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PLAYLOVERS' SUCCESS AT FINLEY AWARDS 2015



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Success at 41st Annual Robert Finley Awards

The 41st Annual Robert Finley Awards ceremony was held in the Heath Ledger Theatre on Saturday 16th January. Of the four plays that Playlovers presented in 2015, three received nominations in the awards, with the total nominations a fabulous 19. We won in 8 categories as listed below. We were also awarded the ITA President's Cup again, this time because our win in the senior category of Youthfest completed our collection of major awards. We also contributed to the entertainment with a selection of numbers from *A Man of No Importance*.

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to these successes.

List of Awards and Nominations (Playlovers)

Best Musical

Winner *A Man of No Importance*

Nominated 13

The Mary Webb Award for Best Director of a Musical

Winner Andrew Baker, *A Man of No Importance*

Nominated Kimberley Shaw, 13

Best Musical Director

Winner Timothy How, *A Man of No Importance*

Best Youth Production

Winner 13

Best Actor in a Musical

Winner David Gardette, *A Man of No Importance*

The Veronica Overton-Low Award for Best Youth in a Musical

Winner Seamus Harrison, 13

Nominated Hamish Briggs, 13

The Kevan Hook Award for Best Set in a Musical

Winner *A Man of No Importance*

The Hywell Williams Award for Technical Achievement

Winner *A Man of No Importance*

Best Supporting Actor in a Musical

Nominated Josh Firman, *A Man of No Importance*

Chris Gerrish, *A Man of No Importance*

Best Supporting Actress in a Musical

Nominated Trudy Dunn, *A Man of No Importance*

Daisy Valerio, *A Man of No Importance*

Best Supporting Actor in a Play

Nominated Sam Barnett, *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo*

Best Choreographer

Nominated Georgia Rodgers, 13

Claire Nichols, *A Man of No Importance*

Best Costumes in a Musical

Nominated *A Man of No Importance*

Adjudicators certificates:

Terrific and amusing onstage relationship - Ashley Garner and Luis Barnes - 13

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

<http://www.ita.org.au/2016/01/2015-finley-awards/>

QUIZ NIGHT 16 April — CAN YOU HELP?

We are having a quiz night on Saturday 16th April to raise funds for the hall renovations, and we would appreciate any help our members and patrons can offer.

Do you know a celebrity who would be willing to be MC? Can you help with donations for prizes or know of a likely business we could approach? Are you able to assist in any other way?

If so, please contact Jackie on 0402 962 856 and let her know.

2016 at Playlovers

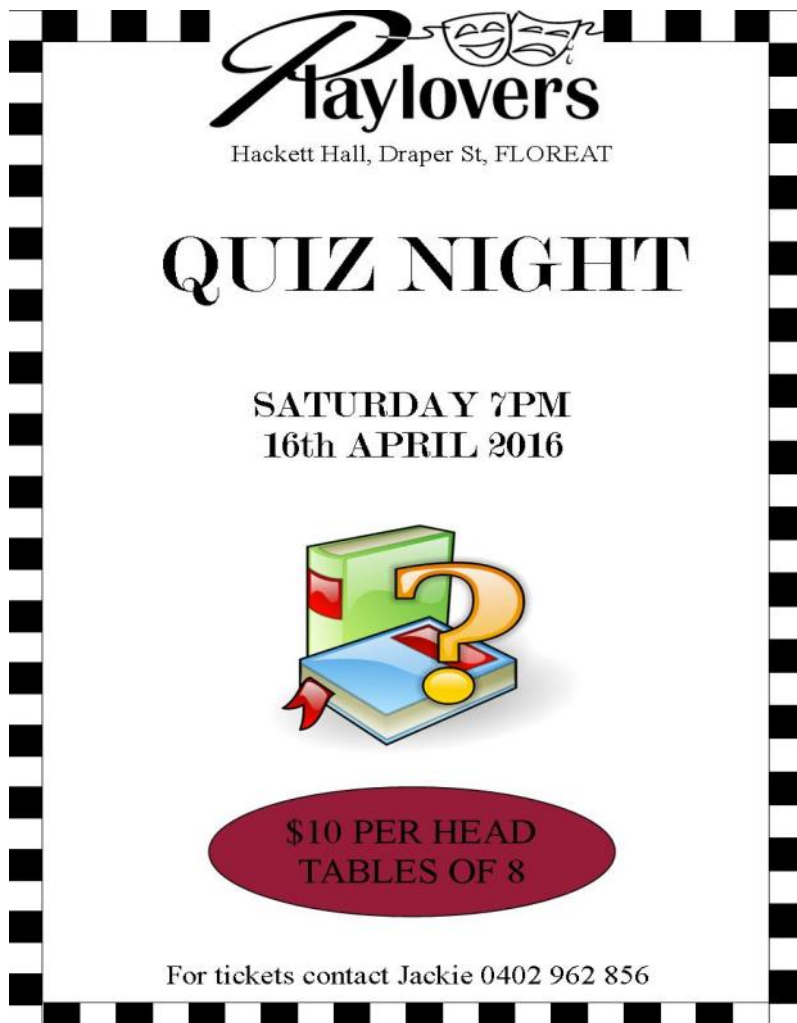
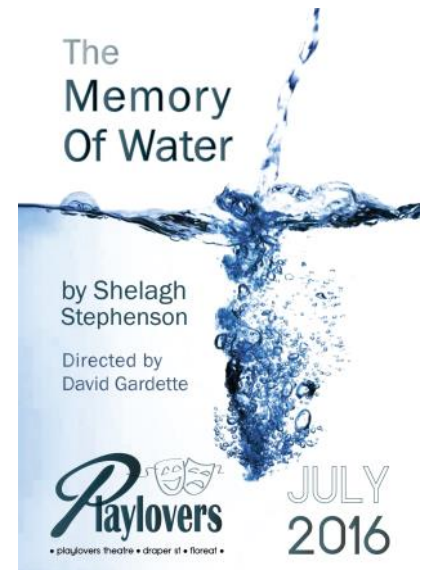
We do not have a full year of productions this year, as we urgently need to do some renovations in the theatre. There have already been some structural improvements to the stage, and it has been resurfaced. The next major item which will be noticeable to our audiences is the replacement of both stage and auditorium curtains. Behind the scenes will be major works to the kitchen and there will also be minor improvements to the toilets.

