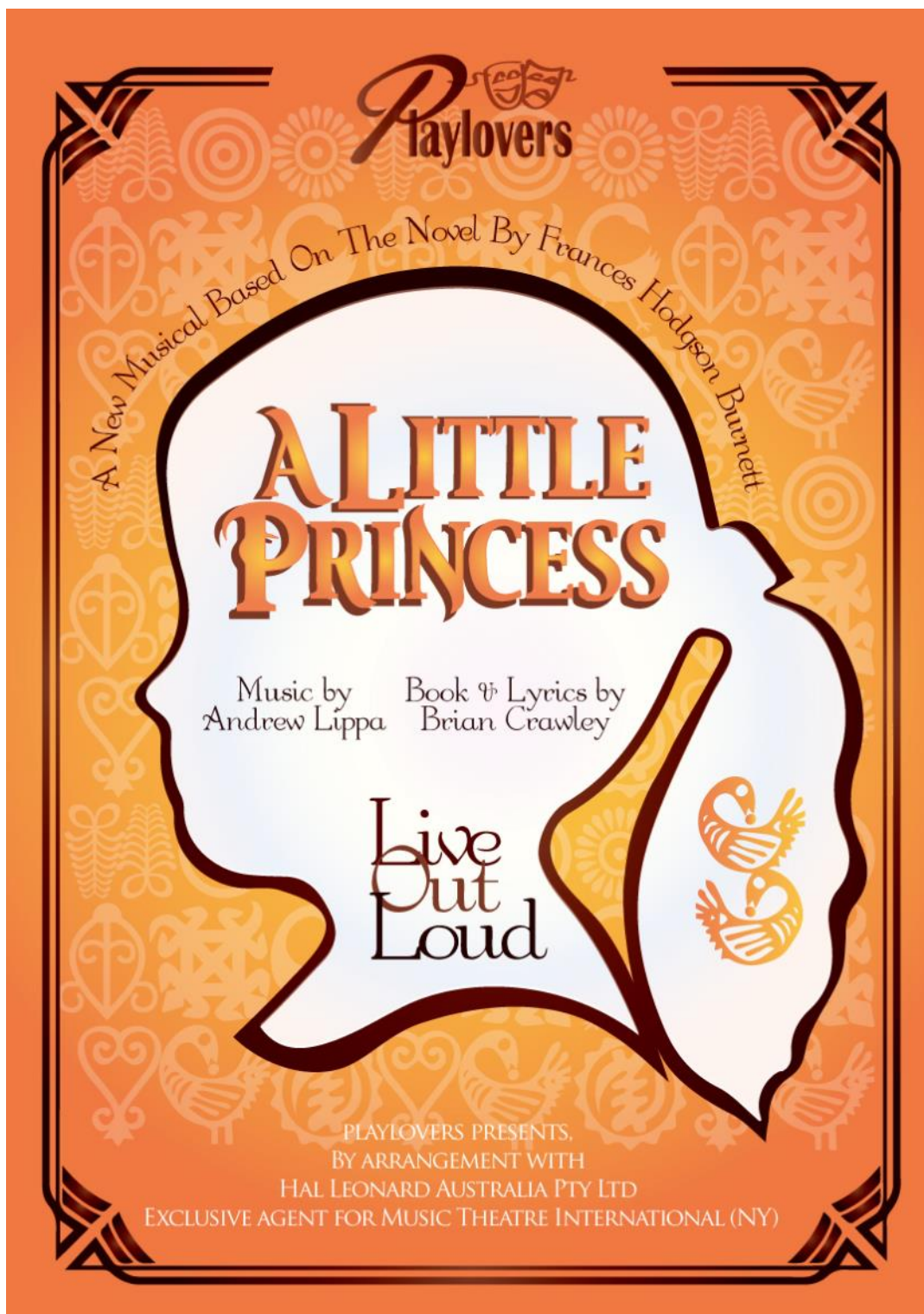


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A Little Princess

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Music by **Andrew Lippa**
Director: **Lisa Johnston**
Musical Director: **Paul Olsen**

Book & Lyrics by **Brian Crawley**
Production Assistant: **Celeste Underhill**
Choreographer: **Amber Southall**

Playlovers next season is presented in association with Stirling Players at the Stirling Theatre, Morris Place, Innaloo. We are appreciative of the assistance they offered.

