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FALLING TO THE TOP

World premiere of musical “trash-tacular” satirises reality show contestants

Book & Lyrics by Tyler Jacob Jones; Music by Robert Woods

Directed by Tyler Jones

With *Australian Idol*, *The Voice*, *Australia's Got Talent*, *The X Factor* and *Popstars* all producing a variety of winners for more than a decade, is there an over-abundance of reality show singers?

It's a question explored in the world premiere of *Falling To The Top* at Playlovers this August and September, a new musical written by director Tyler Jones and musical director Robert Wood.

Described as a “fast and funny look at fame, fortune and the lack of talent required to make it to number one”, it follows four rejected reality television contestants who form The Divalettes, a sassy girl group.

Salli-Ann, Tonya, FonDue and Feliciabel all experienced 15 minutes of fame on the TV show *Pop Rocket* and join forces to increase their chances of success.

Jones said the musical was a personal challenge for him – he wanted to start a writing project and actually finish it. “I found a brilliant and creative collaborator in Robert Woods and we set about writing what was originally intended to be a very simple one-act show,” he said. “A last-minute cancellation at Playlovers gave us the opportunity to stage a full season of the work and, very quickly, the project ballooned into something much bigger than either of us anticipated. I've always had a fascination with stories that combine showbiz glamour with backstage intrigue. This, combined with the continued popularity of reality talent shows on TV, inspired the subject matter.”



Admitting *Falling To The Top* has a strong satiric edge, Jones says there are more than a few jabs at the pop music industry – but all in good, light-hearted fun.

“*Falling To The Top* was conceived to play more like an extended music video than a conventional musical, with non-stop energy, lightning-quick costume changes and rapid scene transitions,” Jones said.

“Staging the show has been a real creative challenge but the cast's commitment to the intense physical nature of the production has made it an exciting piece to work on.”

Cast

Breeahn Jones
Kimberley Harris
Claire Taylor
Mariaelena Velletri
Jess Dowson
Chris Bedding
Manuao TeAotonga
Joanna Tyler
David Gray



Performances

At 8pm on 24, 25, 31 August
and 1, 7, 8 September

At 2pm Sunday 2 September

Tickets are \$20, \$15 concession

Book online (no fees) at
www.playlovers.org.au

or Email: bookings@playlovers.org.au

Phone: 0415 777 173

Please note: this show contains coarse language and adult themes.

ONE-ACT SEASON

EVACUEES

Written by LaVerne Kirtin: Directed by Elisabeth Shaw

On Saturday the 15th of September, Playlovers will host a special event with the presentation of a one-act play before its entry in YouthFest the following week. For the first time in many years Playlovers will place an entry in YouthFest, the state one-act drama festival for young people. The play, **Evacuees**, by Perth writer LaVerne Kirtin, will be directed by thirteen-year-old Elisabeth Shaw, in her directing debut.

Beth has grown up around Playlovers, appearing in Seussical, various other special shows and was sound operator for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and Spamalot.

Evacuees, which will be entered in the junior section of YouthFest, tells of four young Londoners as they wait to be evacuated to the country away from the dangers of bombing in London.

In World War II, thousands of young British children were evacuated from major cities and seaside ports in a government campaign to protect them from bombing. Children up to fourteen years old were sent to the countryside, where householders were obliged by law to accommodate and care for them.

Playlovers' performance will commence at 8pm. It will cost \$10 and includes post-show supper. Seats will be available at the door.

Please come along and support the next generation of Playlovers.

The cast in order of appearance is
 Miss Kristen Twynam Perkins
 George..... Jolyon Joyce
 Rosie Leah Addison
 Mary..... Stephanie Shaw
 Robert..... Bryn Regan



London street shows damage typical of that endured during World War II

Performance date: 15 September
 Time: 8pm (Box office open 7:30pm)
 Tickets: \$10 (includes post-show supper)
 Available at the door or
 Email: bookings@playlovers.org.au or
 Phone: 0415 777 173.

Playlovers' Playbill 2012

HOBSON'S CHOICE	FALLING TO THE TOP	One Act Season EVACUEES	THE RINK	PLOVERS
Directed by James Hough-Neilson 27 April - 12 May	Directed by Tyler Jones 24 Aug -8 Sept	Directed by Elisabeth Shaw 15 September	Directed by Alida Chaney 9 November - 1 December	tba
Completed	Bookings open	Coming Soon		

COMING SOON



THE RINK

A Musical in 2 Acts



Book by Terence McNally: Music by John Kander: Lyrics by Fred Ebb

Directed by Alida Chaney

Season: 9 November to 1 December

Hackett Hall, Draper St, Floreat

Ticket Prices: \$25 Adult, \$20 Concession

Bookings open in September

Anna is the owner of a dilapidated roller-skating rink on the boardwalk of a decaying seaside resort, who has decided to sell it to developers. Complicating her plans is her prodigal daughter Angel, who returns to town seeking to reconnect with the people and places she long ago left behind.

