



Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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Notes from the President

At our AGM, we awarded Life Membership to Barbara Bloodworth for many years of service to Act 1, particularly in the field of costumes. Jenny and I presented her with the certificate on Thursday. She was in tears of joy, full of apologies for not having done enough lately and full of what she could do next including donating several suits then and there and arranging to meet with Anne over dresses. (Photo in this newsletter.)



All committee and other positions were filled except for Bookings Coordinator (see list at right). Val Rowles has given up the FOH job after many years and Margaret Toovey will take on that role. Pat O'Callaghan will continue as Newsletter Editor and Membership Co-ordinator but would love a rest if there is someone else interested in either position. Either ring Pat direct or Terry if you are keen (see Committee contact numbers towards end of newsletter).

Please come along to our first free social event of the year on March 19 at 2pm. Trisha Bromley is organising up a storm. Members and one guest each are welcome (see item in this newsletter).

A Tomb with a View is well into rehearsal and opening on the 26th. Bookings are now open for what promises to be a very funny show. (Note COVID restrictions.)

Yours in theatre.

Terry

Coming events:

A Tomb with a View – February 26 – March 12

Note: Patrons must be fully vaccinated, must check in and wear masks in the theatre.

Committee meeting – March 14

Free entertainment afternoon, 'Red Faces' style – March 19

Act 1 Theatre 2021

Management Committee

President

Terry Frawley

Vice President

Trisha Bromley

Secretary

Kay Tudhope

Treasurer

Lynne Drinnen

Publicity Officer

Mark Anthony

Sound & Lighting

Andrew Munslow

Set Building

Terry Frawley

Wardrobe Coordinator

Anne Wilson

Bar Coordinator

Mark Anthony

Webmaster

Stan Wisniowiecki

Other Positions

Bookings

0458 579 269

Membership Coordinator

Patrick O'Callaghan

Newsletter Editor

Patrick O'Callaghan

Front-of-House Coordinator

Margaret Toovey

Patron

Nikki Boyd MP

BOOKINGS: 0458 579 269

How to Contact Act 1 Theatre

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A Tomb with a View

by Norman Robbins



Director: Terry Frawley

Imagine the Addams Family in a crumbling English manor.

The homicidal Tomb family have gathered for the reading of their father's will. To their chagrin, he has left a large part of his estate to an outsider.

What is to be done?

Obviously, disposing of inconvenient individuals is a logical course of action.

Who will be the last to go?

The loud-mouth eldest brother? The potion-brewing sister, worried about the discovery of what (who) is buried in the garden? One brother who thinks he is Julius Caesar? Another one, locked in the cellar? The visiting book author who may not be what she seems?

Come along and see if you can work out who is eliminating whom!

Saturdays, 7.30pm, Feb. 26, March 5 & 12

Fridays, 7.30pm, March 4 & 11,

Sundays, 2.00pm, Feb. 27 & March 6.

Note: Full vaccination, check-in and masks required.

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SPECIAL INVITATION – LET’S GET THEATRICAL

Inviting all members to come along and have some fun.

NO CHARGE EVENT

Event – Social afternoon – Entertainment: ‘Red Faces’ style acts

Date – Saturday, 19th March 2022

Start time – 2pm

All members welcome plus one guest per member.

BYO plate of food to share. Drinks available for sale over our bar.

Would you like to be a contestant?

Entertainment provided by members, which will be short acts in the style of Red Faces.

Anyone interested in performing please contact Trisha on 0490 053 908 to discuss your act.

Types of acts could be (but not limited to) singers, dancers, magicians and short skits including monologues. The main thing is to have fun and socialise with fellow members.

Due to Covid and new rules, all attendees must be double-vaxxed. Due to space restrictions we need to know in advance the attendee numbers.

RSVP: To advise acceptance of this invitation contact Trisha on 0490 053 908 or via email starofparty@gmail.com with your name and your guest’s name by March 12.

Our social events will be ongoing during the year and each will have a different theme. Watch out for notice of each one.

