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## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc



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**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
7pm  
Tuesday  
12 March 2013**

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Actors speak of things imaginary as if they were real, while you preachers too often speak of things real as if they were imaginary.

- Thomas Betterton, English actor and dramatist, in reply to the Archbishop of Canterbury

The good news is that tickets are still available for our first production of the year



David Williamson's

## Amigos

Directed by

Suzanne Matulich

*Lance Stewart and Brooke Stitt as Jim and Sophie in Amigos*

.... but not all that many. So if you don't want to miss out, you'd better book soon—either on line or at the Visitor Information Centre.

### A Special Preview Night

for *Amigos* will be held on **Thursday 7 March**

The play will commence at 8pm, is in two acts, with a 15 minute interval during which a complimentary supper of coffee, tea and cake will be served. Drinks etc can be purchased at our courtyard bar. **The play should finish about 10pm.**

All this for only \$10 each

For bookings, contact Suzanne Matulich

suzanne@matulich.org

Phone 3281 4748 or 0412 792264

## S-Troupe

will be holding its 21st birthday celebration at the Incinerator complex on

**Sunday 24th February**

from 10 am to 2 pm

The party will include entertainment, photos, a trip down memory lane and the chance to make some new memories as everyone gathers to celebrate all things S-Troupe.

It is expected that, as well as current members of ILT, many former students and helpers will be there to participate in the fun as well as enjoying nibbles, main meal, cake, dessert and a drink.

For further information, contact Melinda Park (Director of S-Troupe)  
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## From the President

Many thanks to all those members who worked so hard and democratically to sort out our major storage issues in January. It was amazing to see that large skip slowly fill and fill until it was literally overflowing. We now have more storage space available and a logic behind what is going to be put where. Don't forget, if you need to find out anything about props, please contact our Props Manager, Tony Erhardt for advice.

Another major issue was also solved this year when the scaffolding went up around our Incinerator chimney and the top of it was secured, renovated and made safe from further damage from plant roots. Just in time too as the brickwork was in a very delicate condition.

Don't forget to offer your assistance front of house for the first play in our 2013 program. Pam Floris and Kate Mallory are in charge of this area and would love to hear from you.

Enjoy your theatre!

Cheers

*Suzanne*

## Success at Auditions

Auditions were held on 4 February for our second major production of 2013 *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* by Alan Ball, to be directed by Doug Moses with Sheryl Roche as Assistant Director.

The successful auditionees were Traci Dolan, Stephanie Groves, Christine Ilka, Rochelle Nolan, Sally Taylor and Mal Farrow.

The season runs from 8 to 25 May. Bookings will open on Monday 25 March, on line or through the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre.

Further auditions were held on 11 February for two one act plays to be entered in various Festivals and again these were successfully cast.

*The Big Cats* by Alec Baron to be directed by Craig Taylor will feature Jan Paterson, Les Chappell, and Karen Peart.

The cast of *Pier Twelve* by Ron Kelly, directed by Phil McCormack, will be Tony Erhardt, Pip Prole and Ben Cumpstay.

## Festival 2013

This is a reminder that with our 59th Festival coming up in August, Director Suzanne Matulich will be seeking lots of volunteers to help. We have always been very proud of the number of members in green shirts over that weekend, so obviously hope this year will be no exception.

Suzanne (and the Society) are very grateful to the volunteers who have recently come forward to help attract sponsorship for this very important event.

Any donations towards prize money or items for raffles will be gratefully accepted.

## Tourific Troupers

Our tours will recommence in April and continue through till September (this is to avoid the hot weather). There are already a number of bookings in place, mostly on week days but there is one on a Sunday.

If anyone is interested in being involved, either as part of the catering staff or as a performer in one of the ten minute plays presented to our tourists, please contact Helen Pullar. She would love to hear from you.

## Directing Directors

### Meeting Sunday 10 March

Selection Committee have invited any director or other member with an interest in the requirements of directors to join with them in a meeting on Sunday 10 March from 12.30 to 3pm to fine tune the existing Guidelines for Directors and Guidelines for Participation in an ILT Production.

## Daytime Theatre Troupe Presents

# NINA IN NUMBERLAND

Written and directed by Deirdre Lowe

### PERFORMANCE DATES

Tuesday May 21, Wednesday May 22,  
Friday May 24  
Tuesday May 28, Wednesday May 29  
Friday May 31.  
Performances 10.00am & 12.00noon  
\*Saturday Matinee May 25.  
10.00am.\*

### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

ADMISSION is \$7.00 per person.

Bookings Chic Currie - 3288

9783 or 0409 725 315

### CAST

<i>Nina</i>	<i>Sue Van Der Meer</i>	<i>Five</i>	<i>Sandie Henwood</i>
<i>Number Gnome</i>	<i>Jane Brown</i>	<i>Six</i>	<i>Ann Wall</i>
<i>One</i>	<i>Julie-Anne Wright</i>	<i>Seven</i>	<i>Anne England</i>
<i>Two</i>	<i>AnnMaree Ling</i>	<i>Eight</i>	<i>Margaret Martin</i>
<i>Three</i>	<i>Geraldene Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Nine</i>	<i>Ian Pullar</i>
<i>Four</i>	<i>Cynthia Graham</i>	<i>Zero</i>	<i>Di Cook</i>

Come with Nina on a visit to Numberland to help the Number Gnome search for the missing number 'Four'. Nina can't count very well but she is going to do her best. No one knows where Four has gone and all the numbers are worried that the Number-Napper (Sandman's cousin) has 'napped her off' for an afternoon rest - just when they were supposed to be in a Treasure Hunt competition with the ABCs.!

