

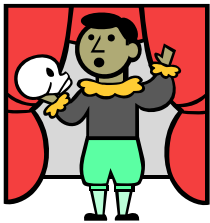


Stages

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"I Hate Hamlet"

a wonderful comedy

written by Paul Rudnick

Directed by James Hough Neilson

Assistant Producer & Stage Manager - Bronwyn Hammond



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However, doubts in his ability to play the classics begin to arise and he desperately needs assistance!! How does Andrew Rally go about getting help?

Well, why don't you come along and find out? I promise that you will not be disappointed. This is a great comedy about some of the problems actors have to face. JHN

March 2009: 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28
Tickets on sale January 2009.

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MAIL BAG

I saw Bare last night and while I would be the first one to shout out when something was crap, I have to say Bare left me feeling fantastic and I will remember it for a long time.

The cast and crew did a fantastic job. I loved every minute of it. Please pass on my thanks to all for not only tackling the major topics but for treating it all with such respect.

As a former teacher, I have seen too often what kids go through when they 'don't fit in' and if just one kid leaves your show feeling better about themselves then you have all done something very special.

Again, thank you for a wonderful show. I only wish there was another week so I could come back and see it again!!! And tell more people that this MUST be seen!!!

Regards,
Terry Kenp



We've had another wonderful year at Playlovers with four terrific seasons along with our Christmas Show last weekend...

See page 3 for all the winners of the Plovers Awards. And how will we fair this year at the ITA Finley Awards??

The Small Poppies, Minefields and Miniskirts and Bare were all entered. Come along to the Finleys and show our Playlovers spirit. - details page 6.

Playlovers' Playbill for 2008				
"The Small Poppies"	"Minefields & Miniskirts"	"Beauty & The Beast"	"Bare"	Christmas Show incl. Plover Awards
Directed by Bev Hooper	Directed by Paul Treasure	Directed by Susan Vincent	Directed by Kristen Twynam-Perkins	
April 4-19	May 30-June 14	Sept 10 - Oct 4 at The Regal	Nov 14 - Dec 6	Sat Dec 13
COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED

AND NOW...

Playlovers' Playbill for 2009

"I HATE HAMLET"	"THE 25 TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE"	"THE HISTORY BOYS"	"THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY"	"RUTHLESS"	Christmas Show incl. Plover Awards
Directed by James Hough Neilson	Directed by Kimberley Shaw	Directed by Bev Jackson- Hooper	Directed by John Milson	Directed by Tyler Jones	
March 13 - 28	May 8 - 30	July 10 - 25	September 11-26	November 6 - 28	December 11 - 13
Cast - Rehearsals commence Jan	Cast - Rehearsals commence Jan				

Playlovers Christmas Show & Annual Plover Awards

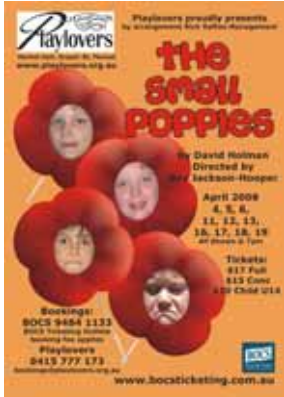
"The Role I Would Like For Christmas"

PLOVER AWARDS:

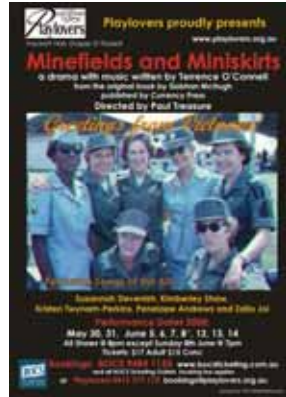
Celebrating and awarding Playlovers 2008 productions.

What a great night we all had !!!

We have a treasure trove of talent at Playlovers – what wonderful voices!!



(SP)



(M&M)



(B&B)



(b)

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

Most Outstanding in a Major Role (Male):

Nominations: Garry Davies (SP), Gareth Jay (B&B), Craig Menner (B&B), Joshua Brant (b), Tyler Jones (b).

Winner: Tyler Jones "bare"

Most Outstanding in a Major Role (Female): Nominations: Danielle Ashton (SP), Penny Andrews (M&M), Susannah Devenish (M&M), Zalia Joi (M&M), Kimberley Shaw (M&M), Kristen Twynam-Perkins (M&M), Jennifer Godleman (B&B), Cassandra Kotchie (B&B), Gemma Sharpe (b), Rebecca Griffiths (b).