"A Little Princess" is a musical based on the classic Victorian-era novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, published in 1905. A young girl's resilience and the power of her imagination change the world.

Written by Tony-nominated composer and lyricist, Andrew Lippa (*The Addams Family*, *The Wild Party*) and award-winning book-writer and lyricist, Brian Crawley (*Violet*), A LITTLE PRINCESS is the story of a little girl with a great big imagination.

Separated from her father, and the open-hearted Africans who have helped raise her, young Sara Crewe is sent to boarding school in London. As the girl wins the affection of the other boarders she draws the ire of Miss Minchin, the dour headmistress. When things go badly for her there, her imaginative powers come to the rescue – helping to transform a drab institution into a place of magic and mystery.

This re-imagined version of the classic tale expands beyond the confines of Victorian England to Africa, giving the writers ample opportunity to include lively African music and dance, exotic locales like Mali and Timbuktu, and creating an unforgettable journey around the world.

The musical premiered at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts in Mountain

View, California, on August 28, 2004. In September 2005, it featured in National Alliance for Musical Theatre's 17th Annual Festival of New Musicals, held off-Broadway at Dodger Stages in New York City, but has not yet appeared on Broadway



L to R: Erin Craddock, Stephanie Shaw, Richard Maganga, Jasmine Dos Santos, Shikuku Cuthbertson



L to R: Stephanie Shaw and Jasmine Dos Santos,



L to R: Richard Maganga and Shikuku Cuthbertson

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION A LITTLE PRINCESS

Dates and Times:

27th, 28th October, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10, 11th and 12th November at 8pm

Matinees on 30th October, 5th, 6th and 12th November at 2pm;

Performance Venue:

Stirling Theatre,
25 Morris Place,
Innaloo, WA

[\(Click here for map\)](#)

Box office opens half an hour prior to curtain.

Ticket Prices:

\$25 Adult **\$20** Concession/children
\$20 group bookings (group =10 or more)

Bookings:

Phone Vic at Morris Newsagency **9440 1040**

OR

Online through **Trybooking**,
www.trybooking.com/NGOV

CAST

Sara Crewe

Becky

Aljana

Pasko

Captain Crewe

Miss Minchin

Miss Amelia

Nora

Ermengarde

Lavinia

Jessie

Lottie

Jane

James

Queen Victoria

Becky's Mum

Widow Zuma

Mr. Skipwith

Stephanie Shaw OR
Jasmine Dos Santos

Sophia Matthews

Shikuku Cuthbertson

Richard Maganga

Paul Spencer

Celeste Underhill

Erin Craddock

Holly Jameison

Sienna Freeman

Katie Price

Ella Hagon

Bella Freeman OR

Josephine Ellis

Ella Simpson

Alexander Fleckner

Amber Southall

Meesha Williams

Tara Elliot

Steve Anderson

Ensemble-

Samantha Chidoko

Tanyaradzwa Matibiri

Tamara Perrozzi

Jamie-lee Olson

David Thai

Steve Anderson

Sandra Chidoko

Arthley Matibiri

Alexander Fleckner

Sharon Malcolm

Eleanor Rowe

Paul Anderson

The Memory Of Water Alzheimers WA Fundraising

Thank You

Our July comedy, THE MEMORY OF WATER, touched on the challenges facing families affected by diseases such as alzheimers and dementia.

During the run, we placed fundraising tins in our front of house area.

We are delighted to announce that our patrons were most supportive. We returned the unopened containers to Alzheimers WA and recently received back a Thank You Certificate of Appreciation for the \$810.50 you donated. The committee also thanks **you** for your generosity.

From our President



Hi Everyone,

If you haven't booked for *A Little Princess* please do so now. The cast and crew have been through a lot and could really do with EVERYONE supporting them. The dates, times and booking facilities are printed elsewhere in the newsletter. I am SM for the show and because of my antics while on holidays and the ensuing broken wrist (cast is now off, yeah) I have only just started going to rehearsals and I can assure you an awful lot of work has and is being done to ensure that *A Little Princess* is a really good season. Everyone has worked sooo hard.

