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Hackett Hall, Draper Street, Floreat

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SUBSCRIPTION TO LOVE

13-15 March

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SUBSCRIPTION TO LOVE

A new, locally-written work by William Dunlop

Directed by William Dunlop

March 13, 14, 15

All performances at 8pm

A Modern Day Tragi-Comedy Written In Iambic Pentameter

It's Sunday afternoon; Northbridge, Perth. Two sets of friends are about to embark upon the weekly ritual of 'Sunday Session' with besties, to talk about their woeful weeks, let off a little steam and bitch about the men and women in their lives.

Jamie and Elliott, best mates, and Claire and Anna, best friends, meet in a bar and plough head-on into the dating world; a modern world of mistrust, uncharted emotional psyches, fragile egos and relationship baggage.

Jamie has a history of short term relationships and has just dumped Jessica, whom he describes as being 'psycho' and is looking for a distraction. Elliott, his wingman, has a secret: he's gay, is in love with his best mate, and Jamie hasn't a clue. Claire and Anna are both young, modern, independent women who have had enough of men and their complicated ways, but both secretly desire for their Prince Charming to come sweep them off their feet.

Narrated by an all-seeing and all-knowing homeless man and a seedy barfly, who both watch over this confusing and desperate world. Add to this a rag-tag bunch of random Friday-night revellers and the down-trodden workers of the seedy bars and clubs they inhabit.

A modern day tragi-comedy, written in iambic pentameter, which dissects the world of dating and love in a time when social rules, political correctness, scientific studies and unrealistic Hollywood portrayals of love and destiny dominate.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Performance Venue:

Hackett Hall, Draper St, Floreat, WA
Doors open half an hour prior to curtain.

Ticket Prices:

\$15 Adult
\$10 Concession
\$10 group bookings (group = 10 or more)

Bookings:

Book online

<http://playlovers.org.au/online-bookings/>

OR

Email: bookings@playlovers.org.au

Phone: 0415 777 173

CAST

Jamie	Monty Atherden
Elliott	Jordan Holloway
Claire	Rachael Chamberlain
Anna	Adelle Munsie
Beggar	Peter Bibby
Barfly/Doctor	Megan Burley
Alice	Jess Stenglein
Jessica	Agata Knapska
Calin/Man 1	Jaxon George
Michael/Man 2	Cameron Leese
Vendor	Clayton Zwanenburg



2013 Plover Awards



Each year, Playlovers presents awards, the Plovers, to what are judged to be our best productions. Our in-house adjudicators for 2013 were Kimberley Shaw, Shirley Toohey, Sandra Martin and Paul Treasure. On Saturday 18 January, in a delightful outdoor setting on a balmy night, the following were presented.

Plover Winners

Best Production	<i>The Producers</i>
Best Director	Peter Clark, <i>The Producers</i>
Best Musical Director	Joshua Webb, <i>Nevermore</i>
Best Actress	Claire Taylor, <i>Curtains</i>
Best Actor	Alex McLennan, <i>The Producers</i>
Best Supporting Actress	Gemma Sharp, <i>Nevermore</i>
Best Supporting Actor	Ted Simpson, <i>The Producers</i>
Best Newcomer	Sandra De Witt-Hemala, <i>Boeing Boeing</i>
Best Cameo	Robert Woods, <i>Curtains</i>
Best Set	Wayne Herring, <i>The Producers</i>
Best Lighting	John Woolrych, <i>Nevermore</i>
Best Sound	Caroline Kay, <i>Nevermore</i>
Best Costumes	Terry McAuley, <i>Nevermore</i>
Best Stage Manager	Bronwyn Hammond, <i>The Producers</i> and Damien Long, <i>Curtains</i>
Playlover of the Year	The Men's Shed



Adjudicator's Certificates

For Excellent Choreography to Tammie Anne Rafferty for *Curtains*

For the Male Ensemble in *Curtains*

A Magic Moment Award for The Raven in *Nevermore*

A Magic Moment Award for the tight slapstick of Franz's dancing lesson with Max and Leo in *The Producers*

For Makeup for *Nevermore*

For the Curtain Call in *Boeing Boeing*

Side Note:

David Gardette had the task of placing the certificates in envelopes - and reported a slight mishap with sticky tape and the certificate for Best Production, causing it to be torn in half. It was temporarily replaced with a copy printed on paper, and he has promised a proper replacement on card will be duly produced and handed on.



Playlovers' Musicals Recognized at 2013 Finley Awards

Playlovers presented three musicals in 2013, and two of them, *The Producers* and *Nevermore* shared most of the awards for Musical Theatre at the 39th Annual Robert Finley Awards, announced on Saturday 11 January 2014 at Subiaco Arts Centre. Our blockbuster, *The Producers* won Best Musical, Director of a Musical, Musical Theatre Performer - Male, Choreographer and Set (Musical), while the edgy *Nevermore* was Runner-up for Best Musical and won for Musical Director, Other than Lead Female in a Musical, and Costumes (Musical). There were several other nominations, and finally, Playlovers received the Sheila Buchanan Achievement Award for Sustained Excellence in Musicals.

