

WINTER WORK

Greetings SHY members.!

Welcome to the second Shy newsletter - Spring 2001.

Your Shy Committee has been working hard over the school holidays and through winter to organize plays, events, fundraising and brand new workshops.

Contained in this newsletter is all the latest details about the ITA One Act Youth Fest, Theatre Sport workshops, Fundraising, what committee members have been up to and the new Christmas Show.

If you want to keep up to date with all the SHY gossip, don't forget the SHY-inc discussion list. You can subscribe by using the link on the SHY web page:

www.geocities.com/shytheatre

And while you're there why don't you sign up for your very own Shy e-mail address.

Don't forget SHY's website, it's a really great way to keep up with all the details

about workshops, meeting and other SHY activities.

Also, the SHY committee would really like members to submit work for future newsletters. We accept poetry, prose, stories, theatre reviews and whatever you think would make this newsletter look a bit more snappy!

You can submit all your work to:

shytheatre@mbx.com.au

- Amanda Tyler
Newsletter Editor

A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM - AUGUST 6, 7+8

This Midsummer Nights Dream was Shakespeare with a difference. The magical forest became a happening night club and Titania (fairy Queen) a very cool chick. There were some rather sus fairy disco queens, one of whom hit the bottle at the sight of the hideous Elvis beast. Also some laid back homey types who hip hopped their way through the acts.

The phrasing of Shakespearean prose left a little to be desired how-

ever the spontaneity and enthusiasm of the whole cast helped any true fans of the bard overlook this. Overall an up beat production that especially appealed to the younger members of the audience with the final applause signifying how much the efforts of the cast and crew were appreciated.

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CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

Christmas Crackers - a wonderful idea for an end of year Christmas Variety Show dreamed up by SHY committee member and treasurer, Wilton Kerr.

The Christmas Show may

contain short plays, skits maybe even some Theatre Sports and whatever your creative little minds can think up!

For the latest details on The Christmas Variety Show,

visit the SHY Theatre Web Page.

Interested members - watch this space!

If all goes well—the Christmas Show may even become an annual event!

SHY NEWS

SHY News— all the latest achievements and exciting news about SHY members.

Kristy McKay will be stage managing SHYs play for the ITA Youth Fest - Words, Words, Words. Good on you, Kristy!

SHY Chairman and JFSHS Drama teacher - Kim Flintoff returned from a two week trip to Norway and London on the 21st of July. He completed a very successful presentation in Norway at the IDEA World Conference and then moved on to London for another conference and an addition to a book!

The rest of the SHY committee, who remained in the country, survived very

well without a chairman for two weeks! They are very proud of themselves and worked very hard.

In fact, Mr. Flintoff thought they worked so hard, he's leaving them once again, and running over East - to Melbourne for a workshop and presentation at the Drama Australia conference in October this year.

WORKSHOPS BACK ON THE RUN

After the last Theatre Sports/ Improvisation Competition workshops ended, Gemma Brooke and Amanda Tyler were all Theatre Sported out. With hundreds more improvisation games to learn and look forward to, and lots

more rules to run through, SHYs Theatre Sports season will be up and running again soon. And this time - Amanda and Gemma will possibly have a children's drama and dance teacher to coach and help them run

things!

It's so good to see so many people eager to have Improvisation workshops up and running again. We can't wait for some more teams! A letter will be sent home to members when workshops commence.

ITA YOUTH FEST

After much thinking and preparation, SHY Theatre has an entry in the 2001 Independent Theatre Associations One Act Youth Festival.

The SHY Committee has chosen the play Words, Words, Words for the Youth Fest and it will be directed by Kim Flintoff and stage managed by Kristy McKay.

The ITA Youth Fest will show over the weekend of September 15th and 16th at St. Norbert's Col-

lege.

Words, Words, Words will star a cast of three - Ella Nekrews, Samantha Ayres and Ashley Smith of Year 12.

Good luck to all cast and crew involved. We hope you get an amazing adjudicators report!

