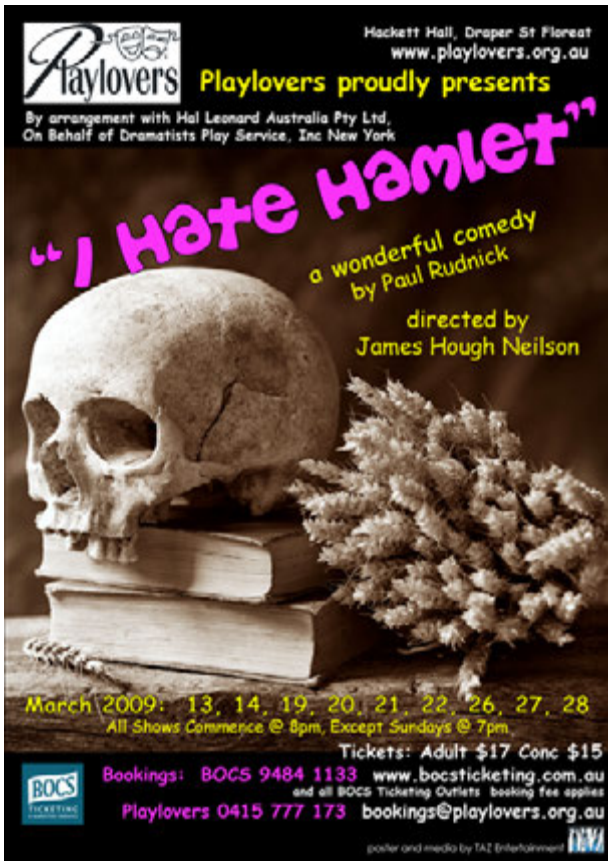




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Doubts in his ability to play the classics begin to arise and he desperately needs assistance!!  
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### FEATURING:

Courtney Nyhuis, Andrew Symes,  
Emma Shaw, Susan Marsh,  
Michael Hodgen, Tim Fraser



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# MAIL BAG

"In the vibrant world of amateur theatre, the members of Playlovers in Floreat were not afraid to think big by investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to put on the first Perth production of *Beauty and the Beast*, recouping their money with strong audience numbers over more than 20 performances at the Regal Theatre".  
 – West Australian Newspaper ARTS '2008 Exits stage left', January 1, 2009 by Stephen Bevis



**Hamlet** is our first production for 2009 opening in March... this is not your usual Shakespearian Hamlet – this is a comedy to which everyone will be guaranteed a fun night out with loads of laughter, particularly with the experienced James Hough Neilson at the director's helm.

For Playlovers regulars, everyone will remember James' last production *Natural Causes* in 2007 which was a terrific success that featured Gordon Park, Marie Corrigan, Murray Jackson, Susannah Devenish and Lee Perry... more info on Hamlet on page 3.



**Thank you for the last three years as Playlovers President...**

**Haven't we done some wonderful things !!! ☺ David Young**

## Playlovers' Playbill for 2009

					Pic coming soon
<b>"I HATE HAMLET"</b> Directed by James Hough Neilson March 13 - 28	<b>"THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE"</b> Directed by Kimberley Shaw May 8 - 30	<b>"THE HISTORY BOYS"</b> Directed by Bev Jackson-Hooper July 10 - 25	<b>"THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY"</b> Directed by John Milson September 11-26	<b>"RUTHLESS"</b> Directed by Tyler Jones November 6 - 28	<b>Christmas Show</b>  <b>incl. Plover Awards</b> December 11 - 13
<b>In Rehearsal</b>	<b>In Rehearsal</b>				

## Playlovers Annual General Meeting

Celebrating 53 years 1956 – 2009

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008 Time: 7.30pm**  
**Hackett Hall, Draper Street, Floreat**

All members are invited to attend and have your say

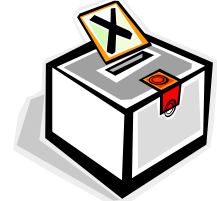


### AGM News:

Marie Corrigan has nominated for President. David Young has nominated for Vice President. If you aren't directing a show at Playlovers in 2009 – then we need you to nominate !! We also need a secretary as Claudette Ridout is retiring from this position.

