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Sordid Lives

By Del Shores

Directed by David Gardette



When good Christian woman, Peggy, hits her head on the sink and bleeds to death. After tripping over her much younger, married lover's wooden legs.

In a seedy motel room!

Well Lord, chaos erupts in Winters, Texas!

It's not so much her passing that this colourful family must deal with, but more the very public and sordid nature of it all. Therein lies the tragedy.

They must face their own demons, all the while preparing for what could be an embarrassing funeral.

We become intimate with the sordid lives of the family that Peggy has left behind. There is Ty, her "closeted" gay grandson trying to find his identity in therapist's offices across West Hollywood; her warring daughters, Latrelle and LaVonda, at odds over everything from dead foxes to the appropriate level of privacy of one's needs to the merits of good "thee-ater"; to Earl, her banished son who spends his days dressed as Tammy Wynette and locked up in the Big Springs Psychiatric Hospital.

styled drunken rampages, sexually and morally questionable prison trash, Dallas Cowboy Collectable Mugs and water logged, bloated pigs.



"If only I'd known sister was gonna die, I would have NOT given up smoking!"

This is a dark comedy that makes you roar with laughter and dab a tear at the heart-felt honesty.

Big hair and loud mouths abound in this Southern Fried, Adults Only Comedy!



When Jesus called, Peggy answered and rocks these petty little lives of gossip and rumour, tuna casserole made with potato chips and cream of mushroom soup, Thelma and Louise

CAST

Ty Williamson	Andrew Baker
Sissy Hickey	Grace Hitchin
Noleta Nethercott	Olivia Hogan
Latrelle Williamson	Alide Chaney
LaVonda Dupree	Gillian Binks
G.W. Nethercott	David Nelson
Wardell "Bubba" Owens	Michael Balmer
Odell Owens / Rev.Barnes	Max Leech
Dr Eve Bolinger	Sue Murray
Earl "Brother Boy" Ingram	Clayton Zwanenburg
Bitsy Mae Harling	Jane Anderson

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SORDID LIVES PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Dates and Times:

Preview: 6 November

Performances:

8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22 November

All performances at 8 pm except **Matinees at 2pm** on **Sundays Nov 9th and 16th**. The matinee on **Nov 16th** will be followed by **high tea**.

Performance Venue:

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

Ticket Prices:

\$20 Adult **\$15** Concession

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

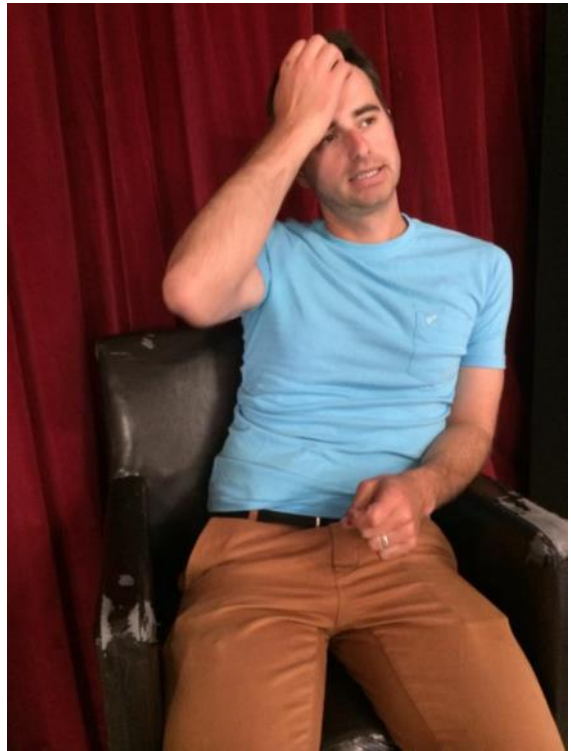
There is an additional \$5 charge for the **Sunday 16th Matinee** as this includes a post-show high tea

Bookings:

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

or email bookings@playlovers.org.au

or phone 0415 777 173



Playlovers Polo Shirts For Sale

Good quality polo shirts with the Playlovers logo are now available for purchase. Sizes range from S to XXL. Price is \$15. They can be bought at the bar for cash or, if you prefer, email

info@playlovers.org.au

to get details of the bank account for an electronic transfer. Cost is still \$15 if you later collect the shirt from the bar. However, if you want it sent to you, there will be a \$10 charge for postage and handling.



Dramafest 2014

At the end of September, Playlovers hosted the **ITA 2014 Dramafest**, the state one-act drama festival. It was well-received by all. The ITA considered it a "huge success" with over 20 plays being staged over the week. A few stalwarts attended nearly every session. One person reviewed all the plays he saw on his blog at perththeatrereviews.blogspot.com.au and after Session 7 made the overall comment

"Dramafest! What a ride. Well done Festival Director Emma Davis, ITA President Paul Treasure and his committee, host club Playlovers, all the volunteer front of house and bar staff, the technical staff, and the Adjudicator Adam T Perkins."