Drama Fest - a festival for older members.

We hope that members will come and support the cast and crew of "Words, Words, Words" at the 2001 ITA One Act YouthFest.

Next year, SHY intends to enter three teams - two for the Youth Fest and one team for the ITA

CHAIRMANS REPORT

It's been an exciting start to the inaugural year of SHY. We have had a great deal of interest in membership and to date we have members from every year level at school and some past graduates.

Getting an organization like SHY off the ground is no easy task. There are legal hoops to be jumped through, fees to be found to pay for registration and incorporation, getting ABN allocated, opening bank accounts, organising activities and keeping the members involved.

So I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us to date by signing up as a member, getting fees paid, serving on the committee, building websites, producing newsletters, organising workshops and whatever other little tedious jobs have to be done.

I especially commend the Year 12's who are now slowing down a little to ensure a successful conclusion to their schooling and gearing up to make SHY an exciting prospect in 2002 and beyond.

In the year ahead we hope to offer a range

of activities over the next 12-18 months, beginning with our entry in the YouthFest 2002 One Act Play Season. We are entering a performance of "Words, Words, Words" by David Ives. The festival is at St. Norberts College over the weekend of September 15/16. We'd love to have the membership come along and support our entrants. Check the SHY Website for details.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find outlines for our plans to run an End-of-Year/Xmas Variety Performance, entry into YouthFest 2002, DramaFest 2002, a Blue Room season of an original play by Wilton Kerr, organization to prepare for getting teams into the Theatresports Season and Youth Challenge. Just because things seem a little quiet at present doesn't mean that SHY isn't active. We are just taking stock and making plans—now we are aware of the size our membership we have a clearer idea of where to use our resources.

We are always in need of financial support at this early stage of the game so if you have any brilliant ideas to raise funds please see a committee member and let them know.

Kim Flintoff
SHY Chairman

SHY WEBSITE, MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND GROUP BOOKINGS

The SHY website has had to be relocated. The old URL will still get you there but the new address is more direct and will take you directly to the homepage.

The SHY website details the activities of SHY and provides a range of other resources such as a chat room, email service (yourname@shy.every1.net), an email announcement list so you can be kept right up-to-date with what's hap-

pening, a news service, an archive of events, a committee list and contact details.

If you don't want to miss audition dates, group bookings to the theatre and other opportunities, you really need to visit regularly and subscribe to the SHY-INC list.

The cost of producing and posting newsletters means that we must limit out mail outs, the internet lets us do much more at no cost.

Please help those not connected by letting them know what's

happening.

<http://www.geocities.com/shytheatre>

AUDITIONS AROUND PERTH

Robinson Crusoe (Panto)

by John Morley directed by Peter Francis

2:00 PM Sunday 30 September

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Pantomime Good old fashion booing at the bad guys, cheering the good guys, laughing at their antics and in the end the hero wins the day and they live happily ever after.

Cast: lots, all ages.

Especially for those who are wanting to get their feet wet for the first time. Bookings: Peter Francis 9535 8486

Abducting Diana *by Dario*

Fo directed by Barry Lefort

Sunday 26 August, Wednes-

day 26 September

Innaloo Community Centre, Morris Place, Innaloo

BLACK COMEDY - AUDITIONS SUNDAY 26 AUGUST AT 2.00 PM

Cast:

Diana (approx. 30-50)

Young Man

Chief Kidnapper (male or female, any age)

Kidnapper 2 (male, any age)

Kidnapper 3 (male, any age)

Mother (of Diana)

Priest (male - Irish accent would be good!)

SEASON: Last week November/first week December
THERE WILL BE A READING OF THE PLAY ON SUNDAY

19 AUGUST AT 2.00 PM AT INNALOO COMMUNITY

CENTRE

The Memory of Water

by Shelagh Stephenson directed by Warrick Bailey

Sunday 16 September

Old Mill Theatre, Mends St.