Playlovers did so well at the ITA Youthfest and Dramafest Awards. Congratulations to everyone who participated, both on stage and back stage.

There is not much to report about our on-going troubles with The City of Nedlands Council. There is a City of Nedlands Council meeting on Tuesday 25th Oct. Could as many of our members as possible please attend this meeting. Alex McLennan will be our spokesperson and hopefully he will get our message through to some of the Councillors. If you haven't sent a testimonial to the Council could you please do so. It seems that they are replying to all that they receive. Let's keep them busy. The address is gtrevaskis@nedlands.wa.gov.au

We would love volunteers to letter drop the houses around Hackett Hall. If you can spare a hour or so please contact me on 94470945 and I will tell you where you can pick up the letters and what streets we still need to letter drop in.

We will keep you informed of our progress.

Cheers,

Bronwyn

Independent Theatre Association News Finley Awards Tickets Now Available

The Finley Awards night is the celebration of community theatre in Western Australia and includes performances from nominees, as well as the awards.

When: Saturday 17 December 2016 at 7:30pm

Where: The Heath Ledger Theatre at the State Theatre Centre of Western Australia

Tickets: \$25.50 for Concession/Seniors/Children or \$30.60 for Adults

All seating for this event is unreserved. Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment! See the ITA website: <http://www.ita.org.au/2016/09/finley-awards-tickets-on-sale-now/>

One Act Season, Dramafest and Youthfest

After a disrupted preparation due to the sudden closure of Hackett Hall, our One Act Season ran over two nights at the Studio in the Subiaco Arts Centre. Audiences were good and we thank you for your continued support.

All plays were in the subsequent ITA Festivals at Stirling Theatre in Innaloo. **Early Man** was entered in Youthfest. It was awarded an **Adjudicator's Certificate for Ensemble Work**, while Sophie Strahan was named **Best Actress - Senior**.

Our Dramafest entries, **Hello Out There** and **Little Brother, Little Sister** both did extremely well: *Little Brother, Little Sister* received 6 awards in total, including Best Overall Production, while the leads of *Hello Out There* took out the Best Actor and Best Actress awards. Full details of the Playlovers Dramafest awards are below.

Congratulations to everyone involved with these outstanding achievements.

We also congratulate Kimberley Shaw for her Youthfest award **Best Director - Junior** for *The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever*, presented by Sawyers Valley Primary School. Kimberley is a Playlovers member and regularly directs for us. Indeed, as Director of *Early Man*, she was "competing against herself" for this award.

To see the full list of awards, visit the ITA website:

Dramafest: <http://www.ita.org.au/2016/09/dramafest-2016-results/>

Youthfest: <http://www.ita.org.au/2016/09/youthfest-2016-results/>



The cast of *Early Man*



Award winners, Seamus Harrison, Stephanie Shaw and Paul Treasure from *Little Brother, Little Sister*

DRAMAFEST 2016 AWARDS - PLAYLOVERS

The Dorothy Barber Award For Best Overall Production: *Little Brother, Little Sister*

The Mike Binns Award For Best Director:

Kimberley Shaw, *Little Brother, Little Sister*

The Jenny McNae Adjudicators Award:

For Outstanding Character Portrayal:

Paul Treasure: Cook, *Little Brother, Little Sister*

The Peter Mann Award For Best Costumes:

Lyn Hutcheon, *Little Brother, Little Sister*

Best Actor:

Andrew Busher,, *Hello Out There*

Best Actress:

Juliatt Greenock, *Hello Out There*

Best Supporting Actor:

Seamus Harrison, *Little Brother, Little Sister*

Adjudicator's Special Mention For Performance:

Stephanie Shaw, *Little Brother, Little Sister*

Theatre Traditions: Other Expressions to Replace "Good Luck"

In our June-July edition, we included a piece about not using "Good luck" before a performance, and the possible origins of the preferred expression, "Break a leg". Further research on the topic has brought to light other substitute expressions.

