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Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter



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**NEXT ILT
COMMITTEE
MEETING
7pm
Tuesday
10 August 2021**

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Selection Committee is still accepting offers from eligible directors for the 2021 programme. Contact Ann Collyer, Convener of Selection Committee 3288 7053/ 0400 997 365



Festival 2021 is alive and well. After a year we would all rather forget, we can sit back and enjoy some wonderful theatre on the weekend of 13, 14 and 15 August. Ticket bookings are open. Our entries this year are quite strong and we are well represented.

There are 7 Ten-Minute plays confirmed for Friday night 13 August and our entries "How Could We Ever Forget?" and "An Indelicate Interruption" will be looking for your support.

We have 6 Youth plays confirmed for Saturday morning and afternoon. The Young Theatricals will be presenting Mark Lucas' "Primordia" and the thriller "Eleven Fifty-Six". Come along and support the young members of our group.

There are 11 Open plays confirmed and spread over Saturday and Sunday. ILT entry "Blind Date" will be on Saturday night and "Time Flies" will be on Sunday morning. If you haven't seen these plays you need to. Both are excellent theatre.

Don't forget the Festival Barbeque on Sunday afternoon. This is a great chance to catch up with people you haven't seen for a while.

And, of course, the whole festival will be operated under Covid safe rules.

The full program will appear on the web page and the Facebook page in the next week or two.

You can help by volunteering to help either in the kitchen or bar, front of house or simply by coming along as an audience member. If you can help us financially or by way of a raffle prize, we will be extremely grateful. No help is too small.

There will be a working bee at the theatre on Sunday 1 August from 9:00am. This is a chance for us to make our theatre look the best it can look for visiting groups. Come along for an hour or two and we'll find a job for you.

Craig Taylor

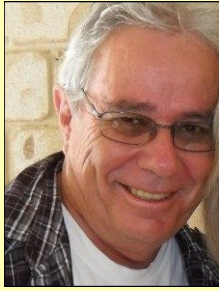


Robyn Harm, Tony Erhardt & Gillian Simpson
in *An Indelicate Interruption*.



Kate Mallory, Shane Mallory & Sam
Hoepner in *Time Flies*

Because of the strict Covid requirements, we really do need lots of help at the Festival. Please volunteer. This can easily be done by using this link <http://www.admin.ilt.org.au/foh-roster/>



From the President

Thank you to all who have again helped with the front of house and bar for the YTs season. The check in system is working well with only a few hiccups.

The productions proved that we have a number of very talented teenagers within our group.

With the Festival not far away, we will need support from all members to ensure a safe and successful time for visitors and audiences.

4Cyte are due to finish using our facilities at the end of the month. I know it has been at times frustrating for members, but we have provided a service to the Ipswich Community, made more people aware of our existence and what is here and received some financial assistance to cover expenses that for the most part we would have had to pay under COVID Rules.

Remember it is now even easier to sign in every time you come onto the premises. Using the QR app.

Jim

Young Theatricals

YTs presented *Personal Demons* in the Incinerator from 21 to 24 July and enjoyed the experience. They presented two plays, *Eleven Fifty Six* by Michael Pearcey and *Primordia* by Mark Lucas. These were directed by Aaron Evans and Kyle Breese respectively.

The youngsters were thrilled that Mark and his wife Shirley were able to attend one of the performances and commend them on their efforts. They enjoyed the discussion about their characters and the creative process undertaken by the author.

The YTs were particularly pleased to be able to perform on "the big stage".



Shirley and Mark Lucas with the cast of *Primordia*.

Young Theatricals (1973 - 2023) turn the big 5 0.

While some of us have got older, we are still young at heart.

Do you remember the fun times you had in YTs, or do you know someone who used to tell you how great it was? Well, we are looking for all the Ex-YT members.

In 2023, YTs turns fifty years old. You thought once you hit eighteen years old, YTs stopped. Well you were wrong: once a YT, always a YT.

So, if you know someone who was a YT, or if you were one yourself, please email us details as we have big plans for our 50th. We want to have as many as possible involved, and planning is important.

Embarrassing photos to follow in upcoming newsletters.