Cast

Anna----- **Lyn Atterton**
Angel -----**Mirella Renel**
Guy, Dino, Father Rocco & Debbie Duberman -----**Alan Shaw**
Lino, Lenny, Uncle Fausto & Mrs Jackson----- **David Nelson**
Tony, Tom, Peter Reilly & Suitor -----**Michael Ferrari**
Buddy, Hiram, Junior Miller, Punk & Suitor-----**Ian Griffin**
Lucky, Sugar, Bobby Perillo, Danny, Suitor & Punk ----- **Alex Tibbit**
Ben, Dino's Father, Mrs Silverman & Sister Philomena ---- **Alan Brock**
Little Girl ----- **Kate Sisley & Mckinley Severson** (shared role)

Upcoming ITA Events

Car Rally: 12th August

The inaugural ITA Car Rally will be held on Sunday 12th August

Time: Registration 9-10am; finish approximately 2:00pm

Cost: \$5 per head or \$20 per car

Starting point: Hackett Hall carpark, Draper St, Floreat

Pre-booking or other queries, please email pauljtreasure@gmail.com.

See also: <http://www.facebook.com/events/270053186429907>

YouthFest 2012: 22nd September

Youthfest will be held on the 22nd September and this year will be hosted by Stirling Theatre.

Venue : Stirling Theatre, Morris Place, Innaloo

Tickets: Per Session \$5

Bookings: 94677118 or www.stagetix.com.au

DramaFest 2012: 29th-30th September

Once again the ITA will be holding the state wide One Act play festival. This year, to help celebrate Garrick Theatre's milestone birthday, DramaFest is being held at Garrick Theatre on the weekend of the 29th and 30th September.

Venue: Garrick Theatre, 16 Meadow St, Guildford

Tickets: Per Session \$15, Season \$60.

Bookings: 9467 7118 or www.stagetix.com.au

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For more about *Falling To The Top* please see the Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/events/184200285044635/>

And there is video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-QAu2eeqW4>



Claire Taylor, Kimberley Harris, Breeahn Jones and Maria Velletri are The Divalettes in *Falling To The Top*.



THE GARDEN PARTY

7TH October 2012

Perugino's Restaurant, West Perth

Arrival at 12:00pm for drinks in the courtyard

Tickets: \$150

(tickets include four courses with matched wines and a goody bag)

To buy tickets please contact Anne-Marie on
anne-marie.denney@savethechildren.org.au
or (08) 9267 3900

Submissions for 2013 Season

We remind prospective directors that their submissions for the 2013 season should be emailed to info@playlovers.org.au as soon as possible. We will be reviewing applications and making decisions in September.

DEATH OF A THEATRE

It is with regret that we report that Kwinana Theatre Workshop has brought down its final curtain. "Reduced membership, lack of volunteers, escalating performing rights fees and other associated costs have taken their toll ..." as stated on the blog at

http://www.theatre.asn.au/blog/ktw/kwinana_theatre_workshop_takes_their_final_bow

We should pause to consider our own commitment to Playlovers and whether we could do more to ensure the survival of our Theatre.

Sunday Matinee and High Tea: Sunday 2 September

Prefer to stay rugged up at home these cold winter nights? Don't let that deter you from attending Playlovers next production *Falling To The Top*.

The performance on Sunday 2nd September is at 2:00 pm. And afterwards, for a gold coin donation, you can enjoy High Tea provided by Playlovers.

So gather some friends and come along for an afternoon watching an original musical, capped off with some tasty nibbles. Soft drinks will also be sold from the bar.

What's on Where

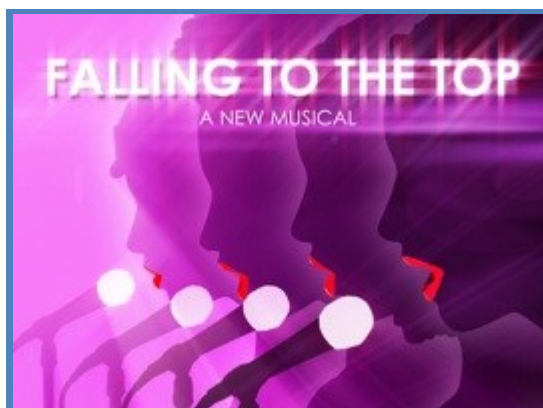
What's on	Where	When	Bookings
Cash On Delivery	Limelight Theatre Civic Drive, Wanneroo	2-18 August 2012	9571 8591
Lloyd George Knew My Father	Marloo Theatre Marloo Rd, Darlington	9-24 August 2012	9255 1783
Night Was Our Friend	Garrick Theatre 16 Meadow St, Guildford	24 August- 15 September 2012	9378 1990
The Vagina Monologues	Old Mill Theatre Cnr Mill Point Rd & Mends St, South Perth	24 August- 8 September 2012	9367 8719
When Did You Last See Your Trousers	Rockingham Theatre 8 Attwood Way, Rockingham	30 August- 15 September 2012	rockinghamtheatre.com
Love, Lust and Levity	Stirling Theatre Morris Place, Innaloo	6-15 September 2012	9440 1040
Blithe Spirit	Roleystone Theatre	7-15 September 2012	9397 5730
Life After George	Melville Theatre Cnr Canning Hwy & Stock Rd Palmyra	7-22 September 2012	9330 4565
Over My Dead Body	Harbour Theatre 70 Adelaide St Fremantle	21 September- 6 October 2012	9484 1133

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