Our performance season will begin in May with a production yet to be finalised, directed by Kimberley Shaw.

This will be followed in July with *The Memory of Water* written by Shelagh Stephenson and directed by David Gardette.

The One Act Season will take place in September and to finish the year, in November Celeste Underhill will direct the musical *A Little Princess*, music by Andrew Lipka and book and lyrics by Brian Crawley, based on the 1905 children's novel of the same name by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

We will be running some alternative activities for the early part of the year, including a quiz night, the planning for which is well underway



Playlovers Awards Night

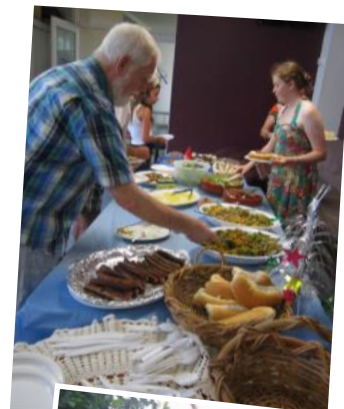
The Playlovers members and friends who gathered in the courtyard at Hackett Hall on Saturday 9th January to celebrate the achievements of 2015 had a most enjoyable evening.

The weather gave us some concerns around 4-5pm when storm clouds gathered a few heavy drops fell. However, they cleared to give us a perfect summer evening.

The buffet provided a variety of salads to accompany the sausages, with a delicious range of sweet treats to follow.

A special thank you is extended to the kids from 13, Casey Edwards, Erin Craddock and Madeleine Shaw, Chris Gerrish, Andrea van Bertoch, and musicians Josh Haines and Emily Gelineau for the top-rate entertainment they provided.

And thank you to all others involved.



Plover Awards

Each year, Playlovers presents awards, the Plovers, to our best productions and performers. Our in-house adjudicators for 2015 were Janelle Hammond, Sandra Martin and Lyn Hutcheon. The following were presented.

Plover Winners

Best Production	<i>A Man of No Importance</i>
The Rose Martin Award for Innovation	<i>13</i>
Best Director	Equal: Kimberley Shaw, <i>13</i> and Andrew Baker, <i>A Man of No Importance</i>
Best Actress	Kimberley Harris, <i>Gruesome Playground Injuries</i>
Best Actor	David Gardette, <i>A Man of No Importance</i>
Best Supporting Actress	Trudy Dunn, <i>A Man of No Importance</i>
Best Supporting Actor	Hamish Briggs, <i>13</i>
Best Newcomer	Seamus Harrison, <i>13</i>
Best Set	Rhiannon Walker, <i>A Man of No Importance</i>
Best Lighting	John Woolrych, <i>Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo</i>
Best Costumes	<i>13</i>
Best Stage Manager	Elisabeth Shaw, <i>13</i>
Playlover of the Year	Derrie Harwood

