



April 2011

Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

DON'T FORGET: WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT 20 MAY

OTHER PUBLIC NIGHTS 27, 28 MAY & MATINEE 22 MAY 2PM.

DON'T MISS OUT

Next

Theatre Activity Night

Monday

2 May 7.30 pm -

Playreading:

The 39 Steps

by Patrick Barlow, director Shane Mallory.

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NEWS ABOUT **LONDON SUITE**

Tickets are now on sale at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre, 3281 0555, for our next production – **London Suite**.

Directed by the team of **Melinda Park** and **Robyn Flashman**, who brought *Deckchairs*, *Rumors* and *Milo's Wake* to life on the Incinerator stage, **London Suite** comprises three comedies about the antics of guests in Room 402 of an old-fashioned but upmarket London hotel.

The comedy styles of the plays, written by the master storyteller of the modern American stage Neil Simon, range from witty to bitter-sweet to outright slapstick. In *Going Home*, we meet Sheryl (**Gillian Simpson**) whose

daughter Lauren (**Kahli Williams**) has arranged a date for her with a rich Scotsman they have met on the plane to the U.K.

Diana and Sidney introduces us to British actress, Diana (**Karen Hayes**), her personal assistant (**Stephanie Groves**) and her ex-husband Sidney (**Chris Austin-Greenhill**) who has come to London to ask Diana for money for his ill partner on Mykonos.

Rounding off the play program is *The Man on the Floor*, a typical Neil Simon farce. Mark (**Sam Hoepner**) and his wife (**Lauren Roche**) are in London for Wimbledon but Mark has succumbed to his chronic

back problem. Hotel staff members Mrs. Sitgood (**Deidre Lowe**) and the Bellman (**Alan Brown**) try to help and bring in an Irish Doctor McMerlin (**Shane Mallory**) with hilarious results.

Public performances are Friday 20 May (our very popular Wine and Cheese night), Friday 27 and Saturday 28 May with a Sunday matinee on 22 May at 2pm.

Ann Collyer will have her famous Devonshire tea special on sale during interval at the matinee.

Tickets for all shows: Adults, \$20 Concession: \$16 Members: \$14

Neil Simon's

London Suite

Groan Time

1. The batteries were given out free of charge.
2. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
3. A will is a dead giveaway.
4. If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

AND THE LUCKY WINNER IS

The winner of 2 tickets for *London Suite* from our *Skin Deep* audience was Lisa Schiefelbein of North Ipswich.

Congratulations Lisa we know that you will really enjoy your night out.



Jean Pratt Building Activities (see page 4 for groups' contact details)

The Jean Pratt Building is used all year by four subgroups in ILT. It is also used for many other theatre activities. If you want to book it you must contact Desley Cronon (page 4).

Junior Theatre

Saturdays 9 - 11am during school terms.

Next production: **A Cat's Trophy**

Performance date: Saturday 18 June 10am

Tickets from students or at the door 18 June.

No new enrolments until third term 2011.

Deirdre Lowe

Young Theatricals

June production: 17, 18 June.

All tickets \$10 and available later at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre.

Two of the plays in this production will be entered into the ILT Drama

Festival in August and the other will be performed during the Light Bites Season.

Jan Paterson

Daytime Theatre Troupe

A Whale Of A Tale written by Kay McAllan and directed by Jan Paterson

Performances 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27 at 10am May and 12pm and Saturday 21 May at 10am.

Children are seated on the floor with actors performing

around them. Limited seating is available for adults.

Admission is \$7.00 per person and bookings are essential - telephone Chic Currie 32889783 or 0409725315.

Anne England

S-Troupe: "living, learning and loving it"

Next production: **Annie with a Twist.**

Performance dates:

Fridays 22, 29 July 6pm

Saturdays 23, 30 July 4pm and 6pm

Sundays 24, 31 July 4pm

All tickets \$10. (tickets on sale at a date to be announced)

Melinda Park

Theatre Activity Nights

The Theatre Activity Night held on Monday 4 April was voted a great success by the participants.

There were 4 teams of four representing: Admin Team, Daytimers, S-Troupe and YTs.

Three judges watched over proceedings and gave out the scores – Lee Fullarton, Karen Peart and Paul Freney.

There were many requests to have more nights in the same style and it is quite likely that there will be another one towards the end of the year.

Members who were not present last week missed a really great social event.

We do need to work on developing a larger audience as lively interaction between the audience and

the competitors and judges can add another level of fun to the night.

