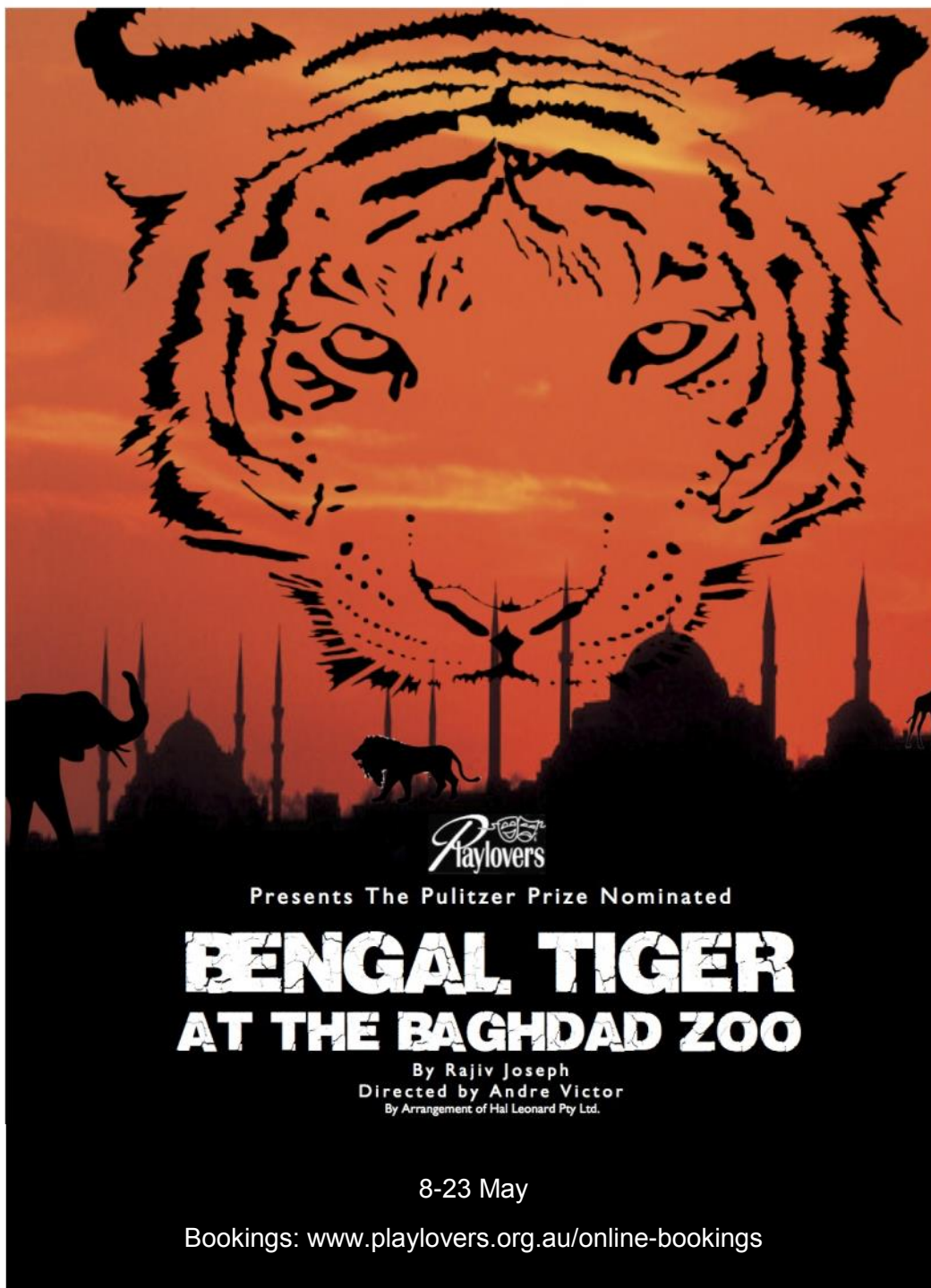


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Playlovers

Presents The Pulitzer Prize Nominated

BENGAL TIGER AT THE BAGHDAD ZOO

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8-23 May

Bookings: www.playlovers.org.au/online-bookings



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Tiger stalks the stage in comedy drama set during Iraq war

A PULITZER Prize-nominated play that featured Robin Williams on Broadway is coming to Playlovers Theatre this May.

Written by Rajiv Joseph and directed by Andre Victor, *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo* is a comic drama about the lives of two US marines and an Iraqi translator who encounter a quick-witted tiger on the streets of war-torn Baghdad.

As it witnesses the puzzling absurdities of war, the tiger – played by Williams on Broadway – attempts to find meaning, forgiveness and redemption among the city's ruins.

The play was nominated for the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and also received Drama League, Drama Desk and Tony Award nominations.

"*Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo* is a play about life and death, in and around war," Victor said. "It's comedy-based but written as a dramatic play. When you get the level of performance right, the comedy shines through without making fun of the show itself. The biggest challenge is the process of bringing all the elements together, such as the set, lights and sound, to ensure my actors are able to work with all the necessary components."