## Young Theatricals

Young Theatricals have recommenced, starting with 16 students. Four of these have continued from last year but it is expected that at least six more will join over the next couple of weeks. Four have moved on from last year's Juniors and we must pay tribute to Deirdre and her helpers for preparing these young people because they were excellent in their approach to team exercises and they were all very talented young people. The other eight were new members and everyone was excited about the prospects ahead.

The first sessions will involve workshops. Two plays for will be submitted for consideration by Selection Committee: "Help Me" is by Tony Erhardt and "Dream Jobs" by Graham Jones.

Craig Taylor (Director)

## Ipswich Citizens of the Year

Members were no doubt very gratified to hear that the Ipswich Citizen of the year is

**Wayne McDonnell**

Wayne has been a supporter of ILT for many years and is a regular attendee at our productions and is of course very heavily involved in other areas of the Arts in Ipswich.

The Senior Citizen of the year is

**David Donald**

David and his late wife Betty were regular attendees and organisers of Group Bookings. Their son Gordon appeared in a number of our productions in the 1980s.

Congratulations to both of these outstanding men.

## Junior Theatre

Junior Theatre recommenced with sign-on day on Saturday 2 February. The maximum of 16 places have been taken up even though there have been a couple of unforeseen transfers. Inevitably, some of the students have become too old to remain with Juniors and indeed four of them have chosen to move on to Young Theatricals.

Director Deirdre Lowe, aided by helpers Ann Collyer and Jacqui de Villiers, is looking forward to another exciting year.

## Help!

With the first season of the year just around the corner, there is a need for members to step forward and volunteer to help with front of house.

A thirteen session season, with four workers at each session, requires 52 volunteers, so there are plenty of opportunities for you to make yourself available. It would be nice if it were not to be left to the few who are already fully committed on committees etc.

Please, if you can help, do let Pam Floris know of your willingness to do so. And it is fun!

## 2013 Major Productions

### Season 1

6 – 23 March (Public Performances: 15, 16, 22, 23 & Matinee 17 March)

#### *Amigos*

by David Williamson

**Director: Suzanne Matulich; Assistant Director: Aaron Evans**  
Comedy - contains some coarse language and adult themes.

### Season 2

8 – 25 May (Public Performances: 17, 18, 24, 25 & Matinee 19 May)

#### *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*

by Alan Ball

**Director: Doug Moses; Assistant Director: Sheryl Roche**  
Comedy - contains some coarse language and mild sexual and drug references. Brief scene with use of herbal cigarettes.

### Season 3

10 - 27 July (Public Performances: 19, 20, 26, 27 & Matinee 21 July)

#### *A Few Good Men*

by Aaron Sorkin

**Director: Shane Mallory**  
Courtroom Drama - contains some coarse language, sexual references and low level violence.

### Season 4

25 September - 12 October (Public Performances: 4, 5, 11, 12 & Matinee 6 October)

#### *Good Things*

by Liz Lochhead

**Director: Jane Sheppard**  
Romantic comedy - contains mild sexual references.

### Season 5

20 November – 7 December (Public performances: 29, 30 Nov 6, 7 & Matinee 1 Dec)

#### *Butterflies Are Free*

by Leonard Gershe

**Director: Les Chappell; Assistant Director: Desley Cronon**  
Comedy - contains mild sexual references.

**Bookings for ALL of above: Ipswich Visitor Information Centre (3281 0555) or on line from the Mondays following each previous final night**

# DIARY DATES

Sunday 24 February	S-Troupe 21st Birthday
Thursday 6 March	Preview Night for <i>Amigos</i>
Sunday 10 March 3-4 pm	S-Troupe resumes
Monday 25 March	Casting for <i>A Few Good Men</i> director Shane Mallory
August	59th Festival

## Raising the Roof

Members will be aware of our concerns over the problems in our courtyard during inclement weather. As a temporary solution, we purchased the portable cover which has served its purpose reasonable well, but was badly damaged during the last weather event and will have to be replaced.

We have been working towards a permanent solution that will give us weather protection, warmth in Winter and coolness in Summer. Our architect Andrew Solomon (the man who designed our wonderful Jean Pratt annexe), has been working on plans for a roof.

Recently Building Committee members and Andrew met with the Council's Heritage Adviser Ivan Macdonald and our Council Liaison Officer Brian Watkins to discuss progress with our planning. Their reaction was extremely favourable, so work will now continue towards plans of sufficient detail to obtain an approximate estimate of cost. This will be followed by all the applications for necessary approvals and finance.

The Committee is extremely excited about Andrew's wonderful concept.

*Helen Pullar*

Convener of Building Committee

### 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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Treasurer	Jan Paterson	3810 5884 0417 787 130

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Front of House Management Coordinators	Pam Floris Kate Mallory	5467 2895 0438 886159 3201 7998 0479 048979
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Jean Pratt Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Junior Theatre	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Craig Taylor	3810 5884 0417 787 130
STroupe	Melinda Park	3201 8861 0419 650 441
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Anne England	3281 7654 0413 676 049
Tourific Troupers	Helen Pullar or Jane Sheppard	H 3281 4437 J 54645363
Theatre number	NB: only during rehearsals or meetings	3812 2389

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