



Burning News from the Incinerator Theatre

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**NEXT ILT
COMMITTEE
MEETING**

7pm

Tuesday

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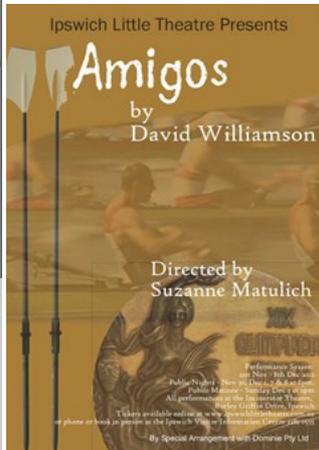
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The winner of the free tickets for *Amigos* is

Kathy Arnold
of Eastern Heights

Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc

Our first play of the year, *Amigos* is a savagely funny play by **David Williamson**, Australia's most popular and successful playwright. It looks at what happens when mateship and mating collide.



Of the Four Amigos who won a rowing bronze at the Mexico Olympics, three are still alive - Jim, an investment banker who thinks an AC after his name might legitimise a life of squalid dealing; Rick, a heart surgeon, who can, if he chooses, put in a good word with the Honours Committee; and Stephen, the least successful, grieving the death of his son.

They and their wives come together for a two-week holiday in paradise. Sure, there's a bit of bad blood between them and a few old scores to settle, but when it all comes down to it, mates are mates, right?

The season of *Amigos* runs 6- 23 March.



Lance Stewart (Jim) and David Shapcott (Rick) in rehearsal



Majella Gee (Hilary) and David Shapcott (Rick)



Max McKenzie (Stephen)

There are still some nights available for Group Bookings for *Amigos*, so please ensure that any organisation with which you are in contact is aware of the wonderful opportunity for fund-raising with minimal effort.

Just contact Robyn Flashman on 38123450 if you are interested.

AUDITIONS AUDITIONS AUDITIONS!

Auditions will be held on Monday 4 February at 7:30 pm in the Jean Pratt Building for

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress

by Alan Ball, director Doug Moses Assistant Director Sheryl Roche
Cast required: 5 women in the 25 to 40 age range and 1 man in his late 20s

More details available on the website or from the director 3281 2846

(see also page 3 for more auditions)

Notice of Special General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that, under Clause 22 of the Constitution, a Special General Meeting will be held in the Jean Pratt Building at 7 pm on Tuesday 12 February for the purpose of electing Les Chappell, newly appointed convener of Selection Committee, to the remaining position on the Administrative Committee.

Helen Pullar Hon Sec



From the President

ILT has an exciting and varied program of activities to offer members this year. As well as five main house plays each of the groups within the society, Junior Theatre, Young Theatricals, S-Troupe and Daytime Theatre Troupers will be offering performances throughout the year. We are also in the process of developing a series of Theatre Activity Nights – the program will be released in the February newsletter. These will be free events and are aimed at providing an opportunity for members and non members alike to socialise and be entertained at a theatre related activity.

I want to thank all those members who have taken on one or more of the various areas of responsibility that allow our theatre to function so efficiently. Some of those members and their roles are listed on the back page of this newsletter but there are many others who work long and hard for this society.

Thanks in particular to the twenty ILT members who achieved such amazing results from the working bee held on Sunday 20 January – we now have three storage areas that contain props, flats, furniture etc in a neat and logical order. We also have an overflowing skip in our car park of all the accumulated rubbish or surplus requirements that we discarded!

I hope to see many of you at our theatre in the near future.

Cheers

Suzanne

The Big Achievement Working Bee

As noted by the President, a big achievement working bee set us up for 2013 (and hopefully a few more years). The photos below were provided by Suzanne, Chris Greenhill and Di Johnston to show the workers at work or taking a well-earned break on a stinking hot day. Non-attendees should feel jealous!



The uncluttered shed!

The discard pile!



A Permanent Cure

The good news is that the tree growth has been permanently removed from the chimney. Ipswich City Council engaged the same expert who repaired the concrete cancer in the main column supporting the structure above the stage to effect this permanent solution. Using the scaffolding shown in the photograph (pkf Di Johnston), the experts installed a concrete slab, which is slightly domed so that rainfall will flush any seeds deposited by our friendly local birds past the low corners. While they were up there, the men also removed vegetation and repointed the brick work. And it may have been just in time. What should have been 5 mm gaps between bricks was forced by the plants to as much as 70 mm.