Next Theatre Activity Nights:

2 May 7.30 pm - Playreading. *The 39 Steps* by Patrick Barlow, director Shane Mallory.

6 June 7.30 pm AUDITION: *The 39 Steps*.

More info:

www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au

Jan Paterson

ILT President's Message

One season down - NEXT - Robyn and Melinda are now furiously working to bring their plays to life and going from past experiences they will deliver a great night's entertainment.

Daytimers are also on as well- great fun for the kids/grandkids, make a booking now.

Lots happening in ILT with repair works scheduled for the main building and fixing issues in the Jean Pratt

Building. Both these are occurring in the middle of the year, some paid by Council and some by ILT.

All members who are either in a production or working Front of House must, under Fire Safety Regulations, sign in and out each time they are working. It is a requirement and our records must be produced at any time when requested by a fire officer. Help the Stage

Manager by remembering to sign in and out each night.

If any member has a suggestion for items to stock in the bar please contact me and I will check to see if the item can be included.

Good luck to Robyn, Melinda and their casts and crew and to Jan and all the Daytimers.

Cheers

Jim Orr

Online Ticketing - Coming Soon!

To help provide greater booking options for our patrons, Ipswich Little Theatre has been investigating the option of providing patrons with the ability to purchase tickets to ILT shows online via the Theatre's website.

For a large part of 2010 and now 2011 members of ILT's Admin Committee have been looking at ways of bringing this service to its patrons.

It can now be revealed that very soon, patrons will be able to log on to the ILT website, find the show they want to see, pick their favourite seat, and print their ticket out all from the comfort of their home computer!

Patrons will still be able to purchase tickets from the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre, but with the addition of online ticketing, the theatre will be able to reach patrons who may not be able to make to the VIC.

It's all about mixing our current services with new and innovative ideas whilst ensuring that we continue to offer the best and most personalised service we can to our loyal audiences.

ILT member, Shane Mallory has spent many hours researching the best way to make this work for us and our potential audience members.



Sample happy customer using the new online ticketing system.

It is a very exciting new step for us as a theatre.

Keep watching Burning News for more details.



Here is news of a challenging play soon to be performed by our neighbouring theatre group at Beenleigh.

Return to the Forbidden Planet

Beenleigh Theatre Group

is shaping up to be the most technically challenging show ever staged in the Crete St theatre. With a full rock band, moving lights, projection and special effects you will be amazed at what this dedicated group of performers and technicians has put together. Dominique Mutch's choreography is putting the final polish on this exciting and fun show, which has plenty of familiar sixties music and laughs galore, especially if you know your scifi.

Book your seat aboard the USS Albatross and prepare to raise the roof off the theatre with rock and roll tunes and hilarity. The amazingly versatile cast will be playing their own version of musical roulette, with some playing up to 3 different instruments. Opening April 29th and continues to 21 May. www.BeenleighTheatreGroup.com

Quote to smile at:

"Some performers who break into show business should be convicted for trespassing." PK Shaw

ILT donation to the Ipswich Flood Appeal

Many thanks to our generous audience members who bought raffle tickets and made donations to the Ipswich Flood Appeal at a performance of *Skin Deep* recently.

Along with the money raised that way, ILT also donated the proceeds from that night's performance.

The total that was then given to the Ipswich Flood Appeal was \$1000.

Vice President, Suzanne Matulich was happy to hand over the cheque for that amount to Mayor Paul Pisarsale.

He thanked both Ipswich Little Theatre and its patrons for their generosity in helping the people of Ipswich who suffered so badly in this year's floods.





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The Ipswich Little Theatre complex, including the historic Incinerator Theatre designed by Walter Burley Griffin, is located 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 at other times.

Theatre Activity Night 4 April 2011 Theatre Games Night



DATE CLAIMERS *Contact details below*

2 May 7.30 pm	PLAYREADING: <i>The 39 Steps</i> by Patrick Barlow, director Shane Mallory. Phone 0403 175 702
20, 27, 28 May at 8.00 pm 22 May at 2pm	LONDON SUITE: Directors Robyn Flashman and Melinda Park. Tickets available at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre 3281 0555
6 June 7.30 pm	AUDITION: <i>The 39 Steps</i> by Patrick Barlow, director Shane Mallory. Phone 0403 175 702

2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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Young Theatricals	Jan Paterson	3810 5884 0417 787 130
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Daytime Theatre Troupe	Anne England	3281 7654 0413 676 049
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Theatre number	NB: only during rehearsals or meetings	3812 2389

Sincere thanks to Cr Charlie Pisasale for the monthly printing of *Burning News*,
 For more details about Ipswich Little Theatre www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au