South Perth (opp. Windsor Hotel, Mill Point Rd)

Auditions will be held at the Old Mill Theatre for our final season of 2001. Audition date: Sunday September 16 at 2 pm
Production Dates : November 16 - December 1st

The play is a a comedy for mature adults. It won the Olivier Award for the best new play in 2000. Bookings: Norma Davis 9367 8719 (theatre) or 9457 2471

WE ARE FAMILY - CELEBRATING CHOICE.

During July/August one of our committee, Amanda Tyler, was involved in developing and performing a new work for Deckchair Theatre entitled "We Are Family",

This was an ensemble piece utilizing the talents of 20+ young women, circus skills, physical theatre, music and dance, woven together lovingly with comedy and pathos to explore the "dilemma" of teen pregnancy.

The play dealt with the

theme compassionately and refrained from placing judgments on the situations faced by young women and the choices they make.

Instead, under the guidance on director Glenn Hayden, the play looked at the emotional impact and social responses to pregnant teens and young mothers. It did not immortalize, it did not condemn, it did however provoke tears and laughter from the very appreciative audiences that attended.

I commend Amanda for her involvement and encourage other young hopefuls to be proactive for their search for opportunities to extend their performance and theatre experience. There are many opportunities available, you simply need to make the decision to commit and break the habit of waiting for chances to come to you. The SHY website, email list and newsletter all reflect the opportunities as they arise. We can inform, but it's up to you to act!

AMADEUS

Blak Yak Theatre Company's production of the Peter Schaffer play Amadeus showed at the Kalumanda Performing Arts Centre in July 2001. Amadeus was made into a film in 1984.

Blak Yak's version of the play was described as "a tale

that embraces gluttony, jealousy, adultery, murder and suicide, and some of the most exquisite music the world has ever heard", Amadeus was certainly that. It received large audiences and much praise from theatre critics and adjudicators.

The play combined a small but

talented cast, skillful scene changes (that proceeded during dialogue), stunning costumes and the powerful story of Antonio Salieri and famous 18th century composer Wolfgang Mozart and turned it into a strong, emotional play that received both laughter and tears from audience members.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Enclosed with this newsletter is your new SHY Membership card. This card will entitle you to access to SHY events and we hope that in time we can arrange some deals to get concessions at Theatres, Cinemas and Retail

Outlets. Keep it safe.

GROUP BOOKINGS

It has been suggested that SHY use it's numbers to reduce costs to attend theatre more regularly. To this end we hope to establish a systematic way of making group

bookings with the appearance of SpareTickets and the associated reduced prices it should be possible for us to make bookings as a group and share the savings. Details of any planned outings will be on the SHY website.

For more information about anything regarding SHY, contact the Committee or check out the SHY Website.

SHY Inc. has a new website.

www.geocities.com/shytheatre

The old website:

<http://shytheatre.homestead.com/>

Is now only for the SHY Chat.

We want your work!

To add to future newsletters we would greatly appreciate contributions of student poetry, prose, short stories and theatre reviews/ experiences.

If you have any work that you wish to submit, contact a committee member now!

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THEATRE AROUND PERTH

Ménage a Trois Blak Yak Theatre September 07, 08

"Quartet" Agelink Reminiscence Theatre September 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 October 02, 03, 04, 05, 06

One-act season Harbour Theatre Inc. September 10, 11, 12, 13

Season of One Act Plays Goldfields Repertory Club (1931) Inc September 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

SMALL Giants Spare Parts Puppet Theatre September 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

Bunbury One Act Drama

Festival Bunbury Repertory Club September 21, 22, 23

"New Beginnings" (One Act Play Season) Playlovers Inc. September 21, 22, 23

Max and Maxie Effie Crump Theatre September 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 October 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

South West Drama Festival Bunbury Repertory Club September 21, 22, 23

One Destiny Black Swan Theatre Company August 30, 31 September 01, 06, 07, 08, 13, 14, 15, 16

Bouncers Arresting Productions August 31 September 01