



Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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Notes from the President

Happy New Year and hope and pray for a better one.

Our first Committee meeting of the year was a very busy one. Already some COVID issues with sick family members and the need to isolate. We have to ensure fully vaccinated patrons and have to use the QR code check in and wear masks.

Don't forget our AGM on February 7 at 7.30 pm. Proxy forms and nomination forms are attached. Nominations need to be in two weeks before the meeting

Some drink prices have risen mainly the spirits and bubbly. See details in this newsletter.

Jason Guy of Caboolture Painting has almost finished our outside repaint. It is looking fantastic. Our thanks to the painters, the Qld Government for the grant and our council officers Megan and Alix and our generous Moreton Bay Regional Council for their input of the timber repairs.

Finally special thanks to all involved with our Not Quite Christmas Show as it was a great success financially and entertainment-wise.

Bookings will open soon for *A Tomb with a View*, a really funny show. Don't miss it. Just remember, full vaccination is required and masks must be worn in the theatre.

Yours in theatre.

Terry

Coming events:

Blithe Spirit auditions – January 18 & 20

Annual General Meeting – February 7

Committee meeting – February 7

A Tomb with a View – February 26 – March 12



Act 1 Theatre 2021

Management Committee

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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.

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 Committee members; 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. Vaccination and masks required.

2022 Program

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

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, 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.

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. She inadvertently summons Charles's first wife, Elvira, who has been dead for seven years.

His second wife, Ruth, cannot see or hear Elvira and does not believe she 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. Enquiries: sargtheatre@gmail.com .

One-act Plays 2022

Our Season of One-act Plays is on 3-12 June. It will comprise four or five plays, depending on length, with six performances over two weekends. 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 Pat (0438 290 649). If you don't have a particular play in mind, we have a range of plays at the theatre that you can peruse.

All Act 1 productions are required to be cast by audition so suitable dates will be arranged. Rehearsals will have to accommodate the requirements of our programmed shows so flexibility will be needed.

As in past years, we look forward to some interesting and exciting theatre pieces.

Red Faces event

Most people are probably familiar with the *Red Faces* talent (or non-talent) segment featured regularly in the TV show *Hey, Hey, It's Saturday*. We thought we would have a bit of fun and organise our own version.

We are inviting contestants to participate in a *Red Faces* event at Act 1 in March. We want people who are prepared to perform a short act, with or without serious intent, for the entertainment of an audience and, maybe, for a small prize. 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.

Performers must be Act 1 members and the audience will be members with one guest allowed per member. Admission will be free. Full COVID vaccination and masks required. Drinks from the bar will be available for purchase and snacks may be provided, depending on COVID restrictions, or you could BYO nibbles. The program would go about 1 hour, with time for socialising before and after.

We are planning for **2.00pm on Saturday, March 19**. Contact person is Trisha Bromley. Call her on 0490 053 908 or e-mail starofparty@gmail.com if you are interested in being a contestant or just want to find out more. She will also be taking audience details as numbers will be limited due to COVID. (This event will not be on Trybooking.)

We look forward to seeing you there for an enjoyable afternoon.

Changes to Bar prices

It is a few years since our bar prices were set and the time has come when we need to increase some items so as to keep this part of our activities viable. We believe our prices will still be competitive with commercial establishments.

Bundy Rum & Jim Beam cans	increased 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

Memberships Due

Membership renewals for 2022 are now due.

Remember, you must be financial to vote at the AGM.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

[Act 1 Theatre 2021 by Bill Thomas](#)

There's a quaint, dainty little amateur theatre
Named 'Act 1 Theatre', in the old Shire Hall
Situated on Gympie Road
In Strathpine

Which has been there over thirty years
Producing excellent plays and musicals
And are still doing very fine.

The very successful plays this year have been
'A Season of Four One-act Plays',
The very entertaining comedy musical 'Hacienda del Toro',
The eerie, weird, wonderful, mysterious, mystical 'Scotland Road',
And the excellent, brilliant, well-acted David Williamson play,
Well directed by Pat O'Callaghan, named 'Emerald City'.

And if all these plays hadn't been so successful
It would have been a great pity.

Last but not least was the very entertaining
Very enjoyable Christmas show
Named 'The Not Quite Christmas Show'.

Which featured songs from 'The Actones'
Acting pieces from Terry Frawley, Pat O'Callaghan, Anne Wilson,
Trisha Bromley, Andrew Munslow, Ed Bone and various other people
And the variety of entertainment certainly did flow.

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[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

Searching for Dr Branovic, (auditions 30^h January – 0404 848 616)

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

Sandgate Theatre: *Secondary Cause of Death*, (Auditions 11 & 13 Jan. – 0417 704 962)

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.