

Round the Trap

Welcome to the latest Mousetrap newsletter. We've got some exciting news to share, so read on....

Seussical Jr. Is Coming!



The Mousetrap Theatre Company Inc. is proud to announce its first ever youth musical, **Seussical Jr.** Come see all your favourite Dr. Seuss characters come to life in an all singing, all dancing extravaganza!

The story centres around Horton the Elephant, who finds himself faced with a double challenge-- not only must he protect his tiny friend Jojo (and all the invisible Whos) from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him, the only one who recognises "his kind and his powerful heart." Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant, in a story that makes you laugh and cry.

Seussical Jr. Dates: 16th – 18th November & 23rd – 25th November



Bookings at www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au

Or

www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=418633
&bof=1

Or 0439 954 719

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80th Birthday Celebrations!

This year, seven of our Mousetrap Members will be celebrating their 80th Birthday.

Those members are:

Reg and Dawn Smith

Keith Wilson

Colin Dougherty

Sheila Musarra

Val Farmer

Ron Liekefett

If there are any more that we are not aware of, please, let us know right away and they can be included in the celebration.

To recognise this milestone, we are having a celebration at the theatre. All active members are invited. The party will be held on Saturday, 20th October at 4.00 pm. Please, let us know if you will be able to be there and who of your family you will be bringing. Please, bring a plate to share. Below is a list of suggestions as to what would be appreciated:

Cold meats, salads, sandwiches, sausage rolls, party pies, cheese platter, fruit platter and desserts.

Please, contact Lilian on 3880 4598 as soon as possible with your numbers and what plate you will be bringing.

Production committee 2018/2019

June Tretheway

Susan Harding-Smith

Jean Bowra

Tom Burrell

Karen Christl

Karen Matthews

Tanja Stanley

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Auditions for our first major of 2019: *Lend Me A Tenor*, a comedy directed by June Tretheway

When? 28 November 2018 @ 7pm

Where? Mousetrap Theatre

Set in 1934, the manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera is set to welcome the world famous, Italian tenor, Tito Merelli in the lead role of Otello. With blood pressure running high and a sold-out opera house, the stakes are high. The ladies of the opera house are circling to catch a glimpse of Tito, and if the chance arises, pursue Tito even further. Max, tasked with the job of ensuring Tito makes it onstage, loses control, and the antics rapidly descend into farce. Max doses Tito up with too many drugs to calm his nerves. With Tito out of commission, Max and Saunders hatch a ridiculous plan.

This laugh-a-minute comedy is absolute farce!

Seeking 4 Males and 4 Females

Saunders (M, 40-50's) Highly-strung theatre producer, American accent

Max (M, 20's – 30's) Assistant to Saunders, likeable, affable, naïve, American and Italian accent, tenor singing voice, kissing scenes

Diana (F, 30's) Drop-dead gorgeous soprano (does not sing), glamorous, seductress, American accent, kissing scenes

Julia (F, 50-70) Chair of the Cleveland Grand Opera, matriarch, efficient, cultured, American accent

Maggie (F, 20s) Max's girlfriend, Saunders' daughter, seemingly innocent, American accent, kissing scenes

Tito (M, 30-50) Italian opera star, passionate, Italian accent, tenor voice, kissing scenes

Maria (F, 30-50) Tito's wife, jealous, volatile, passionate, busty, Italian accent

Bellhop (M, 20-50) Agile, fit, able to do physical comedy, catty, American accent

For more information or for the audition pieces contact June Tretheway

0417 191 235 or junorama@yahoo.com.au

(Performances 22 February – 10 March 2019)

(Rehearsals Tue, Thur & Sun)

Mousetrap Theatre's Daytime Players

Our esteemed Life Member, Keith Wilson, has put together a steering group of experienced Mousetrap members to develop what we would like to call "Mousetrap Theatre's Daytime Players." What does this mean? Many of our members are available to participate in daytime theatre. We would like to put together a once a month, rehearsed play reading, followed by a get-together in our lovely Green Room.

The readings could be a mixture of 10-Minute plays and short One-Act plays. We are in the process of developing this idea and would love to hear from you. Would you be interested in participating as audience or actor? Please, drop an email to or phone Keith and let us know what you think.

pmwilson6@bigpond.com

Phone: (07) 3888 3493



Festival News

A big CONGRATULATIONS must go to our juniors and our youth who have performed in various drama festivals around our area in the past few months. They have received numerous awards, which acknowledges not only their talent on stage, but also their professional conduct backstage. They are a huge credit to our theatre!