Our email is yt50years@ilt.org.au

Tony Erhardt



Ladies Day

On Monday 21 June successful auditions for *Ladies Day* were held. The audition was very well attended and the Directors Jane Sheppard and Di Johnston had a very difficult job deciding on a cast as everyone read well. The successful cast members are:-

Pearl – Relle Scott
 Jan – Julie-Anne Wright
 Shelly – Amelia Hassen
 Linda – Shala Wilson
 Male roles – Callum Campbell

We wish Jane, Di and the cast a smooth rehearsal period leading up to their opening night on 23 September.

Daytime Theatre Troupe

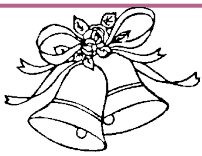
The ladies of Daytime Theatre Troupe are now in rehearsal for

CAPTAIN FINN'S TREASURE HUNTING PIRATE ADVENTURE

written and directed by Kay McAllan



Bookings Chic Currie 0409 725 315 Email: daytimetheatretroupebookings@ilt.org.au



Weddings

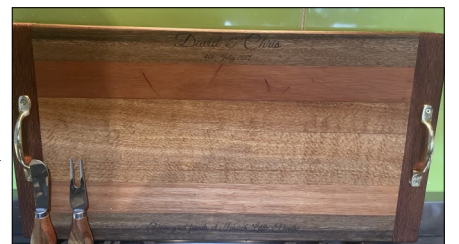
Members Kate Mallory and Sam Hoepner celebrated their wedding in Kalbar on 26 June.

And David Austin and Chris Greenhill tied the knot on 4 July (rescheduled from 3 July because of Covid restrictions).

We wish both couples all the joy in the world for their futures together.



At the July Admin meeting, President Jim Orr presented each couple with a beautiful cutting board handcrafted by himself at the Mens Shed, appropriately engraved and with accompanying cheese utensils on behalf of ILT.



The Raffle Ladies would love to receive donations of prizes for the Festival and Ladies Day.

ILT's Winter Trivia Afternoon

On the cool Winter afternoon of 17 July, 30 members and friends gathered in the courtyard to be tested on their knowledge of trivia by Master of Ceremonies Aaron Evans. By all accounts, a good time was had by all.

Quizmaster Aaron with Rob's Mob, winners of the competition



DIARY DATES

9 August 7:30 pm	Auditions for <i>The 39 Steps</i>
13, 14, 15, August	Festival 2021
17 August to 2 September	Daytime Theatre Troupe
29 and 30 October	Junior Theatre <i>Things That Go Bump in the Night</i>
18 November	Opening Night for <i>The 39 Steps</i>
Sunday 12 December at 3pm	AGM

2021 Season in Brief A Year of Comedy

Season 1: 4 March — 14 March

Back on the Boards

A miscellany of short comedies by a miscellany of Playwrights and Directors.

[Rated PG Mild Adult Themes.]

Season 2: 29 April — 15 May

The Savannah Sipping Society

by Jamie Wooten, Jessie Jones, and Nicholas Hope

Director: Chris Greenhill, Assistant Director Robyn Flashman

[Rated M: Sexual references and Adult Themes]

Annual Drama Festival 13, 14, 15 August

Season 3: 23 September — 9 October

Ladies' Day

by Amanda Whittington

Directors: Jane Sheppard and Di Johnston

[Rated PG: Mild Adult Themes.]

Season 4: 18 November — 4 December

The 39 Steps

by Patrick Barlow

Director: Shane Mallory. Assistant Director: Jo Robins

[Rated M: Mild Adult Themes]

Auditions for The 39 Steps

Auditions will be held on Monday 9 August for this hilarious farce, to be directed by Shane Mallory and Assistant Director Jo Robins..

The cast required is 1 male 25-40, 2 males 18-60 and 1 female 18-30.

Auditionees will be asked to deliver a one minute comic monologue, as well as read from the script.

Shane has published more detailed requirements on the web page or you can contact him directly on 0403 175 702

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Junior Theatre/Little Players	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Kyle Breese Samantha Johnson Aaron Evans	0423 278 833 0415 453 952 0431 041 068
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Kay McAllan	5464 3965/0439 305 658
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Theatre number	NB: Only during rehearsals or meetings	3812 2389

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