Natalie Cox plays Iraqi teenager Hadia with Cameron Leese as US marine Tom.

First performing at high school in the comedy musical *HONK!*, Victor has since appeared with 9 Lives, Laughing Horsing Productions and Roleystone Theatre in a variety of shows.

He was inspired to direct *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo* because of Robin Williams' involvement, made more poignant after the comic's death.

"After looking at the script, I fell in love with the language of the play and how playwright Rajiv Joseph uses regular sentences in creative ways," Victor said.



Jaxon George, left and Cameron Leese play two US marines onfronted by a quick-witted tiger (Katie Toner)

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Dates and Times:

May 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 at 8pm
May 10 and 17 at 2pm
The matinee on **May 17th** will be followed by **high tea**.

Performance Venue:

Playlovers Theatre (Hackett Hall), Draper St, Floreat,
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 17th 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



Sandra DeWitt Hemala plays an Iraqi woman who is used to the terror – but not the US marines, including Kev (Jaxon George)

CAST

Katie Toner	Tiger
Cameron Leese	Tom
Jaxon George	Kev
Andre Victor	Musa
Sam Barnett	Uday
Natalie Cox	Hadja
Sandra DeWitt Hemala	Iraqi Woman

AUDITIONS

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

By Christopher Durand

Directed by Kristen Twynam-Perkins

Auditions to be held

Saturday 10 May 2015

The season will run from 10--25 July 2015.

Auditions and performance at **Playlovers Theatre** (Hackett Hall), Draper St, Floreat

A savagely comic family drama about ageing and sibling rivalry, with references to Chekhov

Masha, an aging Hollywood star unexpectedly visits her two misfit siblings with her young boyfriend, and life in the country turns upside down.

Cast required:

For details see the notice on our website <http://playlovers.org.au/category/auditions/>

We will also be looking for backstage and technical people.

For more information, please contact [Kristen Twynam-Perkins](#)

A Man of No Importance

Music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and book by Terrence McNally

Director: Andrew Baker

Musical Director: Tim How

Choreographer: Claire Nicholls

Auditions to be held

Sunday 12 July 2015

call backs on 13 and 14 July as necessary

The season will run from 20 Nov to 5 Dec 2015

Auditions and performance at **Playlovers Theatre** (Hackett Hall), Draper St, Floreat

Australian Premiere

A Man of No Importance is a musical set in Dublin in the early 1960s. with a lively score by the creators of modern music theatre classics *Ragtime*, *Lucky Stiff*, *Once On This Island* and *Seussical*.

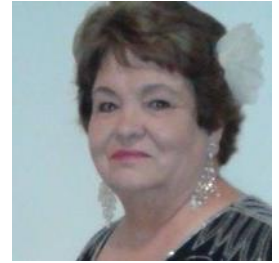
Cast required:

The show features roles, large and small, for adult actors of all ages. This is an ensemble production. We are looking for an energetic, passionate and fun ensemble of actors. For a full description see the notice on our webpage <http://playlovers.org.au/category/auditions/>

We also want to hear from anyone interested in being involved in the production off-stage in any capacity.

To request an audition pack or to register your interest in being otherwise involved, please email amoniperth@gmail.com

From our President



Hi everyone,

Thanks to the 'boys' - Gordon, Tony and Ewen, there has been maintenance work done around the Theatre. They have done painting and put new latches on the gate and other things that the Council have asked to be done. The guys are down at the theatre every Monday morning and would welcome anyone who would like to spend a few hours doing work around the theatre, including having morning tea. We had a Council inspection this morning and apart from a couple of minor things we got a "pass". There are still a few hiccups to overcome before we can use the theatre as we wish to, but you will be kept informed of the progress.

Many thanks to Kimberley Shaw and her production of "13", and Yvette Wall's productions of "Broken Slipper" and "A Piece of Cake" put on in conjunction with Fringe Festival. They were very successful shows.

Tyler Jones and Robert Wood's production of "Point and Shoot" had 2 encore performances at Playlovers earlier this month. The sell out shows were the last ones before the cast makes its way to the Brighton Fringe in England. We wish them all the best and hope that it is enjoyed and is a huge success.

Everything is going well for our next production, "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" in May and we hope we will see you all at the show. Book your tickets now.

Cheers, Bronwyn

Seeking Male Singers

Gentlemen, do you have experience singing close harmony?

South Perth based Tuxedo Junction Vocal Ensemble are looking for new singers to fill vacancies in the tenor and bass sections

We are a small vocal ensemble (presently 17 members looking to expand to 22) from across the metro area of young and old folk who love to sing.

We meet Thursday nights 7.30 – 10pm in South Perth and perform at various concerts throughout the year.

Contact Janet Baxter on 0432 183 222.

For more info about us you can visit www.tuxedojunction.org.au or find us on Facebook.

