note that new class times are 5.00—7.00 pm (1/2 hr earlier)

The Crossfyre class numbers will again be limited in 2008.

Returning students must attend the first class to be considered for a place in the new term.

A Special Poem for Christmas

The Christ child came quietly into the world,
No trumpets sounding, no flags unfurled.
His parents were poor, they had no clout
So the rabbis and others among the devout
Paid no heed and felt no danger
From this wee babe, born in a manger.
But things would change for those arrogant men.
This child was precocious; by the age of ten
He was teaching in the temple, translating old texts
The priests were agog and most impressed.
But not for long. When he grew up he taught that God
Was not a vengeful God, but one who cared a lot
For the sinners, the outcasts and the poor.
Now, this was heresy – they showed him the door.
What was he saying! Good heavens above!
That God is not Power?
That God is Love?

Joh Matulich

Use of the Jean Pratt Building for 2008

13 April Daytimers Bump-in

13 May – 23 May **Daytimers performances**

27, 28 June **Crossfyre Young Theatricals performances**

1, 2 August **S Troupe performances**

12 and 13 September **Smart Arts Junior Theatre performances**

14 September Daytimers Bump-in
Tbc October **Daytimers Performances**

5, 6 December **Crossfyre Young Theatricals performances**

As you can see, the year is very full so if you need to use the building for rehearsals or other, you MUST contact Desley to arrange a free time— 3288 8754



A Christmas Message from your President

It was wonderful to see so many members attending our AGM on Sunday 9 December. What was even more exciting was that so many were willing to take on specific roles within our organisation for 2008. I thank you all and look forward to working with you all next year.

This is the second year that we have presented Golden Griffin Awards at our AGM. These awards made to recognise members who have made an outstanding contribution to our theatre year. I congratulate our 2007 winners and sincerely thank the members of our Administrative Committee who put a great deal of thought into the nominations for these awards.

I congratulate all members, who contributed in any way, to our outstanding theatre year. We have a very exciting year planned for 2008, so I urge all members and subscribers to post off your subscriptions to our Subscription Secretary, before you get caught up in the general hype of the New Year. A subscription may even

make a good Christmas present for someone in your family!

I have much pleasure in announcing that new seating and platforms should be installed in the Incinerator Theatre for the commencement of our 2008 year. We acquired the old seats from the Civic Hall Gallery, and these will be modified to fit a new seating configuration which we hope will advantage all our patrons. I thank the Ipswich City Council, in particular Charlie Pisa-sale, who made representations on our behalf, for their generous gesture.

May I wish all of you, and your families, joy for the Festive Season. I look forward to welcoming all of you back into our theatre family in 2008.
Judy Grant

Golden Griffin Awards



Congratulations to the following theatre members who made special contributions to the Ipswich Little Theatre program in 2007:

- Rebecca Noble
- The Cast and Crew of *Art*
- David Dunkerley
- Ryan Tucker
- Nic Mohr
- Margaret Watson
- Bryan Watson
- Di Johnston
- Dianne Adams
- Melinda Park

Selection Committee Report

The 2008 season has been finalized with performance rights being granted and royalties paid for all plays.

Casting of *This Way Up* has been completed and the cast is

- Melanie Amie Rymer
- Kristen Allison Mohr
- Damien James Mills
- Nick Jamie Spence
- Police Officer Robbie Campbell

Congratulations to those actors and we look forward to seeing them on stage early next year.

Selection Committee held a meeting on the 18 November with those groups that use the Jean Pratt Building and all parties came to a very amicable agreement on dates for their respective productions in 2008 - (see page 2)

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the se-

lection committee for the way in which we have been members of a team, working together to achieve the same results and outcomes.

Thanks

Doug Moses
Convenor
Selection Committee 2007



Theatre Keys

Our new keying system which requires members to return keys at the AGM for re-distribution in accordance with new positions worked extremely well.

Although it may seem slightly cumbersome, it does keep track of the keys which are a very vital part of our security and reminds us all of the trust placed in us by the company.

Secretary, Helen Pullar has only a couple of keys to track down and is very grateful for the co-operation of members. Contact her on 3281 4437 if you still have a key from this year.





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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.



2008 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

21 January	AUDITIONS <i>Enter a Free Man</i> contact Suzanne Matulich 3281 4748 for further information 7.30 pm.
5 February	<u>Crossfyre</u> Young Theatricals begins 5.00—7.00 pm each Tuesday NOTE: NEW TIMES
27th February – 15th March	<i>This Way Up</i> directed by Jane Sheppard and Melinda Park

A good clean story is hard to find these days!

The medal winning Olympic runner, Picabo (pronounced Peek-A-Boo), is not just an athlete, she is a nurse.

She currently works in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of a large South African metropolitan hospital.

She is not permitted to answer the telephone while she is at work, however.

It simply caused too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say: "Picabo, ICU"

The Tradition behind Christmas Lights...

In the early seventeenth century, Germans began bringing trees indoors at Christmas and decorating them with candles.

It was the German Prince Albert who popularised the Christmas tree in Britain after putting one up at Windsor Castle in 1840.

Over the next 20 years, candlelit trees became popular, the lights symbolising rebirth.



Contact details that you might need to know

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Vice President	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Immediate Past President	Pam Floris	3288 6159
Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
Smart Arts	Kerri-Ann McDonald	3812 7368
S-Troupe	Di Johnston	3812 9141
Crossfyre	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Jan Paterson	32017974
ILT One Act Play Festival	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748

Merry Christmas from the editor of Burning News

NEXT ILT COMMITTEE-MEETING:

8 January

Note new start time for all meetings in 2008 7pm.

End of Year Library Reminder

To all those directors from the ILT 2007 program, don't forget that if you have borrowed scripts from the ILT library, they need to be returned as soon as you can please.

This also applies to members who have borrowed scripts to read with a view to directing in

the future or just because you enjoy reading scripts!

For those of you who have not ever borrowed from our library, do consider doing so in the future.

The books are there for all members to enjoy, just so long as you remember, as in any library, they do need to be returned.