The firm also repaired the collapsing natural rock where the paint cupboard was—but is no longer.

We are extremely grateful to the Council for this wonderful work.

2013 Gets Under Way

Now that the year has well and truly started, all our groups are gearing up for another bumper year. Here is a preview of their activities.

Juniors

Sign on day for Juniors will be at 9 am on Saturday 2 February. Director Deirdre Lowe is ready for another onslaught with all places filled and an extensive waiting list standing by for vacancies.

YTs

Young Theatricals will hold their sign on from 6 to 7:30 pm on Wednesday 6 February. Director Craig Taylor will be assisted this year by Tony Erhardt.

S-Troupe

S-Troupe will be holding their 21st Birthday celebrations on 24 February. More news next edition.

Lessons will recommence on Sunday 10 March.

Daytimers

The Daytime Theatre Troupe has been engaged in preplanning sessions over lunch and will resume on 30 January.

All welcome .

Calling All RSAs

As part of our commitment to the Responsible Service of Alcohol we need to ensure that we have a Member with a current RSA certificate on site whenever the Courtyard Bar is open. For that reason, any Member with a current RSA who is willing to help in the Bar/Kitchen, is asked to contact our Licensee Nominee, Ann Collyer, either on 0409 00997365 or akcollyer@bigpond.com. Ann will keep a register of names.

Recognition

In recognition of their contribution to the cultural life of our great city, both Melinda Park (Director of S-Troupe) and Jim Orr (Past President) were nominated for the Ipswich Australia Day Awards.

MORE AUDITIONS!

Auditions will be held on Monday 11 February at 7:30 pm in the Jean Pratt Building for two Festival One Act Plays:

The Big Cats

by Alec Baron, director Craig Taylor (3201 4444)
Cast required: 1 woman 60+, 1 man 60+ 1 woman 30+

Pier 12

by Ron Kelly, director Phil McCormack (3282 1960)
Cast required: 1 woman and 1 man of no particular age

A New Addition

Some good news to finish the year!

Anna Green, daughter of Judy and Ross Grant, welcomed a little boy **Samson Jude** at 8pm on 28 December 2012 at Mater Mothers Hospital. He weighed in at 3.6kg.

Mother was very happy and Dad, Peter, very proud.

Brother Xavier was oblivious to it all, sleeping at home in Hawthorn in the care of Pa Ross.

I don't care whether
my glass is half full
or half empty....

...as long as there's wine in
it.



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

Saturday 2 February 9 am	Sign on for Junior Theatre
Monday 4 February 7.30 pm	AUDITION: <i>Five Women Wearing the Same Dress</i> to be directed by Doug Moses 3281 2846
Wednesday 6 February 6—7:30 pm	Sign on for Young Theatricals
Monday 11 February 7:30 pm	AUDITIONS: <i>The Big Cats</i> directed by Craig Taylor and <i>Pier 12</i> directed by Phil McCormack
Early February (date to be advised)	Daytime Theatre Troupe resumes
Sunday 24 February	S-Troupe 21st Birthday
Sunday 10 March 3-4 pm	S-Troupe resumes

Scripts for Sale

Because of the limited storage space available, Librarian Jan Paterson has been busy rationalising our extensive library. This has meant downsizing to one copy only of each script.

As a result, she has a large number of scripts which are available for purchase at \$5 per script.

Space is limited in this Newsletter too, so anyone interested should inspect the list of available scripts on our website. Alternatively, those without internet access can contact Jan directly and she will be only too happy to provide the list and to make the sales.

Cushions Available

As part of the clean up at the Incinerator, it was deemed that the cushions formerly used to pad the Theatre Restaurant bench seats are now surplus to requirements. The benches are now used in the courtyard and individual chairs have been acquired for use at meals inside. Consequently, ILT would be willing to donate the cushions to a worthy cause. They measure 1500 mm by 300 mm and are covered in blue vinyl.

Anyone interested or who knows of a potential recipient organisation is asked to contact President Suzanne

2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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Treasurer	Jan Paterson	3810 5884 0417 787 130

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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
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