



Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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Notes from the President

Our Christmas party told our story so well. Members and new members and faithful friends. It has been a difficult two years. I did have other words in mind but we have overcome. Thanks to all who have made so many efforts to keep us alive and working. You members keep reminding me why we are here for you. Thanks.



Painting news: We have just paid the first half and the hall is looking great. Thanks Jason Guy and Caboolture Painting. A great job.

Our next show is cast and rehearsing. See you at *A Tomb with a View* in February. And don't forget auditions in January for our second show of the year, *Blithe Spirit* (see notice in this newsletter).

Please all have a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours in theatre.

Terry

Coming events:

Committee Meeting – January 10

Blithe Spirit auditions – January 18 & 20

Annual General Meeting – February 7

A Tomb with a View – February 26

(note correction from date previously advised)

2022 Annual General Meeting

The **Annual General Meeting of Act 1 Theatre Inc.** will be held at the theatre on **Monday, 7th February 2022, at 7.30pm.**

You must be a financial member to vote at the meeting, to be nominated for the Committee and other positions or to nominate other members.

Act 1 Theatre 2021

Management Committee

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Terry Frawley

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Trisha Bromley

Secretary

Kay Tudhope

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Lynne Drinnen

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Mark Anthony

Sound & Lighting

Andrew Munslow

Set Building

Terry Frawley

Newsletter Editor

Patrick O'Callaghan

Wardrobe Coordinator

Anne Wilson

Other Positions

Bar Coordinator

Front-of-House Coordinator

Val Rowles

Webmaster

Stan Wisniowiecki

Patron

Nikki Boyd MP

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Annual General Meeting (cont.)

Nomination forms and proxy voting form are attached to this newsletter. Nominations must be received by the Secretary by 24th January, two weeks before the meeting. Proxy forms must be delivered to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

Reports will be presented on our activities for the last twelve months and the Management Committee for 2022 elected. Positions to be filled are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bookings Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator, Technical (Sound & Lighting) Coordinator, Set Building Coordinator, Bar Coordinator, Wardrobe Coordinator, Front of House Coordinator, Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor. The first four positions listed are automatically on the Committee, the rest are optional depending whether or not the successful nominee wishes to be on the Committee.

A quorum of 19 is required, so please attend if you can.

2022 Program

Here are the dates and details of our program for next year. A colour **Performance Calendar** is attached for you to keep. If you would like to print it to display at your workplace, social venue or anywhere you think suitable, please do so. ***Spread the word!***

Plays next year will open on Saturday night instead of Friday, with two Sunday matinees. **Please note:** There was an error with dates for *A Tomb with a View* in our November newsletter. Correct dates below.

Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 5, 11, 12 (evenings); Feb. 27, Mar. 6 (matinees): A Tomb with a View by Norman Robbins, dir. Terry Frawley. (Comedy-thriller.) A bizarre family eliminate each other, one by one, in order to inherit their father's fortune. Think Addams Family transferred to an English stately home.

Apr. 23 – May 7: Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward, dir. Chris Sargent. (Comedy.) When a man accidentally causes his dead wife's spirit to be called up at a séance, she wreaks havoc in his life. New wife not very happy!

May 27 – June 5: Season of One-act Plays. An assortment of short plays.

July 1 – 3: TheatreFest. One-act plays from theatre groups near and far.

Aug. 5 – 20, Theatre Restaurant. Another show of comedy and music, hopefully back to our traditional theatre restaurant format. Title to be announced.

Oct. 8 – 22, Towards Zero by Agatha Christie, dir. Anne Wilson. (Murder mystery.) The elderly owner of an English country house is murdered and assorted guests and acquaintances become suspects.

Dec. 3 – 17, Secret Bridesmaids' Business by Elizabeth Coleman, dir. Lilian Harrington. (Australian comedy/drama.) A friend of the bride is in a dilemma whether to tell her about an affair the groom has had with someone else in the bridal party. Talk about a can of worms!

Of course, all the information about each show will be in the Newsletter as the time approaches. We hope you can get along to enjoy all of these Act 1 productions.

Audition Notice

Blithe Spirit

by Noel Coward

Directed by Chris Sargent

Audition dates: Tues. & Thurs. 18th & 20th January, at 7.00pm, at Act 1 Theatre.

Performance dates: Evenings, April 23, 29, 30, May 6 & 7; matinees April 24, May 1.

Noel Coward was one of the most well-loved authors, playwrights, actors and entertainers of the 20th century. One of his most popular and record breaking West End/Broadway plays staged in the 1940s was the hilarious farce *Blithe Spirit*.