Richard Hyde

Playlovers entered both the plays from the One-act season earlier in the month and was well rewarded - see Awards item on page 5). ***The Broken Slipper*** was one of the few not reviewed by Richard Hyde, but it has been playing at Stirling and the ITA site has a review by Gordon the Optom at the end of their page

www.ita.org.au/2014/10/2665/

Youthfest 2014

The weekend before Dramafest, Playlovers hosted the **ITA 2014 Youthfest**, the festival restricted to people under 18. While audience numbers were not up to expectations, the participants found it a worthwhile experience. Playlovers did not submit an entry this year.

The major awards were

The Ann Hill Award for **Best Senior Production**
St Norbert College, *The Audition*

The Jack and Mavis Hart Award for **Best Junior Production**

East Waikiki Primary School, *Albert Laddin*

Best Director

Kerri Hilton, *The Audition, Canned Hamlet, and 10 Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse*, St Norbert College

The full list of all Dramafest awards can be found on the ITA website

www.ita.org.au/youthfest/youthfest-2014-results

We congratulate everyone involved.

Meet the Committee - Gaye Harvey

Name: Gaye Harvey
Committee Portfolio/s: Newsletter Editor
Place of Birth: Perth
Occupation: Retired (was Information Technology)
Favourite:
Play The Crucible
Musical Les Miserables
Film West Side Story
Music A bit of everything
Book Pride and Prejudice
Food WA Rock Lobster
Country Italy
Bucket List Item: A parachute jump
Dislikes: Doing nothing



When I was a kid I wanted to be... A trapeze artist, a teacher.

How I came to be involved with Playlovers... I knew someone on the committee and was looking for things to do in retirement.

How I came to be involved in theatre... Reading plays was my favourite part of English Literature at school and this led to frequent attendance at live performances, which continued at my working life.

What is my role on the Committee... I've been Newsletter Editor since the beginning of 2012 and also like to get involved with Front of House tasks.

What would I like to achieve for/contribute to Playlovers... I hope through the newsletter to keep members informed and possibly encourage them to come along to our performances and other events.

Where do I see the future of Playlovers... The future of Playlovers lies with younger generations. The 2014 committee has a younger average age and it would be great to see this trend continue. I encourage younger members to get involved and bring fresh ideas and energy and possibly additional young members.

Playlovers has Success at Dramafest Awards

After a short one-act season in mid-September, Playlovers hosted the ITA 2014 Dramafest, entering both *The Broken Slipper* and *Hotel L'Amour*. *The Broken Slipper* was highly successful, winning the following awards.

DOROTHY BARBER AWARD FOR BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION

The Broken Slipper - Playlovers

MIKE BINNS AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTOR

Alida Chaney

The Broken Slipper – Playlovers

BERYL SILVESTER AWARD FOR BEST NEW WRITING

Yvette Wall

The Broken Slipper – Playlovers

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Clayton Zwanenburg

The Broken Slipper – Playlovers

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Ursula Johnson

The Broken Slipper – Playlovers

PETER MANN AWARD FOR BEST COSTUME

Terry McAuley & David Young

The Broken Slipper – Playlovers



Cast of *The Broken Slipper*: L to R - Sean Bullock, Sophie Prober, Sharon Greenock, Clayton Zwanenburg and Ursula Johnson

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Congratulations to all those involved!



Happy award winners!

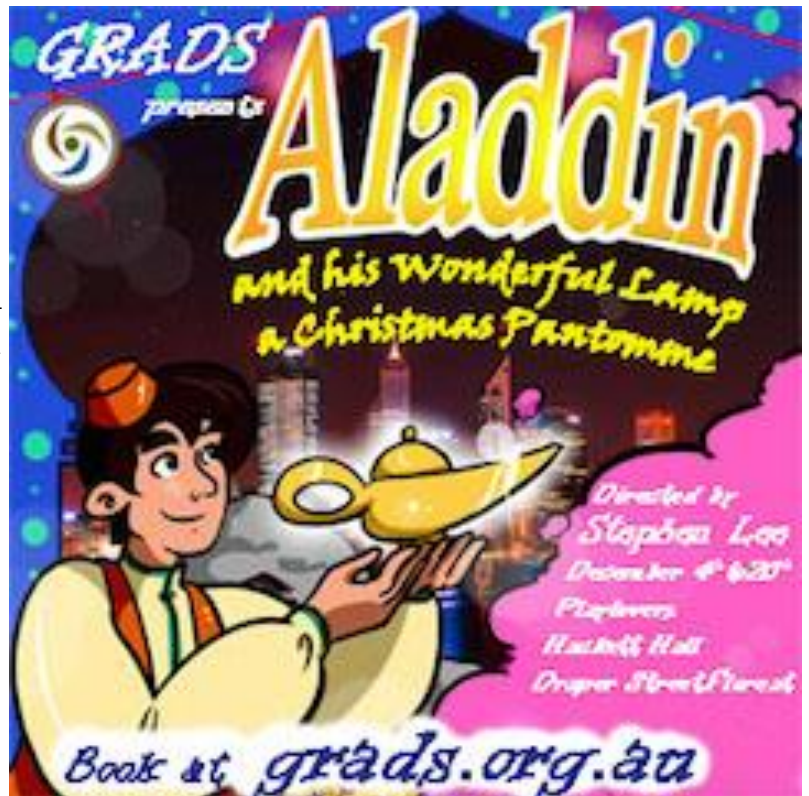
GRADS Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp

