

Old Shire Hall
Gympie Rd
Strathpine

Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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Notes from the President

A Tomb with a View – what a show. In the end only three performances possible and our last audience was full and fantastic. Thanks to all who rode the crazy ride, to cast, crew and especially Deb our stage manager and Trish, as VP, who made calls.



We dedicated this show to long time life members Bill and Glenys Ferguson sadly no longer with us, Rest in Peace. Bill passed away in 2019, survived by Glenys who also left us just a couple of weeks ago. Hopefully we can add a photo of the board dedicated and graffitied for them.

Looking forward to our next production, *Blithe Spirit* (April-May). Hopefully it and our One-acts (May-June) and TheatreFest (July) will arise and help lead us back to normality.

The temporary loss of our toilets for renovation is presently causing lots of hassles. Oh dear, always something.

Yours in theatre.

Terry

Coming events:

One-act Play Auditions – March 26 (see page 2)

Committee meeting – April 12

Blithe Spirit – April 23-May 7 (see page 3)

Have you renewed your membership?

Membership fees are due on 1 January each year. If you have not yet paid your 2022 membership, you are not entitled to the member discount on tickets and will no longer receive newsletters.

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

Act 1 Theatre 2021

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How to pay your membership.

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

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.)

Pay at the theatre when you come to see a show.

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.

Auditions

2 One-act plays

9 roles

Saturday 26 March, 2.00pm at Act 1 Theatre

Performance dates: 27, 28, 29 May, 3, 4, 5 June

(Fri. & Sat. evenings, Sun. afternoons).

(May also be entered in SEQ drama festivals.)

Red Peppers

by Noel Coward

Directed by Chris Sargent sargtheatre@gmail.com

Cast: 4 males, 2 females, all approximately the same age between 30 & 60. One male and one female must be able to carry a tune. Two songs, music will be available at audition.

Comedy. Set in a Music Hall and dressing room. Husband and wife performers bicker backstage about their performances.

How I Killed My Mother

by Patrick O'Callaghan

Directed by Pat O'Callaghan toby6@bigpond.com , 0438 290 649

Cast: Middle-aged female, elderly female, police Detective Constable (age & sex flexible).

Drama. A woman confesses to murdering her mother; but what really happened?

Please contact relevant director or Coordinator, Deb Hossack,

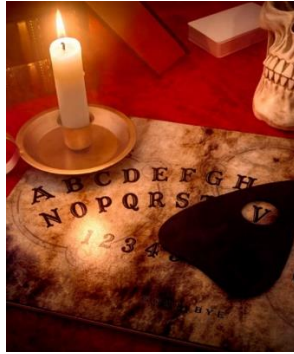
debkhossack@gmail.com , 0431 843 887, if unable to attend on above date.

Our next production

Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward

Directed by Chris Sargent

April 23, 24 (matinee), 29, 30, May 1 (matinee), 6, 7.



Blithe Spirit is a perennial favourite of audiences worldwide. Written by the English master playwright Noel Coward in 1941, it broke all box office records in London's West End and on New York's Broadway. Several movies have been made of it, the most recent being in 2020 starring Judi Dench.

Of course we believe that nothing can outdo a live stage performance and we take great pleasure in bringing *Blithe Spirit* to you. It tells the improbable tale of an author who engages a medium to conduct a séance in the interests of researching his latest novel, with quite unexpected but hilarious consequences. She inadvertently summons the spirit of his first wife, who has been dead for seven years.

At first, his second wife cannot see or hear her and does not believe she exists. But, then!

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

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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).

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.

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.

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 - \$20; Concession - \$17; Member - \$12; Child (12 & under) - \$10.

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

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

Book Review by Bill Thomas

Wentworth – The Final Sentence On File

I recently enjoyed reading this fascinating, intriguing, interesting book written by Erin McWhirter, a Sydney-based writer and 'Wentworth' die-hard fan.

The book is about the Australian TV series 'Wentworth', which screened from 2013 to 2021, set in a women's prison, Wentworth Correctional Centre.

'Wentworth' has screened in more than 170 countries in the world, with multiple adaptations, and has won and been nominated for various awards since 2013 through to 2020 and a nomination in 2021.

This 242-page book delves into this brilliant reincarnation of the excellent original Australian TV series, 'Prisoner, which screened from 1979 to 1987, and, even though, in 'Wentworth', several 'Prisoner' cast names are used, 'Wentworth' is still the most compelling, exciting, mostly original, best acted prison drama TV series in the world.

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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.

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.

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.

You can become a member of 99.7 for just \$5. Details at www.997fm.com.au .

What's on at local theatres

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

Mousetrap Theatre, Redcliffe: **Searching for Dr Branovic**, 29 April. – 15 May
www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au, ph. 0439 954 719.

Sandgate Theatre:

www.sandgatetheatre.net, ph. 3283 2608.

KSP Theatre, Burpengary:

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