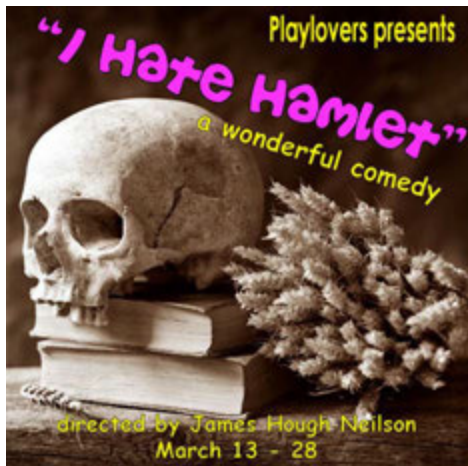
A great management team = a terrific club.

Supper after the meeting... please be prompt for 7.30pm start.



**PLAYLOVERS MEMBERSHIP is due now...**

**Membership Enquiries: Marie Corrigan – [info@playlovers.org.au](mailto:info@playlovers.org.au)**



Playlovers are proud to present the wonderful comedy *I Hate Hamlet* written by Paul Rudnick and directed by well known Perth director James Hough Neilson, opening at the Floreat Hackett Hall on March 13 with a three week season concluding on Saturday 28 March.

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He has been offered the role of Hamlet in a Central Park Production of - you guessed it - *Hamlet*. This entails him having to move from LA to New York and to acquire an apartment which turns out to be a very interesting place.

However, doubts in his ability to play the classics begin to arise and he desperately needs assistance!! How does Andrew Rally go about getting help?

When asked what happens to the leading man, Hough Neilson replies "Well, why don't you come along and find out? I promise you will not be disappointed. This is a great comedy, beautifully written about some of the problems actors have to face".

Hough Neilson presented *I Hate Hamlet* at Wanneroo's Limelight Theatre in June 2004, "I enjoyed it so much that I decided to revisit it once more. The play itself is above all a tribute to actors".

**Featuring:** Courtney Nyhuis, Andrew Symes, Emma Shaw, Susan Marsh, Michael Hodgen and Tim Fraser.

**Performance Dates:** 2009 March 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22\*, 26, 27, 28

**Time:** All shows start at 8pm, \*except Sunday 22 March at 7pm.  
Doors and bar open half an hour prior to curtain.

**Tickets:** \$17 Adult, \$15 Concession. Group Bookings 10+ @ \$15 each.

**Bookings:** Ph: BOCS 9484 1133 (booking fee applies) [www.bocsticketing.com.au](http://www.bocsticketing.com.au)  
Ph: 0415 777 173 email: [bookings@playlovers.org.au](mailto:bookings@playlovers.org.au)

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## SPELLING BEE - AUDITIONS

Auditions were held in December for *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*... with an exceptional turn out and all auditionees passing their spelling tests (pew !!), Kimberley Shaw had a tough task in selecting her cast out of the exceptional quality from all. Thank you to all who auditioned. Congratulations to the following cast:

*For Playlovers' May 2009 season:*

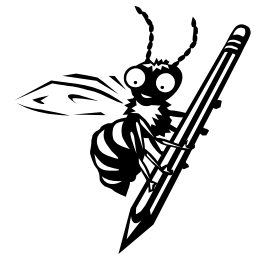
### ***The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee***

Music and Lyrics by William Finn  
Book by Rachel Sheinkin  
Director - Kimberley Shaw



*Spelling Bee*, a musical comedy, centres around a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee, run by three equally-quirky grown-ups.

Rona Lisa Peretti	-	Vicki Kirkman
Vice Principal Douglas Panch	-	Chris Gerrish
Mitch Mahoney	-	Manuao TeAotonga
Olive Ostrovsky	-	Tammy Woolrych
William Barfée	-	Lauchlan Bain
Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre	-	Breeahn Jones
Marcy Park	-	Jeanette Teh
Leaf Coneybear	-	Tyler Jones
Chip Tolentino	-	Joshua Brant



Described by the New York Times as "i-r-r-e-s-i-s-t-i-b-l-e" and "o-u-t-r-a-g-e-o-u-s-l-y funny", this Tony-award winning musical follows the fortunes of six adolescents (played by adults) competing in the final stages of the Putnam County spelling competition.