Charles Condomine wishes to learn about the occult for a novel he is writing, and arranges for an eccentric medium, Madame Arcati, to hold a séance at his house. At the séance, she inadvertently summons Charles's first wife, Elvira, who has been dead for seven years. Only Charles can see or hear Elvira, and his second wife, Ruth, does not believe that Elvira exists – at first!

Characters:

Charles Condomine - mature age author

Ruth Condomine - Charles' wife

Dr Bradman - mature age friend of the Condomines

Mrs Bradman - Bradman's wife

Madame Arcati - mature age medium

Elvira Condomine - Charles' first wife

Edith - the maid

Members, family and friends are strongly encouraged to audition. If you'd like to be part of the backstage or technical crew please let Chris know or email him if you have any questions at sargtheatre@gmail.com .

Memberships Due

Membership renewals for 2022 are due on 1st January.

Membership is \$20 full rate, \$15 for concession cardholders.

Payment by direct deposit to **Act 1 Theatre Inc, BSB 633 000, A/c No. 160011094**. Include your name and the word 'membership' as reference.

or **Post a cheque**, made out to **Act 1 Theatre Inc, to Memberships, Act 1 Theatre, PO Box 436, Strathpine 4500** (Make sure to enclose your name.)

or **Pay at the theatre** when you come to see *A Tomb with a View*.

You do not need to complete a membership form as a continuing member. Make sure you let us know any changes to your contact details.

Act 1 members receive our monthly newsletter and a significant discount on tickets to Act 1 shows and also at Mousetrap, Sandgate and KSP theatres.

Encourage your friends to join Act 1.

Membership forms are available at the theatre, on www.act1theatre.com.au , or by e-mail request at acttheatre2@gmail.com.

Ticket prices: Full - \$20; Concession - \$17; Member - \$12; Child (under 12) - \$10.

One-act Plays 2022

Early in the new year we will be calling for submissions to direct one-act plays for our Season of One-acts in June and, potentially, to enter in drama festivals, including our TheatreFest in July.

Now is the time to start thinking about a play you might like to submit, or maybe check out the range we have at the theatre to see if one might suit you. More details about how to apply will appear in future newsletters.

Christmas Party pics

(Thanks to Jenny Young.)



Santa's helper.



Audience spellbound in awe and wonder!

Booking Assistance

If you have any problems booking on line for Act 1 shows, send an e-mail to acttheatre2@gmail.com or ring 0458 579 269 but be sure to leave a message as unknown numbers may not be called back.

Share us on Facebook

Please share any Facebook posts about Act 1 with all your contacts. Facebook is one of the main ways we publicise Act 1 and our shows. If you can spread the word to all your Facebook contacts; that will help us greatly. Many thanks for your efforts.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

It is a requirement of our liquor licence that we have someone with a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate available when we operate the bar. At present, our President, Terry, is the only person qualified. We need to have another person available when needed. Act 1 will pay for your RSA course. If you are interested, contact Terry for further information on 5433 0655.

Act 1 Containers for Change drive

Refunds from empty bottles and cans from our bar are donated to the **QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute** in Brisbane.

Drop your refundable items at the theatre or use QIMR's customer code **C10182560** when you return your bottles and cans to a refund point so that the refund will be paid directly to them.

Lighting & Sound Assistant

If you know someone who would like to develop expertise in the field of theatrical lighting and sound, Act 1 has an opportunity to gain experience by helping set up and operate sound and lighting for our shows.

If this is an area that interests you, then contact Andrew, Sound & Lighting Coordinator, on 0413 759 741 or President Terry on 5433 0655.

Committee contacts:

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Join 99.7

Community radio station **99.7 Bridge FM** at Redcliffe is a great supporter of local theatre groups, particularly John Sayles in his Sunday evening program ***It Takes Two***.

You can become a member of 99.7 for just \$5, receive regular newsletters, support the volunteers who operate the station and maybe participate yourself.

Details at www.997fm.com.au .

Suzy and Johnny on the radio

It Takes Two with Suzy & Johnny on 99.7 Bridge FM is on **6-10pm on Sundays**. They concentrate on the Arts & Entertainment, promoting community events, particularly theatre.

If you have something you would like them to help promote, contact them at suzyandjohnny@997fm.com.au or mobile 0408 718 351. Listen in on Sunday.

What's on at local theatres

Reciprocal arrangements with these theatres - members' ticket price for Act 1 members (theatre restaurants excepted).

Mousetrap Theatre, Redcliffe: *The Wizard of Oz Pantomime*, 7-16 January
www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au, ph. 0439 954 719.

Sandgate Theatre: *Secondary Cause of Death*, (Auditions 11 & 13 January)
www.sandgatetheatre.net, ph. 3283 2608.

KSP Theatre, Burpengary: *Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wild West Wood*
www.ksptheatreinc.net, ph. 3888 8580.