Come along for a fun afternoon and a get-together with fellow Act 1 members.

Proposals for One-act Plays 2022

Want to have a go at directing a play?

If you are thinking of submitting a play for our **Season of One-act Plays** on 3-12 June, it is time to get organised. You will probably want to rehearse through April and May which means you would want to hold auditions in March, which is only a couple of weeks away. Proposals should reach the Committee in time for their meeting on March 14.

All Act 1 productions are required to be cast by audition.

Plays will be eligible to be nominated as official Act 1 entries in south-east Queensland drama festivals, including our TheatreFest in July.

If you would like to submit a play to be included, contact Terry (5433 0655), Trisha (0490 053 908) or Deb Hossack, Coordinator (0431 843 887). If you don’t have a particular play in mind, we have a range of plays at the theatre that you can peruse. Get in touch.

TheatreFest 2022

TheatreFest, Act 1's drama festival, is back this year. Theatre groups from all around south-east Queensland are being invited to enter one-act plays for a weekend of theatrical experiences on **July 1-3**.

There is the opportunity for a business or organisation – or an individual – to **sponsor a trophy** for the competition and so promote their business as well as participating in an exciting community event. Cost is around \$25. Direct donations towards the cost of running TheatreFest are also welcome.

Enquiries: **Anne Wilson**, phone: 3889 7378/ 0447 643 412 or **Deb Hossack**, 0431 843 887.

2022 Program

This year, shows will open on Saturday night the first weekend instead of Friday, with two Sunday matinees (except One-acts, TheatreFest and Theatre Restaurant).

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.) See ad in this newsletter.

Apr. 23, 24(mat.), 29, 30, May 1(mat.), 6, 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, 28, 29(mat.), June 3, 4, 5(mat.): Season of One-act Plays. An assortment of short plays.

July 1, 2, 3: TheatreFest. One-act plays from theatre groups near and far.

Aug. 5, 6, 7(mat.), 12, 13, 14(mat.), 19, 20: Theatre Restaurant. Another show of comedy and music, hopefully back to our traditional theatre restaurant format. Title to be announced.

Oct. 8, 9(mat.), 14, 15, 16(mat.), 21, 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, 4(mat.), 9, 10, 11(mat.), 16, 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.

Note our new Bar prices

As advised in last month's newsletter, we need to increase the bar prices for some drinks after several years since the last change.

Bundy Rum & Jim Beam cans	from \$7 to \$9
Cruisers & sparkling wine mini bottles	from \$6 to \$8
Bottled water	from \$1.50 to \$2
Beer, glasses of wine & soft drink cans	no change



Terry presenting Barb Bloodworth's Life Membership

Memberships Due

Membership renewals for 2022 are now due.

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.

Encourage your friends to join Act 1.

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.

Act 1 ticket prices: Full price - \$20; Concession - \$17; Member - \$12; Child (under 12) - \$10.

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

Membership: \$20 full, \$15 concession.

What's on at local theatres

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

Mousetrap Theatre, Redcliffe: *Dial 'M' for Murder*, 25 Feb. – 13 March

www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au, ph. 0439 954 719.

Sandgate Theatre: *Secondary Cause of Death*, 11 & 20 March

www.sandgatetheatre.net, ph. 3283 2608.

KSP Theatre, Burpengary: *Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wild West Wood*, 4-19 March

www.ksptheatreinc.net, ph. 0434 885 802.

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. 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 and the refund will be paid directly to them.

Committee contacts:

Terry Frawley, President/Sets	5433 0655
Trisha Bromley, Vice-President	0490 053 908
Kay Tudhope, Secretary	0417 738 915
Lynne Drinnen, Treasurer	0403 047 511
Mark Anthony, Publicity/Bar	0466 542 887
Andrew Munslow, Sound & Lighting	0413 759 741
Anne Wilson, Wardrobe	0447 643 412
Stan Wisniowiecki, Website	0431 965 307

Other contacts:

Pat O'Callaghan, Membership/Newsletter	0438 290 649
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Margaret Toovey, Front of House	

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.