As these socially-awkward over-achievers learn about winning and losing, they are supported (or not) by equally idiosyncratic grown-ups.

All the archetypes are here, from overly-tutored and hot-housed children to pushy and overly ambitious parents. When it opened on Broadway on 2005, the show earned rave reviews and won two Tony awards, including Best Book of a Musical.

**Season: May 8, 9, 14-17, 21-24, 28-30, 2009**

**Bookings: Playlovers 0415 777 173  
or BOCS 9484 1133**

**Tickets on sale March 29<sup>th</sup>**

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## ITA FINLEY AWARDS

The ITA Finley Awards were held on Saturday 17 January 2009, at the Lady Wardle Performing Arts Centre in Karrinyup.

Playlovers shone throughout the evening...

Congratulations to Kristen Twynam-Perkins and the cast and crew of "bare" 2008 Finley Award - Best Musical



Congratulations also to John Woolrych who received an ITA Adjudicators Certificate for Atmospheric Lighting for *bare*.

Marie Corrigan presented the Inaugural David Crewes Finley Award for excellence in set design and construction – this inaugural award was awarded to *Suddenly at Home* by Melville Theatre.

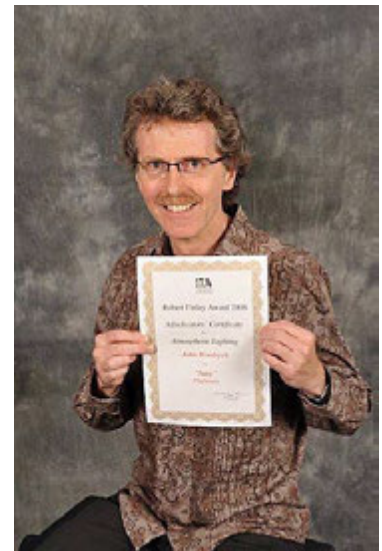
The Elizabeth Crewes Finley Award for excellence in front of house was awarded to Old Mill Theatre.  
Did you know that Playlovers has never won it !?@#\*&^!?  
We should-let's do it in 2009 !!

Congratulations also to Alex McLennan who was awarded ITA Finley Best Director for his Wanneroo production of *Hot Mikado*.

Pictures taken here were kindly taken by:  
Award pics by Zyg Woltersdorf  
Stage pics by Melanie DeCull



Kristen Twynam-Perkins  
Director – *bare*  
**BEST MUSICAL**



John Woolrych  
**Atmospheric Lighting**  
*bare*

**For the full list of award winners go to [www.theatre.asn.au](http://www.theatre.asn.au)**

**"Oh, what a shock.  
My career must be slipping.  
This is the first time I've been available to pick up an award"  
~ Michael Caine**

FINLEY AWARDS cont...

**“This award is meaningful because it comes from my fellow dealers in celluloid.”**  
 ~ Alfred Hitchcock



Alex McLennan  
 Director – **Hot Mikado**  
 (Wanneroo Repertory Club)  
**BEST DIRECTOR**



Marie Corrigan with ITA’s Alan Morris and Tracee Royall announcing and presenting the inaugural ITA David Crewes award for Best Set Design and Construction



Tyler Jones and Kristen Twynam-Perkins presenting Phil Barnett with the Best Other Than A Lead Role award for his performance in **The Sum of Us** at Old Mill.

**“At these award shows, I love to see what people are going to wear.”**  
 ~ Mary Hart



**THE GREEN ROOM is BACK !!!**

The Green Room team are back in 2009 with an online monthly edition showcasing WA’s vibrant community theatre. Online videos and theatre news.