Meet the Committee - Andrew Baker

Name: Andrew Baker
Portfolio: General Committee Member
Place of Birth: Perth
Occupation: Tour Guide, Marriage Celebrant and miscellaneous arts worker



Favourite:

Play *Angels In America*
Musical Too hard... Um... *Hello Again, A Man Of No Importance* and *Sweeney Todd*.
Production Complicite's *The Disappearing Number*.
Film *Empire of The Sun*
Music Apart from showtunes, anything by Crowded House
Book *Tintin* and any theatrical biography.
Food Italian
Country USA

Bucket List Item: To visit all the States in the USA.

Dislikes: When anyone says "Stephen Sondheim is a brilliant lyricist but can't write a tune". Insanity.

How I came to be involved with Playlovers...

I first performed with Playlovers as Peter in *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 2004. Good times!

How I came to be involved in theatre...

Mainly through high school productions and my Mum's record collection (she has *Chess* on vinyl!).

What my role is on the committee...

At this stage, I'm providing general assistance where and when needed. I'm interested in becoming more involved as I get to know the ropes.

What would I like to achieve for/contribute to Playlovers...

I'm looking forward to directing the Australian Premiere of the beautiful musical, *A Man of No Importance* in November. On the committee, I'll be rolling up my sleeves and helping out with whatever I can!

PROOFREADING A DYING SKILL: AMUSING HEADLINES AS A RESULT

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Marijuana issue sent to a joint committee

Homicide victims rarely talk to police

Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25

City unsure why the sewer smells

Starvation can lead to health hazards

Rally against apathy draws a small crowd

Miracle cure kills fifth patient

Federal Agents Raid Gunshop, Find Weapons

Psychics predict world didn't end yesterday



**Save the Children
Australia**

LOVE TO RUN?

Love to run or thinking about entering a running event this year?

Upcoming events

HBF Run for a Reason
Platinum Charity Partner
Sunday 24 May

Swan River Run
Gold Charity Partner
Sunday 26 July

Chevron City to Surf
Sunday 30 August

Colour Run Perth
Sunday 01 November

Join our Run to Save team and make a world of difference for vulnerable children.

Pledge to fundraise for Save the Children to get your entry for

HBF Run for a Reason – Platinum charity partner

Swan River Run – Gold charity partner

You'll receive

- **FREE** Save the Children Running Pack which includes singlet, water bottle, towel and visor.
- **FREE** training tips, motivating stories from our programs and other great fundraising ideas.
- Create your OWN fundraising page and raise awareness of Save the Children.
- Team spirit and a chance to make a difference to vulnerable children's lives.

Places are limited so get in quick! Find more events and register at savethechildren.org.au/run

For more information contact Sonia email: sonia.holmes@savethechildren.org.au or call 08 9267 3925

What's on Where

What's on	Where	When	Bookings
It's My Party (and I'll Die if I Want to)	Darlington Theatre Players Marloo Theatre, Marloo Road, Greenmount	1-16 Mary2015	9255 1783
Never Kiss a Naughty Nanny	Rockingham Theatre 8 Attwood Way, Rockingham	1-16 Mary2015	www.rockinghamtheatre.com
Equus	Melville Theatre Stock Rd and Canning Hwy Palmyra	8-23 May 2015	www.meltheco.org.au/ bookings/booking-form/
The Wedding Singer	Murray Music & Drama Club Pinjarra Civic Centre	8-23 May 2015	www.mmdc.com.au/tickets
The Rainmaker	KADS Theatre Town Square, Barber St Kalamunda	8-30 May 2015	9257 2668
WI Blues	Endeavour Theatre Co. at Hamersley Community Rec- reation Centre, Belvedere Rd, Hamersley	8-23 May 2015	93417926
Evita	Koorliny Arts Centre Kwinana Town Centre	15-30 May 2015	www.koorliny.com.au/Book- Tickets.html
Summer of the 17th Doll	Old Mill Theatre Cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth	5-20 Jun 2015	9367 8719 oldmilltheatre.com.au
Salonika	Roleystone Theatre Brookton Hwy, Roleystone	12-20 Jun 2015	roleystonetheatre.com.au
Rebecca	Harbour Theatre Camelot Theatre , 16 Lochee St, Mosman Park	12-21 Jun 2015	www.TAZTix.com.au
Snoopy: The Musical	Limelight Theatre Civic Drive, Wanneroo	12-28 Jun 2015	0499 954 016
The Real Thing	GRADS at Stirling Theatre Morris Place, Innaloo	19 Jun-4 Jul 2015	www.trybooking.com/129805

Playlovers' Playbill 2015

13: THE MUSICAL	FRINGE ONE-ACT SEASON	BENGAL TIGER AT THE BAGHDAD ZOO	VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE	ONE-ACT SEASON	A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE
Directed by Kimberley Shaw 4-14 Feb	A Piece of Cake/ The Broken Slipper Directed by Alida Chaney 19-22 Feb	Directed by Andre Victor 8-23 May	Directed by Kristen Twynam- Perkins 10-25 Jul	11-13 Sep	Directed by Andrew Baker 20 Nov-5 Dec
COMPLETED	COMPLETED	BOOKINGS OPEN			

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