Winner: Rebecca Griffiths "bare"

Most Outstanding in a Supporting Role (Male): Nominations: Michael Limb (SP), Jason Arrow (B&B), Tim How (B&B), Kim Godleman (B&B), Drew Elliott (B&B), David Gray (b). **Winner: Jason Arrow "Beauty & The Beast"**

Most Outstanding in a Supporting Role (Female): Nominations: Donna-Marie Gavin (SP), Penny Andrews (M&M), Susannah Devenish (M&M), Zalia Joi (M&M), Kimberley Shaw (M&M), Kristen Twynam-Perkins (M&M), Susan Vincent (B&B), Rhoda Lopez (b), Cynthia Fenton (b). **Winner: Rhoda Lopez "bare"**

Most Outstanding Newcomer (Male): Nominations: Arnold Wong (SP), Sam Tye (B&B), David Gray (b)

Winner: David Gray "bare"

Most Outstanding Newcomer (Female): Nominations: Paige Marshall (SP), Penelope Andrews (M&M), Atara Lebranskey (B&B)

Winner: Paige Marshall "The Small Poppies"

Best Director: Susan Vincent "Beauty & The Beast"

Best Lighting: John Woolrych "The Small Poppies"

Best Sound: Andrew Dobosz & Callan Kneale "bare"

Best Costumes: Kristen Twynam –Perkins & Deborah Rogers "bare"

Best Set: Tony & Claudette Ridout "The Small Poppies".

Best Production: Nominations: "The Small Poppies" (Bev Jackson-Hooper), "Minefields & Miniskirts" (Paul Treasure), "Beauty & The Beast" (Susan Vincent), "bare" (Kristen Twynam-Perkins).

Winner "bare" directed by Kristen Twynam-Perkins

Playlover of the Year: Susan Vincent

AUDITIONS

Auditions were held recently for Playlovers first two seasons for 2009 - *I Hate Hamlet* and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*... an exceptional turn out for both auditions... Thank you to all who auditioned. Congratulations to the cast of *I Hate Hamlet*.

For Playlovers' March 2009 season:

I Hate Hamlet

a wonderful comedy by Paul Rudnick
 Director - James Hough Neilson
 Assist Prod/SM - Bronwyn Hammond

Courtney Nyhuis as Felicia Dantine
 Andrew Symes as Andrew Rally
 Emma Shaw as Deidre McDavey
 Susan Marsh as Lillian Troy
 Michael Hodgen as John Barrymore
 Tim Fraser as Gary Peter Leftkowitz

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March 13, 14, 19-22, 26-28, 2009
Tickets on sale January 2009.

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For Playlovers' May 2009 season:

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Music and lyrics by William Finn
 Book by Rachel Sheinkin
 Director - Kimberley Shaw

Kimberley now has the tough job of trying to cast Spelling Bee from the 54 plus auditionees all of exceptional quality...

All auditionees will be pleased to know they passed their spelling test !! (pew)

The Director is casting this production as we speak/type.... Stay tuned... Watch this space...



Spelling Bee, a musical comedy, centres around a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee, run by three equally-quirky grown-ups.

Proposed Season: May 8, 9, 14-17, 21-24, 28-30, 2009
Tickets on sale March 29th

Bookings: Playlovers 0415 777 173
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Playlovers Annual General Meeting

Celebrating 53 years 1956 – 2009

Sunday 15th February 2008 Time: 7.30pm
Hackett Hall, Draper Street, Floreat



All members are invited to attend and have your say

Do you want to be on the 2009 Playlovers committee or do you know someone who you think should be?

Playlovers 2009 Committee Nomination Form

I.....being a current financial member of Playlovers Inc, hereby nominate..... for the position of on the Playlovers 2009 Committee.

Signature of Proposer:.....

Signature of Nominee:.....

PLEASE NOTE: All nomination forms and motions of notice must be received by the Secretary by the 15th January 2009. Please address to: Playlovers Inc. PO Box 164, Wembley WA 6913

The Playlovers Committee – who we are, what we do, how we function

Playlovers like all other independent theatre groups is an amateur organisation in the true sense of the word: all of its workers and functionaries are unpaid volunteers – and we do it all for the love of theatre! The committee too is made up of volunteers. Some members have been on the committee, in one role or another, for many years, some are relatively new (and young!) and we are always looking for new blood (figuratively speaking, of course!)