[http://bjmp.com.au/greenroom/online\\_eph1\\_feb2009.htm](http://bjmp.com.au/greenroom/online_eph1_feb2009.htm)

## Auditions Elsewhere

### "We Happy Few"

by Imogen Stubbs, directed by Simon James  
 Old Mill Theatre  
 cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth  
 Audition: January 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Season: May 1 - 16  
 Enquiries & Audition Booking: Simon 9362 4080  
 simon\_james63@hotmail.com

### "Oliver"

by Lionel Bart, directed by Cat Baxter  
 Kwinana Theatre, Koorliny Arts Centre  
 Sulphur Rd, Parmelia  
 Audition: Feb 7 & 8  
 Cat Baxter: ph 0409 110 704 (after 4pm)  
 email: [kittycat.1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kittycat.1@optusnet.com.au)  
 song with backing track required

**For more information on Auditions and What's On Out & About**

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## What's On Elsewhere

### "Some Enchanted Evening" – Garrick Theatre Club

directed by Carolyn Latter  
 16 Meadow Street, Guildford  
 Dates: Feb 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21  
 Tix: \$18/\$15      **Bookings: 9379 9400**

### "Life x 3" – Wanneroo Repertory Club

directed by Gwen Browning & David Nelson  
 Limelight Theatre, Civic Drive, Wanneroo  
 Dates: Feb 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28  
 Tix: \$18/\$15/\$10  
**Bookings: 9571 8591 or Online [www.limelighttheatre.com](http://www.limelighttheatre.com)**

### "Life Mooches On" – kompany M

directed by Hellie Turner  
 Featuring: Luke Hewitt, Peter Holland, Leanne Page  
 Taylor's Art House, 510 Grt Northern Hwy, Middle Swan  
 Dates: Feb 12-14, 20-21, 27-28  
 Tix: \$50 includes gourmet bbq      **Bookings: 9274 0438**

### "Gone A Million" – Stirling Players

directed by Peter Flanigan & Jan Rutherford  
 Stirling Theatre, Morris Place, Innaloo  
 Dates: Feb 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, March 1, 5, 6, 7  
 Tix: \$16/\$14      **Bookings: 9440 1040 or BOCS 9484 1133**

### "Elsie & Norm's Macbeth" – Harbour Theatre

directed by Susan Lynch  
 Princess May Bldng, Cantonment St, Fremantle  
 Dates: Feb 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, March 4, 6, 7  
 Tix: \$18/\$16/\$13      **Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133**

### "Look Who's Talking" – Kwinana Theatre

directed by Susan Hayward  
 Koorliny Arts Centre, Sulphur Rd, Parmelia  
 Dates: Feb 20, 21, 22\*, 27, 28+  
 Tix: \$17/\$15      **Bookings: 9439 0290**

### "Doctor in the House" – Melville Theatre

directed by Jeff Hansen  
 cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy, Palmyra  
 Dates: Feb 27, 28, March 1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14  
 Tix: \$17/\$13      **Bookings: 9330 4565**

### Tutankhamun – Darlington Theatre Players

directed by LaVerne Kirton  
 a senior youth theatre production  
 Marloo Theatre, Marloo Rd, Greenmount  
 Dates: Feb 27, 28, March 1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14  
 Time: 7.30pm      Tix: \$16/\$14      **Bookings: 9255 1783**

### "Assassins" – Roleystone Theatre

directed by Paul Treasure. MD: Sarah Cosstick  
 587 Brookton Hwy, Roleystone  
 Dates: March 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21  
 Tix: \$tba      **Bookings: 9397 5730**

### "Romeo & Juliet" – Old Mill Theatre

directed by Stephen Lee  
 The Scented Garden, Sir James Mitchell Park, Sth Perth  
 Dates: March 18-22, 24-28      Time: 7.30pm  
 Tix: \$25/\$20, Child U12 \$10, Family (2A+2C) \$65  
**Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133**

### Garrick Playwright Competition

new one act plays  
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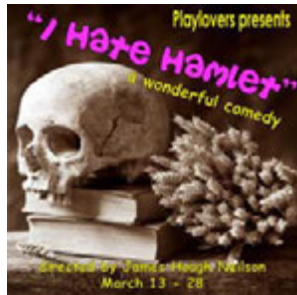
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