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FALLING TO THE TOP

Four Girls, One Group, No Talent !

Falling to the Top is the outrageous story of The Divalettes, a sassy girl group comprised of four rejected reality television contestants.

Salli-Ann, Tonya, FonDue and Feliciabel have all experienced their fifteen minutes of fame as contestants on televised talent contest Pop Rocket, but now they want more. Joining forces as a pop group to increase their chances of success, the clueless quartet set about finding a manager and dramatically reinventing themselves to stand out in the overcrowded pop music world.

This wickedly funny look at fame, fortune and the lack of talent required to make it to number one has an original score by Robert Woods, with book and lyrics by Tyler Jones.

Playlovers are proud to present the World Premiere of this brand new musical.

Performing: August 24, 25, 31, September 1, 2, 7, 8

Times: All shows at 8pm, except Sunday 2nd at 2pm

Tickets: \$20 Full, \$15 Conc

Bookings: Book Online www.playlovers.org.au

Email - bookings@playlovers.org.au or phone 0415 777 173

Bookings open - 7th July 2012

Tyler Jones and Robert Woods are well known performers in community theatre and they have a wonderful surprise for you: THEY HAVE WRITTEN A MUSICAL!!!!!!!

This duo are known for producing the opening number at the Finleys; writing the music and lyrics reminiscent of Sondheim.

Tyler has appeared in several shows at Playlovers (*Bare*, *Spelling Bee* and *Spamalot*) he also directed the successful and fabulous *Sideshow*.

Robert Woods was in *Sideshow* and was the very funny Frenchman in *Spamalot* who farted in our general direction; or at least in the direction of the English.

Playlovers' Playbill for 2012

MINDGAME Directed by Jenny Ferguson March 2 - 17	HOBSON'S CHOICE Directed by Jasmes Hough-Neilso April 27 - May 12	FALLING TO THE TOP Directed by Tyler Jones Aug 24 - Sept 8	One Act Season tba September	THE RINK Directed by Alida Chaney November 9 - December 1	Plovers tba
Completed	Completed	Coming Soon			



THE RINK

Music & Lyrics by Kander & Ebb | Book by Terence McNally

Directed by Alida Chaney

Season - November 9 to December 1

Audition - Sunday 29th July, 10.00am

Hackett Hall, Draper St, Floreat

Premiering here in WA ! This wonderful musical by the team who gave us 'Chicago' & 'Cabaret!'

Set in the 1970's in a run down roller rink on the eastern seaboard of the United States. *The Rink* is a story of forgiveness between a mother and daughter, finding their way of letting go of the past and moving into the future.

It's a moving tale with so many highs and lows. Some of the songs from this show were used in the musical revue by Kander & Ebb in *And The World Goes Round*, it featured 'The Rink' 'Marry Me' 'We Can Make It' & 'Coloured Lights'. The original cast starred Liza Minnelli & Chita Rivera as Angel and Anna.

*Please note that the Little Girl and The Wreckers (all the guys) will be required to roller skate in the show. There will be an instructor to assist with this who is a professional performer who was in the London cast of *Starlight Express*. There is also some basic dance skills required by all the men, but especially Tom.

For further information and to book an audition time please contact the Director alida.chaney@yahoo.com.au or 0403 367 047

The Females:

Angel (Liza Minnelli role) – requires strong singing and acting skills and some dancing skills – although Angel should be around 25 yrs of age, consideration will be given to younger looking older performers, as experience is of more importance .

Anna (Chita Rivera Role) - requires strong singing, acting & dancing skills - Anna needs to be between 45 to 50 yrs of age, consideration again will be given to younger looking older performers or vice versa, as experience is of more importance .

Little Girl x 2 – Age 7 yrs + - consideration again will be given to younger looking older performers. Roller Skating is required on proper roller skates, and good acting skills. The girls will perform on alternate nights.

The Males: (all men play three roles - except for the lead male 'Dino' who plays two roles & all men will need some basic dance skills)

Guy & Dino – Leading man – requires strong singing and acting skills, age should be 25–35yrs

Lino, Lenny & Punk – strong singing and acting skills. Has a solo called 'Marry Me'. Age 30 – 45yrs

Ben, Dino's Father & Mrs Silverman (Female) - singing and acting skills. Age similar to Lino 30 – 45yrs.

Buddy, Hiram & Mrs Jackson (Female) – preferably an ethnic performer, ideally dark skinned. Singing and acting skills. Age 25 – 35 yrs

Tony, Tom & Punk – thinks he is God's gift to women. Singing and acting skills. Age 25-35 yrs.

Lucky, Sugar (Female) & Punk – youngest male role. Singing and acting skills. Age 18-25yrs.

*All auditionees will need to prepare a song of their choice which best shows off their vocal skills. Please either bring sheet music or a backing track on CD or iPod. You will be required to do a reading and perform a small dance routine, which the choreographer will teach you, so please come in suitable/comfortable clothes and footwear.

Abducting Diana - Rescheduled

It is with great regret that we had to cancel *Abducting Diana* by Dario Fo, which was to be directed by Barry Lefort. With only two weeks, sadly, the timing was out to try to cast this play. We were lucky that Barry agreed to direct for us as he is a fine director with a lot of experience. Hopefully we will be able to experience these talents soon.

However, we now have Tyler & Robert's show "Falling To The Top" to look forward to. Talk about great expectations...luckily there's no character permanently in a wedding dress.

Hobson's Choice What they said

Overheard:

- A touch of deja vu at a performance of Hobson's Choice in the Greenroom on Sunday night.

