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Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter



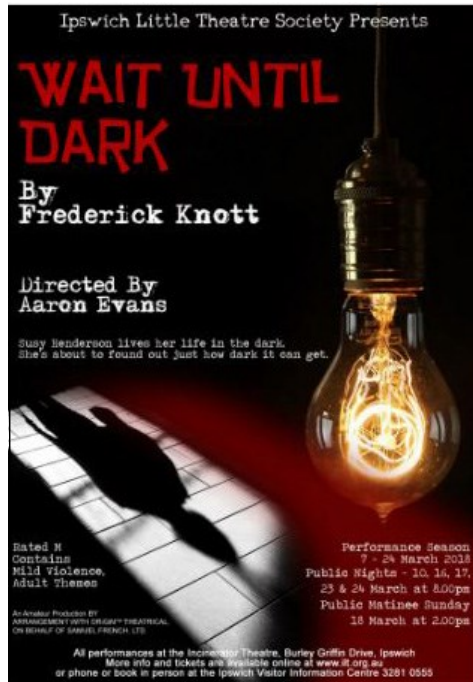
Ipswich Little Theatre
— SOCIETY ESTABLISHED 1946 —

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**NEXT ILT
COMMITTEE
MEETING**
7pm
Tuesday
13 February



**Bookings: www.ilt.org.au or Visitor
Information Centre 3281 0555**

Our first production for 2018 opens in just a few weeks – on 7 March.. It's a wonderful, suspenseful thriller, so don't miss it!

Could the photo below be a slice of the action?



ILT always offers its members more!

As part of our continued efforts to make things easier and more accessible for our members, ILT now offers the ability for our members to pay for 5-year memberships online. The Society has had online yearly memberships available for some time but has now extended this to 5-year memberships. Of course with a 5-year membership, you get one year free! 5-year memberships cost \$140 and a single year membership costs \$35.

Members are entitled to a ticket price of \$16.00 to any of the Major Productions. There is also another special offer for our Members. For an additional cost of \$52.00 (a saving of \$44.00 on General Admission Price) Members and Life Members can purchase a book of FOUR Vouchers to be exchanged at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre (VIC) for tickets to our Major Productions. Please note: A member is only permitted to purchase two (2) voucher books (a total of eight vouchers) per year.

2018 is upon us already!

But are we all ready?

With your help, we will be. All we need is for lots of members to turn up for our

START OF YEAR WORKING BEE

from 9am on 25 February

to carry out essential tasks such as cleaning, tidying and sorting to give our audiences the service they expect and deserve.

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We can maintain our high attendance rate at performances if you book for you and your friends!



From the President

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful break filled with lots of rest to recharge your batteries for another year of great Community Theatre. This year ILT has a great line up of plays so there is a show for everyone. We have suspense, drama and comedy that will thrill our patrons. Our first suspenseful production, "Wait Until Dark", has bumped in to the Incinerator Theatre and tickets are on sale for this play directed by Aaron Evans. Be sure to buy your tickets online or at the Visitor Information Centre.

Sign ups for all our subgroups (Little Players, Junior Theatre, Young Theatricals, S-Troupe and Daytimers) are happening in the next few weeks so don't forget to mark the date that applies to you on your calendar.

It's going to be another great theatrical year.

See you at the Theatre,

David

AUDITIONS — Dirty Dusting

Auditions: **Monday 5 February at 7.30pm.**

Season: May 9 -26

To obtain a script to read, or for further information regarding the production, contact the director, Chris Austin- Greenhill, 0437 977 007 or assistant director, Robyn Flashman, 0412 446 580.

When three long time office cleaners, Olive, Gladys and Elsie, are facing redundancy they know that their working lives and much needed income are coming to an end. A chance wrong number gives them a new business start-up idea – why not run a telephone sex line? The three women cleaners are all to look aged over 65, the age factor being what their supervisor is exploiting to get rid of them.

Olive – A widow. The master mind of the scheme to make some quick money over one weekend when there is no-one working in the office block, masquerading as Madonna, Marilyn and Kylie.

Elsie – A divorcee. Very confident in her own skin and quite a natural as a phone- sex servicer.

Gladys – Married to Geoffrey, whose only interest in life is growing leeks. She is the shyest of the three despite being an actress in an amateur dramatic society.

Dave – A young man still living at home with his dominating mother. He enjoys the power he has in the workplace but unfortunately for him he can't bully these women who have known him all of his life.

AUDITIONS —

Two's Company Five's a Chorus

a musical drama by Tony Erhardt

To be directed by Tony with Assistant Director Jim Orr

This play will be entered in seven Festivals, including Ipswich Little Theatre

Auditions will be held on

Monday 12 February at 7:30 pm

The cast required is

1 female age 19-30,

1 male aged 45-55,

1 male 19-30

and 5 males or females to be in the chorus.

For further information, go to

twos.company.fives.a.chorus@gmail.com

Following Tony's Festival success with his original play last year, we wish every success with this new venture.

Casual Vacancy on Selection Committee

Unfortunately, new work arrangements have made it virtually impossible for Craig Taylor to attend Selection Committee meetings and auditions, so he has tendered his resignation from the committee with regret.

Under the constitution, nominations are called to fill the vacancy for the rest of 2018. Any member seeking the appointment is asked to inform the Secretary by letter or email of willingness to serve by 9 February. An election will be held, if necessary, at the Administrative Committee meeting on 13 February.