Each year, in February, at the Playlovers AGM, elections are held for all committee positions.

The various roles on the committee and the current incumbents can be seen on the back page of Stages newsletter. In brief, the major roles are:

- ★ **President:** co-ordinates all major activities of the club; represents the club and acts as main liaison with external bodies such as Nedlands City Council (from whom we hire Hackett Hall), Hackett Hall Civic Association, etc.
- ★ **Vice President:** assists the President and acts in his place as necessary.
- ★ **Secretary:** handles the bulk of correspondence in and out; records and distributes minutes for all meetings; and maintains all non-financial documents.
- ★ **Treasurer:** pays bills; banks fees and other monies; keeps account books; prepares regular financial statements for the committee; and ensures all books are audited. An auditor (not on the committee) is elected at the AGM to examine and certify all financial records at the end of the year.

The remaining committee members share other duties and responsibilities: venue maintenance including organizing stage paraphernalia, wardrobe and properties; newsletter production; publicity; bar and front of house management, box office and ticket bookings, etc. Occasionally, ex-officio members may assist the committee by taking on some of these activities.

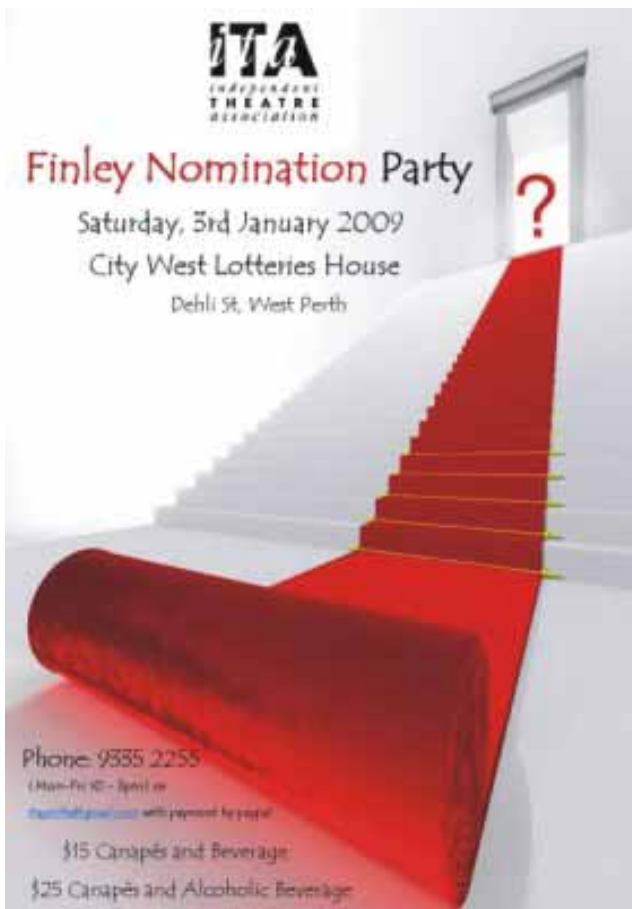
The committee meet once a month to discuss a wide and varied agenda:

- ★ forthcoming productions – decisions required by the director, arrangements for box office and front of house.
- ★ planning next year's seasons. ★ issues to do with the venue – heating, improving the green room, dealings with Nedlands City Council. ★ sound and lighting equipment needs. ★ arranging fund-raising activities – quiz nights, raffles, etc. ★ club nights – what exciting things we might do ! and so on and so forth...

For each production, one committee member acts as production coordinator, liaising between the director, cast & crew and the committee, assisting in resolving problems and bringing difficulties, etc. to the attention of the committee.

Although much of this sounds very dry and boring, and more befitting some commercial corporation than a creative, theatrical club, the committee members are true thespians, taking active roles in productions, on stage or behind the scenes, like other members of the club – which, let's not forget, is the reason they joined Playlovers in the first place!!

If you have any questions about how Playlovers functions, contact Marie Corrigan at info@playlovers.org.au or 9445 8626



FINLEY NOMINATION PARTY

The ITA will announce the Finley Nominees for the individual awards and thank the 2008 Finley Adjudicators and introduce the Finley Adjudicators for 2009 during this Party (good excuse to dress up in your party frocks or smart casual attire).

Saturday 3rd January 2009
Lotteries House West Perth from 7.30pm.