GRADS – The Graduate Dramatic Society – is putting on a pantomime in December – and Playlovers is hosting it at Hackett Hall.

Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp is a traditional Christmas pantomime, written and directed by Stephen Lee.

Performances: **December 6-20, 2014.**

For details, see the GRADS website:
<http://grads.org.au/>



Hackett Hall Upgrade Continues

Those who have recently attended performances will be aware that we are slowly upgrading the facilities at Hackett Hall. Air conditioning was installed in the auditorium, the foyer and Green Room have been spruced up with new carpets and freshly painted walls and we have securely enclosed the box office.

Next on the agenda is the bar area. We have unfortunately been told our facilities need to be brought in line with the new health regulations and while we address these issues, it is regrettable that we will have to use polystyrene cups for tea and coffee and plastic glasses for wine.

Additionally, food preparation will need to be done in the kitchen adjacent to the stage and this will have ramifications for the high tea on 16th November. We will need to use large platters to minimise the transfer time, so we apologise in advance for any inconvenience, and if it doesn't look quite the same.

Save the Children Australia's Inaugural Fundraising QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 3rd December 7^{pm}
South Perth Community Hall

Cnr Sandgate St and
South Terrace, South Perth

\$200 for a table of up to 10 people
Cheese platters, wine, beer and
soft drinks available for purchase.

No BYO.

Silent Auction, Raffles, Spot Prizes
and more fun

For all ticket bookings and enquiries
please contact Anne-Marie on either
anne-marie.denney@savethechildren.org.au
or 0412 832 462



Save the Children

What's on Where

What's on	Where	When	Bookings
Treasure Island (Pantomime)	Endeavour Theatre Co. at Hamersley Community Rec- reation Centre, Belvedere Rd, Hamersley	8-16 Nov 2014	9401 6427
The Best Little Whore- house in Texas	Murray Music & Drama Club Murray Shire Council 1915 Pinjarra Rd	14-29 Nov 2014	0458 046 414
Outward Bound	KADS Theatre Town Square, Barber St Kalamunda	14 Nov-6 Dec 2014	9257 2668
Wife After Death	Melville Theatre Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy Palmyra	21 Nov-6 Dec 2014	9330 4565
Sorry! Wrong Chimney!	Rockingham Theatre 8 Attwood Way Rockingham	21 Nov -6 Dec 2014	www.rockinghamtheatre.com
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roleystone Theatre Brookton Hwy, Roleystone	21 Nov -6 Dec 2014	roleystonetheatre.com.au
Kiss Me Kate	Darlington Theatre Players Marloo Theatre, Marloo Road,	21 Nov-13 Dec 2014	www.marlootheatre.com.au
Miranda	Garrick Theatre 16 Meadow St, Guildford	27 Nov-13 Dec 2014	9378 1990
Anything Goes	Limelight Theatre Civic Drive, Wanneroo	27 Nov-13 Dec 2014	9571 8591
The Wizard of Oz	Old Mill Theatre Cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth	28 Nov-13 Dec 2014	9367 8719 www.oldmilltheatre.com.au
April in Paris	Harbour Theatre at Camelot Theatre, 16 Lochee St Mosman Park	4-14 Dec 2014	www.TAZTix.com.au

Playlovers' Playbill 2014

SUBSCRIPTION TO LOVE	QUARTERMAINE'S TERMS	HAY FEVER	DESPERATE ACTS ONE-ACT SEASON	SORDID LIVES	HOSTING for GRADS
Directed by William Dunlop 13-15 March	Directed by Alaric Korb 8-17 May	Directed by Jenny McNae 4-19 July	12-14. September	Directed by David Gardette 7-22 November	ALADDIN 6-20 December
COMPLETED	COMPLETED	CANCELLED	COMPLETED	BOOKINGS OPEN	See Page 6

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