S-Troupe

Leesa, Toyah, Steph, Andrea, Steven, Travis and Matthew all performed at the Carols at Camerons Park on 16 December. This was the first time the group have performed at this particular Carols but we are sure it won't be the last.



L: "Three Kings" Centre: "Silent Night" Top R: "Tannenbaum" Bottom R; "Feliz"

Sign-on day was Sunday 21 January

Junior Theatre

Junior Theatre recommenced with sign-on on Saturday 20 January. Unfortunately, Director Deirdre Lowe is handicapped by a bout of ill-health which places a little doubt over the planned major presentation in April. We trust she makes a rapid recovery and can enjoy working with the 24 Junior members.

Young Theatricals

Young Theatricals are invited to sign on on 28 January, with classes to recommence on Tuesday 30 January.

Directors Kyle Breese and Courtney Murrin report that there are a number of applications from potential new members, so they are looking forward to a challenging but rewarding year.

Library

Librarians Doug Moses and Aaron Evans have been busily electronically cataloguing our extensive library. According to the listing there should be 980 scripts in the shelves, but they have discovered that 20 are missing (which is a gratifyingly small percentage). If any members could supply the missing scripts, as listed below, the librarians would be grateful.

The Bed Before Yesterday	Ben Travers	Lend Me A Tenor	Ken Ludwig
Be My Baby	Amanda Whittington	Love Begins at 50	Raymond Hopkins
Brunel	Keith Parker	Tartuffe	Moliere
Close Encounters of the Leaning Tower	Edwina Toohey	A Bird in The Hand	Derek Benfield
Cruising	Alecky Blythe	The Emperors Nightingale	Dan Thoheroh
Dags	Debra Oswald	Goodbye Mrs Bloure	Robert Hewett
Ernie's Incredible Hallucinations	Alan Ayckbourne	The Lovebirds	Basil Thomas
Fast and Furious	Anne Lee	Up 'n' Under	John Godber
Furiously Fertile	Rod Saunders	Vanya & Sonya & Marsha & Spike	Christopher Durang
I Have Five Daughters	Margaret Macnamara	What's Right for Me	Joanne Hemple

Group Bookings

Although the group bookings for the year are very encouraging, there are still some slots available for groups who would like to take advantage of this opportunity to fund raise. Not only that, but groups are offered the chance to see wonderful theatre productions in our congenial premises. Any group who is interested should contact Robyn Flashman on 3812 3450.

2018 Major Productions

Season 1: 7 March – 24 March

Wait Until Dark by Frederick Knott
Director Aaron Evans. Assistant Director Timothy Wynn
Rated M: Mild Violence, Adult Themes

Season 2: 9 May – 26 May

Dirty Dusting by Ed Waugh & Trevor Wood
Director Chris Austin-Greenhill Assistant Director Robyn Flashman
Rated M: Sexual references, Mild Coarse Language, Adult Themes.

Season 3: 11 July – 28 July

The Lion in Winter by James Goldman
Director David Austin Assistant Director Sam Hoepner
Rated M: Mild Violence, Adult Themes.

Season 4: 19 September – 6 October

Sleuth by Anthony Schaffer
Director Les Chappell. Assistant Desley Cronon
Rated M: Mild Violence, Adult Themes.

Season 5: 21 November – 8 December

A Piece of Cake by Lucy Bennett
Directors Helen Pullar & Jane Sheppard
Rated PG: Mild Adult Themes.

DIARY DATES

28 January noon	Sign-on for Young Theatricals
7 February 10am	Sign-on for Daytime Theatre Troupe
5 February 7:30 pm	Auditions "Dirty Dusting"
12 February 7:30 pm	Auditions "Two's Company, Five's a Chorus"
25 February from 9.00am	Major working Bee
7 March	Opening Night "Wait Until Dark"

The Nature of Gratitude

Readers will recall the tale of the possum who attended the November Admin meeting and his subsequent relocation.

Peter the Possum & Bird Man sent us a note of thanks for giving them the business. This note was intercepted – presumably by Percy Possum's agent – and presented as a framed memento to Ian and Helen.

We would like to share the sentiment with our fellow members – particularly Sandie, Di and Melinda – who are also happy to commune with Nature, but preferably at a distance.



2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President	David Austin	3812 9431 (ah) / 0422 620 851
Vice President	Ann Collyer	3288 7053/ 0400 997 365
Past President	Jim Orr	0402 377 258
Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
Treasurer	Josh Nixon	0448 067 170

CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Front of House Management Coordinator	Anne England	3281 7654/ 0413 676 049
Subscription Secretary	Di Johnston	0447 191 954
Group Liaison/ Publicity Co-Coordinators	Robyn Flashman/ Robyn Harm	3812 3450/ 3812 3516
Jean Pratt Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Junior Theatre/Little Players	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Kyle Breese Courtney Murrin	3201 6758/ 0423 278 833 3424 6629/ 0457 734 433
STroupe	Di Johnston	0447 191 954
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Kay McAllan	5464 3965/0439 305 658
Tourific Troupers	Helen Pullar or Jane Sheppard	H 3281 4437 .J 5464 5363
Theatre number	NB: only during rehearsals or meetings	3812 2389

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