Entertainment, finger food
& soft drinks - \$15 per head
or
include wine & beer - \$25 per head

This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and fellow cast members and to find out who is on the list for one of those coveted Finley Awards.

Come along and join us in starting the Community Theatre New Year with a bang.

Bookings: 9335 2255 (Mon-Fri 10am to 3pm) or
itaperth@gmail.com with payment by Paypal.



ITA FINLEY AWARDS

The ITA is proud to present community theatre's 'Oscars' in recognition of amateur theatre's adjudicated 2008 productions.

The 34th Annual ITA Finley Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday 17 January 2009, at the Lady Wardle Performing Arts Centre, St Mary's Anglican Girl School, Elliott Rd, Karrinyup.

Four dedicated ITA adjudicators attend every production entered throughout the year both in metropolitan and regional WA. This year the competition is fierce with probably the largest amount of plays and musicals entered, all competing for their clubs, hoping to return home with their heads proud carrying the honourable Finley.

Awards include Best Play Production, Best Musical Production, Best Actor/Actress, Best Director, Best Supporting Female/Male, Best Emerging Talent, Best Musical Theatre Performer, Best Vocal Direction, Best Set and Best Costumes.

With entertainment snippets from some of the best productions seen in 2008 and an electric atmosphere, you don't want to miss out on this night of nights.

Tickets \$22 Bookings 9335 2255 or
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Auditions Elsewhere

"Assassins"

by Stephen Sondheim & John Weidman,
 Director - Paul Treasure. MD – Sarah Cosstick
 Roleystone Theatre
 587 Brookton Hwy, Roleystone
 Audition: Sat December 20
 Season: March 6 - 21
 Enquiries & Audition Booking: Paul 0402 530 529

"We Happy Few"

by Imogen Stubbs, directed by Simon James
 Old Mill Theatre
 cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth
 Audition: January 31st
 Season: May 1 - 16
 Enquiries & Audition Booking: Simon 9362 4080
 simon_james63@hotmail.com

For more information on Auditions and What's On Out & About

Theatre Australia www.theatre.asn.au

or

TAZ Entertainment www.tazentertainment.com.au

What's On Elsewhere

"ITA Finley Nominations Party"

See Page 6 full details

City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth
 Dates: Saturday 3 January 2009. Time: 7.30pm
 Tix: \$25/\$15
Bookings: 9335 2255 itaperth@gmail.com

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 Time: 6.00pm (Curtain 7pm)
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"Some Enchanted Evening" – Garrick Theatre Club

directed by Carolyn Latter
 16 Meadow Street, Guildford
 Dates: Feb 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21
 Tix: \$tba
Bookings: 9379 9400

"Life x 3" – Wanneroo Repertory Club

directed by Gwen Browning & David Nelson
 Limelight Theatre, Civic Drive, Wanneroo
 Dates: Feb 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
 Tix: \$18/\$15/\$10
Bookings: 9571 8591 or Online www.limelighttheatre.com

"Gone A Million" – Stirling Players

directed by Peter Flanigan & Jan Rutherford
 Stirling Theatre, Morris Place, Innaloo
 Dates: Feb 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, March 1, 5, 6, 7
 Tix: \$16/\$14
Bookings: 9440 1040 or BOCS 9484 1133

"Doctor in the House" – Melville Theatre

directed by Jeff Hansen
 cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy, Palmyra
 Dates: Feb 27, 28, March 1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14
 Tix: \$17/\$13
Bookings: 9330 4565

"Assassins" – Roleystone Theatre

directed by Paul Treasure. MD: Sarah Cosstick
 587 Brookton Hwy, Roleystone
 Dates: March 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21
 Tix: \$tba
Bookings: 9397 5730

"Romeo & Juliet" – Old Mill Theatre

directed by Stephen Lee
 The Scented Garden, Sir James Mitchell Park, Sth Perth
 Dates: Feb 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 – Time: 7.30pm
 Tix: \$25/\$20, Child U12 \$10, Family (2A+2C) \$65
Bookings: 0402 249 249

Tutankhamun – Marloo Theatre – Feb 27 to Mar 14

Play On – Rockingham Theatre – March 2009

Dad's Army – KADS – May



Merry Christmas from TAZ Entertainment

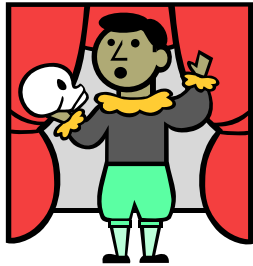
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