In Australia, apparently, an alternative is "Chookas". This is derived from "chook", a slang word for chicken. The saying evolved in the days when a meal of chook was considered a delicacy, and an impossible dream without a large audience. The stage manager would check the house before the show and declare chook for dinner if the turnout was good.

In Spain they say "Mucha mierda". Cast and crew join hands on stage and scream "A lot of sh*t" before a performance. This again references historical times, when theatre-goers would arrive in horse-drawn carriages: the more horse droppings, the bigger the audience.

The French have a similar expression, "Merde" (Sh*t). One explanation is that it originated in the 19th century and that it was a warning to watch one's step in the street when there was a full house because of the amount of horse droppings.

(Source: <https://www.reference.com/world-view/dancers-say-merde-before-performance-b44e3002607877a3> and <http://www.atgtickets.com/blog/superstition-in-theatre/>)



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The Light Between Oceans

The Light Between Oceans is a 2016 Western Australian romantic period drama film written and directed by Derek Cianfrance and based on the 2012 novel of the same name by M.L. Stedman. An international co-production between the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand, the film stars Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander, Rachel Weisz, Bryan Brown and Jack Thompson.

The film tells the story of a lighthouse keeper and his wife who rescue and adopt an infant girl adrift at sea. Years later, the couple discovers the child's true parentage and are faced with the moral dilemma of their actions.

Tickets: \$40 for 2

Venue: Windsor Theatre, Stirling Hwy, Nedlands

Date: Monday, 7th November 2016

Time: Doors open at 9.00am. Film starts at 9:45am

Access for the disabled by the rear car park door

Please bring your numbered tickets for entry on the day

Extra tickets are available at the door

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What's on Where

What's on	Where	When	Bookings
Honour	Old Mill Theatre Cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth	7-22 Oct 2016	9367 8719
The Witches of Eastwick	Koorliny Arts Centre Kwinana Town Centre	21-29 Oct 2016	www.koorliny.com.au/Book-Tickets.html
According to Claudia	Endeavour Theatre Co. at Hamersley Community Recreation Centre, Belvedere Rd, Hamersley	11-19 Nov 2016	9341 7926
Peter Pan	Murray Music & Drama Club Murray Shire Council 1915 Pinjarra Rd	11-26 Nov 2016	0458 046 414
The Rise and Fall of Little Voice	KADS Theatre Town Square, Barber St Kalamunda	11 Nov-3 Dec 2016	aundraea.stevens@education.wa.edu.au
Scrooge The Panto	Darlington Theatre Players Marloo Theatre, Marloo Road, Greenmount	13 Nov-10 Dec 2016	www.marloothatre.com.au
Wife Begins at Forty	Rockingham Theatre 8 Attwood Way Rockingham	18 Nov-3 Dec 2016	www.rockinghamtheatre.com
Little Shop of Horrors	Roleystone Theatre Brookton Hwy, Roleystone	18 Nov-3 Dec 2016	roleystonetheatre.com.au/
Blitz– The Musical	Limelight Theatre Civic Drive, Wanneroo	24 Nov-10 Dec 2016	www.limelighttheatre.com
Touch and Go	Garrick Theatre 16 Meadow St, Guildford	24 Nov-10 Dec 2016	www.garricktheatre.asn.au
One Man, Two Guvnors	Melville Theatre Stock Rd and Canning Hwy Palmyra	25 Nov-10 Dec 2016	http://www.meltheco.org.au/bookings/
The Hound of the Baskervilles	Harbour Theatre in Camelot Theatre 16 Lochee St (cnr Solomon) Mosman Park	2-11 Dec 2016	www.TAZTix.com.au

Playlovers' Productions 2016

QUIZ NIGHT	THE TROLLEYS	THE MEMORY OF WATER	ONE-ACT SEASON	A LITTLE PRINCESS
16 April	Directed by Andie Holborn 20-29 May	Directed by Alide Chaney 15-30 July	9-10 Sep	Directed by Lisa Johnston 27 Oct-12 Nov
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A LITTLE PRINCESS

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