List of Awards and Nominations (Playlovers)

The Robert Finley Award for Best Musical

Winner	<i>The Producers</i> , directed by Peter Clark
Runner-Up	<i>Nevermore</i> , directed by Jenny Ferguson

The Mary Webb Award for Director of a Musical

Winner	Peter Clark , <i>The Producers</i>
Other Nominees	Jenny Ferguson , <i>Nevermore</i>

Choreographer

Winner	Jessica Russell , <i>The Producers</i>
Other Nominees	Jenny Ferguson , <i>Nevermore</i> ; Tammy Anne Rafferty , <i>Curtains</i>

Musical Director

Winner	Joshua Webb , <i>Nevermore</i>
Other Nominees	David Hardie , <i>The Producers</i>

Musical Theatre Performer — Male

Winner	Alex McLennan , <i>The Producers</i>
Other Nominees	David Gregory , <i>The Producers</i> ; Tyler Jones , <i>Curtains</i>

Other than Lead Female in a Musical

Winner	Gemma Sharpe , <i>Nevermore</i>
Other Nominees	Helen Carey , <i>Curtains</i>

Other than Lead Male in a Musical

Other Nominees	John Taylor , <i>The Producers</i> ; Cameron Butler , <i>The Producers</i>
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The Yvonne Lynch Breakthrough Award

Other Nominees	Cameron Butler , <i>The Producers</i> ; Therese Cruise , <i>Curtains</i> ; Sandra De Witt Hemala , <i>Boeing Boeing</i>
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Set (Musical)

Winner	<i>The Producers</i>
Other Nominees	<i>Nevermore</i>

Costumes (Musical)

Winner	<i>Nevermore</i>
Other Nominees	<i>The Producers</i>

Sheila Buchanan Achievement Award

Playlovers, for Sustained Excellence in Musicals

The full list of all awards, winners and nominations is on the ITA website at

<http://www.ita.org.au/about/awards/finleys/>

PHOTOS FROM THE FINLEY AWARD S

Clockwise from right:

David Young with the Sheila Buchanan Achievement Award

Alex McLennan performing excerpt from *The Producers*

Gemma Sharpe performing excerpt from *Nevermore*

(Photos courtesy of Blank Canvas Productions)



Congratulations to David Gardette

Playlovers Committee member, David Gardette is to be congratulated on winning the Finley Award for Actor in a Play, for his performance in the Melville Theatre production, *Rabbit Hole*.

He is pictured left with his award..

Obituary - Yvonne Hough-Neilson

Yvonne Hough-Neilson passed away on Sunday 8th December 2013.

Yvonne, the wife of director David Hough-Neilson, was a great supporter of independent theatre in Perth and had been an adjudicator for the ITA for a number of years.

She was a true English lady, always so gracious and loving. She will be missed.

David Young, President



BUSHFIRE BENEFIT

FOR THE PERTH HILLS



SAT FEB 22

HACKET HALL
DRAPER ST, FLOREAT
BAR OPEN

SAUSAGE SIZZLE at 6 PM
followed by a **CONCERT**
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top talent fresh from the
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What's on Where

What's on	Where	When	Bookings
Young Frankenstein	Koorliny Arts Centre Kwinana	17 Jan-1 Feb 2014	http://www.koorliny.com.au/
Brilliant Lies	Garrick Theatre Meadow St, Guildford	30 Jan-15 Feb 2014	9378 1990
Season's Greetings	Limelight Theatre Civic Drive, Wanneroo	7-22 Feb 2014	9571 8591 (Mon-Fri, 9am-noon)
Dinner with Friends	Old Mill Theatre Cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth	14 Feb-1 Mar 2014	9367 8719 oldmilltheatre.com.au
Don Parties On	Melville Theatre Stock Rd and Canning Hwy Palmyra	21 Feb-8 Mar 2014	9330 4565
Breast Wishes	KADS Theatre Town Square, Barber St Kalamunda	21 Feb-15 Mar 2014	9257 2668
Laying the Ghost	Stirling Theatre Morris Place, Innaloo	28 Feb-15 Mar 2014	9440 1040
A House that Jack Built	Roleystone Theatre Brookton Hwy, Roleystone	21-29 Mar 2014	roleystonetheatre.com.au

Playlovers' Playbill 2014

SUBSCRIPTION TO LOVE	QUARTERMAINE'S TERMS	HAY FEVER	ONE ACT SEASON/ DRAMAFEST	SPRING AWAKENING	PLOVER AWARDS
Directed by William Dunlop 13-15 March	Directed by Alaric Korb 2-17 May	Directed by Jenny McNae 4-19 July	TBA September	Directed by David Gardette 7-22 November	TBA
BOOKINGS					



Playlovers Annual General Meeting

Sunday 16th February 2014

Time: 7:30pm

Hackett Hall, Draper Street, Floreat

Election of Playlovers committee for 2014
All members are invited to attend and have their say
Only financial members may vote.

Membership

Membership fees are due at the end of January. You can make payment via direct deposit:

Account Name: Playlovers Inc.

Account BSB: 036-078

Account Number - 475844

Reference Number - Your name & payment date (e.g. JSmith31JAN)

Alternatively send a cheque made payable to "Playlovers" to the address on the form below.

If your details have changed, you can fill in the application form online - click on the Membership link on our website: <http://playlovers.org.au>. Or fill in the form below.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Return to:
Playlovers Inc.
PO Box 164
WEMBLEY WA 6913

I/We would like to become a member/renew my membership of Playlovers Inc. for 2014

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms (given name): _____ **(surname):** _____

Address: _____ **P/C:** _____

Telephone (Home): _____ **(Work):** _____

Mobile: _____ **Email:** _____

(Please circle)

Membership Fees:

Single	\$25.00 pa
Double/Family	\$40.00 pa
Unwaged	\$15.00 pa
Newsletter Only/Junior	\$10.00 pa

Particular Interests:

Singing	Set designing
Dancing	Set building / painting
Acting	Sound / Lighting
Directing	Wardrobe
Musical directing	Front of house
Backstage	Administration
Publicity	Other

I enclose a cheque OR I have paid online Reference _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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