A big CONGRATULATIONS also goes out to our first-time director Fay Richards and her cast for their performances in

the warm and funny 1-act play *Darlings, You Were Wonderful*. The play entered four festivals and won four awards, including New Best Director! Well done!

Convoy For Kids

The Convoy for kids will be at the Redcliffe Showgrounds on 1/2/3 November 2018. In the past, this has not interfered with theatre rehearsals/ shows. Just a gentle reminder that you will have to access the theatre via Nairn's Field (entry through the Patriot's car park).

Rapunzel the pantomime has been cast!

After a great turnout of amazing talent, the (difficult) decisions have been made. Congratulations to everyone who auditioned!

Rapunzel:	Maddi Ramsay
Prince Frederick:	Jay Almeroth
Dame Beatrix (Trixie) Bouffant:	Paul Cant
Frankie:	Jessica Bradford
Witch Gothel:	Jonathan Sweeper
Fairy Flora:	Erin Lowry
Curly:	Helen Bradford
Bob:	Karen Christl
King Geoffrey:	Tom Burrell
Queen Gertrude:	Karen Matthews
Captain of the Guard:	Gavin Bensley
Lacie:	Briony Iles
Macie:	Tammy Bensley
Gracie:	Chelyse Watson
Herald:	Ben Smith

Front Of House helpers wanted

The theatre is always looking for volunteers to give a hand with Front of House during a production run. If you'd like to help with selling soft drinks/ chocolates, tea or coffee, ushering or in the ticket box, please contact our FOH coordinator Margie Woodhead on margie0451@bigpond.com

Every helper is entitled to a free ticket to the show.

What's on at Mousetrap Theatre in 2019:

Pantomime *Rapunzel* by Bradford & Webster, directed by Jean Bowra: 4/5 (two shows)/6/11/12 (two shows)/13 January 2019

1st major *Lend Me A Tenor* by Ken Ludwig, directed by June Tretheway: 22/23/24 February & 1/2/3/8/9/10 March 2019

Pub night directed by Barb Wainwright: 5/6/7/12/13/14 April 2019

2nd major *TBA*, directed by Tanja Stanley: 26/27/28 April & 3/4/5/10/11/12 May

1-act play night: 24/25 May 2019

Youth production *It's A Wonderful Life* (radio play) by directed by Steve Pearton: 31 May & 1/2/7/8/9 June 2019

Murrumba Drama Festival: 21-23 June 2019

3rd major *Guys 'N' Dolls* by Frank Loesser, Jo Swerling & Abe Burrows, directed by Carmen Heath: 26/27/28 July & 2/3/4/9/10/11 August 2019

4th major *Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery* by David McGillivray, directed by Kurt Lerps: 27/28/29 September & 4/5/6/11/12/13 October 2019

Cabaret Glitz & Glamour directed by Barb Wainwright: 8/9/10/15/16/17 November 2019

One-Act plays

Call for submissions!!!

If you would like to direct a 1-act play for the 2019 season, and maybe go on to represent Mousetrap Theatre on the festival circuit, please, contact:

Tanja: tanjastanley@hotmail.com

Or call 0439 954 719 and chat to Karen.

Submissions close: 31 March 2019

Who, What, Where?

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas....

Yes, it's just about time to get into the Christmas spirit again!! This year's Christmas party will be held at the theatre on **16 December** at **3 pm**.

If you'd like to attend, please, bring a plate and a gift valued at no more than \$5 for a female (if you are female) or a male (if you are male). Santa Clause will drop by, too. (Grand-) Parents attending with their children, please, put the name of your child on the gift. Gifts will be

collected by Barb Wainwright or Glenda Willis before the party to be handed out on the day.

Other shows to see....

Act 1 Theatre Co.

"The Last of the Summer Wine"

2nd to 17th November.

www.act1theatre.com.au

Ph: 0458 -579-269

Sandgate Theatre

"Death's Desire"

9th to 18th November.

www.sandgatetheatre.net

Ph: 0474 -160-407

KSP Kabaret

23rd November to 8th December

https://www.ksptheatreinc.net/

Ph: (07) 3888-8580

Torch Enterprises

An evening with Toby Chittenden

For Mature Audiences Only!

30th November and 1st & 2nd December

Ph: 0422-678-983 or 0406-402-901

Thank you

As a thank you to all our volunteers who've helped throughout the year, we will be hosting a Volunteers BBQ at Endeavour Park, Scarborough, on 19th January 2019 from 11 am. Please, RSVP to Karen Matthews or Tanja Stanley by Christmas. The theatre will be supplying food and soft drinks. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Many thanks to the office of
Yvette D'Ath for the printing of
our monthly newsletter!!