Miss Kerry, a Playlovers life member was heard asking to speak with the actress who played 'Vickie' in the show, acknowledging the fact she played the same role 40 years ago at a performance of Garrick Theatre.

Coincidentally the same night, standing close by, Ms Jenny McNae (OAM) chipped in with also having played 'Vickie', 44 years ago in Birmingham, England, before she came out to Australia.

Congratulations to Kate O'Sullivan for bringing back such delightful memories for two of our favourite theatre ladies.

Submissions for 2013 Season

We are looking for submissions for our seasons for 2013.

If there is a play or musical that you would like to direct and see presented at Playlovers, email info@playlovers.org.au with "Submission 2013" in the subject line.

Please provide the following:

- A brief outline of the play/musical and why you want to do it with Playlovers. Include useful web-links if possible.
- Describe your concept for the production, covering things such as: staging, set, costumes, props, sound, lighting, and, where relevant, music and choreography. Are there any perceived difficulties in staging or casting?
- Any specific casting requirements (special skills, ethnicity, accents, age, etc.). How many in the cast?
- Any ideas for poster/images, publicity; any specific type of audience it would appeal to.
- Also, let us know if you already have any technical crew/support in mind – for set design, building, stage-management, backstage, sound, lighting, musos, poster/programme design, etc.
- Who holds the amateur performance rights? Are they available? Any idea how much?
- Do you have a preference for time of year for your season?
- Anything else...

FROM THE PRESIDENT



- Supporting our Talent

Playlovers have seen a lot of talent come and go. That is not to say the talent goes; it just moves on.

A few of these are performing Downstairs at The Maj. Such talents include Nick Christo (*Into the Woods, Assassins* and *Oedipus Rex*), Chrystal de Grussa (*Grease* and *The Country Wife*), Annalisa Bell (*Vagina Monologue*) and Rhoda Lopez (*Bare*).

So please go and support them and help the amazing talents Perth contains thrive, so they don't all vanish interstate or overseas.



- Noel's the Man

We have the pleasure of introducing to you Noel Herbert who is now our Hackett Hall Maintenance Man. Noel is an Aries who likes long walks on the beach... okay, okay, so that isn't true but what is true is that he joined the Monday Men's club in January and proved himself with his outstanding knowledge, skills and common sense.

For Noel, no problem is too big nor too insignificant; he just gets in and gets it done.

- Men's Club (& women too)

Friends of Playlovers get together at Hackett Hall every Monday at 9.30am to about 1pm

to set build, paint, tidy, sweep, move timber and screw – bits of wood together!

What fun?!

Well, it's the team spirit and the coffee breaks. Okay, mostly the coffee breaks! Like those people in Italy's piazzas who are there all day chatting and laughing.

I love it! It's life!

If you want more details ring David on 9444 2395.

- Plover Adjudicators

The Plovers are now under the excellent direction of Kimberley Shaw. After a gruelling interview process which involved many unusual challenges, Kim has selected a fine group of adjudicators including Carolyn Later, Lee Wright, Shirley Toohey and Sandra Martin. All these adjudicators are very experienced and expect the usual high standards that Playlover's shows produce. These people are of a very high standard and therefore will accept no bribes....unless they are of a very large sum.

All our thanks go to Claudette and Tony Ridout, for all their work with previous Plover Awards.

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Upcoming ITA Events

Sundowner : 6th July 2012, 6pm

An ITA "Christmas in July" sundowner will be held at Playlovers. Take this opportunity to catch up with old friends, or make new ones, discuss the year and see in the mid-year silly season.

Should be a lot of fun, so we hope to see you there.

What's On Where

AIDA	Marloo Theatre Marloo Rd, Greenmount	Concludes July 7 Bookings: 9255 1783
Deathtrap	Garrick Theatre Meadow St, Guildford	Concludes July 7 Bookings: 9378 1990
The Beast and the Beauty	Old Mill Theatre cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth	June 22 - July 14 Bookings: 9367 8719
Theft	Stirling Theatre Morris Road, Innaloo	July 13 - 28 Bookings: 9440 1040
Much Ado About Nothing	Roleystone Theatre 587 Brookton Hwy Roleystone	July 20-28 Bookings: 9397 5730
Private Lives	KADS -Town Sq Theatre Barber St, Kalamunda	July 20 - Aug 11 Bookings: 9293 1412
We'll Always Have Paris	Harbour Theatre Port Cineast Building 70 Adelaide St, Fremantle	July 20 - Aug 4 Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133

Presented by Maylands Peninsula Sports and Recreation Club Inc, in conjunction with Rag & Bone Theatre Group Inc.
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 THE PENINSULA BALLROOM**



Coming Soon !

Rag & Bone Theatre present
"Who Killed Candy Sweetness?"
 and featuring **The Hullabaloo Hoppers**

Directed by Jane Sherwood

Showing at the Maylands Peninsula Sports & Rec Club

Candy Sweetness, a singer at a 1930's ballroom is killed. Detective Robert Soxx is on hand to solve the mystery.

Was it Smoothy McGroovy, the charismatic band leader?
 Was it Lonegan Megabucks the local millionaire playboy?
 Could it have been Laila Witmie, the beautiful understudy?
 Or the musical trio The Schless Sisters - Bess, Tess and Jess ?

Audience members become patrons at the ballroom and are involved in deducing who killed Candy Sweetness. Includes 3 course dinner, show + complimentary drink.

More info and to book tickets - www.TAZTix.com.au

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