Adjudicators' Certificates

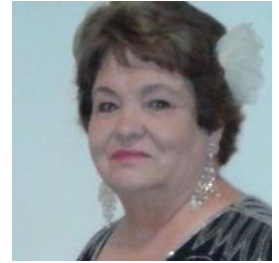
Tim How	Musical Direction in <i>A Man of No Importance</i>
Stephen Beerkens	Musical Direction <i>13</i>
Madeleine Shaw	Vocal Direction <i>13</i>
Luis Barnes	Stand-out chorus member <i>13</i>
Mona Afsher	Stepping in late as fine replacement, <i>Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo</i>
Kristen Twynam-Perkins	Rescuing <i>Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo</i>

Member Subscriptions Due and Annual General Meeting

We remind you that subscriptions to Playlovers are due at the end of January. Please renew online via Paypal or credit card or by making a deposit to our bank account. Details are at playlovers.org.au/membership/. Note that members who are renewing need only make the payment; there is no need to complete the online form. However, it is **very important** to ensure your payment can be linked to your membership. If your surname is a common one, please include your full name.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 7th February 2016 at 7:30pm. The venue is Hackett Hall, Draper St, Floreat. All members are encouraged to attend. Note that you must be financial to vote on items or nominate for the committee.

From our President



Hi Everyone,

What a fantastic year we had last year. It culminated with our success at the Finley's earlier this month. We should be so proud of all of our productions. They were all brilliant, but *A Man of No Importance* certainly scooped the pool. To everyone connected with the productions a huge thank you to you all. We look forward to your continued involvement with Playlovers and the wonderful shows we produce.

Everyone who attended our Plovers had a great time with people actually signing up with the club because they liked the atmosphere and camaraderie that was present during the evening. That is a real credit to Gilli, Andrew, John Woolrych, the adjudicators and the committee who all pulled together and made it a great night. Thank you everyone.

As you will read in this newsletter there are many things happening at the theatre and we will keep you informed as they occur.

Please get all your friends together and book a table for our fundraising Quiz Night. The money raised will go towards the cost of the improvements to the theatre.

Don't forget our AGM on the 7th Feb. It would be lovely to get a reasonable number of our members to this meeting. I promise you will not be coerced into a committee position. We would just like to see you there.

Cheers,

Bronwyn

JOONDALUP 2016

BOOK SALE

for Save the Children

Saturday
9th April
9am - 4pm

Sunday
10th April
9am - 1pm

A huge number of quality donated books in popular and specialist categories; also CDs, DVDs, LPs and sheet music will be on sale at bargain prices!

HBF ARENA, KENNEDYA DRIVE, JOONDALUP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For more information please
contact Sonia on 08 9267 3925 or email
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What's on Where

What's on	Where	When	Bookings
See How They Run	Garrick Theatre 16 Meadow St, Guildford	28 Jan-13 Feb 2016	9378 1990
Disney's The Little Mermaid	Koorliny Arts Centre Kwinana Town Centre	29 Jan-13 Feb 2016	www.koorliny.com.au/Book-Tickets.html
Tinder Hearts	ACPC @ Fringe The Hidden Bar 69-71 Aberdeen St, Northbridge	5-20 Feb 2016	fringeworld.com.au/bookings
A Flat Circle	GRADS @ Fringel Hellenic Club, 75 Stirling St, Perth	11-17 Feb 2016	www.fringeworld.com.au/program/event/6a290f36-30c1-4cbc-8bb7-a9343c45f8a8/
One Act Season (Don't Shoot the Messenger, The Broken Slipper)	Limelight Theatre Civic Drive, Wanneroo	12-20 Feb 2016	0499 954 016
It's All Greek to Me Too	Old Mill Theatre Cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth	12-27 Feb 2016	9367 8719 www.oldmilltheatre.com.au
Footloose The Musical	Darlington Theatre Players Marloo Theatre, Marloo Road, Greenmount	12 Feb-12 Mar 2016	www.marlootheatre.com.au
Inside Job	Melville Theatre Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy Palmyra	19 Feb-5 Mar 2016	9330 4565
Murder in Company	KADS Theatre Town Square, Barber St Kalamunda	26 Feb-19 Mar 2016	9257 2668
The Kingfisher	Harbour Theatre at Camelot Theatre, 16 Lochee St Mosman Park	19-27 Feb 2016	www.TAZTix.com.au
Tuesdays with Morrie	Stirling Theatre Morris Place, Innaloo	19 Feb-5 Mar 2016	www.stirlingplayers.com.au

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Annual General Meeting
Sunday 7th February 2016
7:30pm

Hackett Hall, Draper Street, Floreat

All members are invited to attend



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