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Olde Tyme Music Hall Christmas Show

Madcap Melodrama

Jeer the Villian

Cheer the Heroine

Devised and Directed by Susan Vincent and Kerry Goode

PLUS
2 Course Buffet
Tables of 10
Fully Licensed Bar



December 2007
Thu 6, Fri 7, Sat 8, Sun 9
Saturday December 8
Plover Awards Night
Playlovers Oscars Night
Tickets: \$35 incl meal
Dinner 7pm Show 8pm

BOCS 9484 1133 Playlovers 0415 777 173
booking fee may apply
www.bocsticketing.com.au bookings@playlovers.org.au



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Olde Tyme Music Hall Christmas Show

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Grab your friends and book your tables – tables seat 10.

Enjoy a sumptuous 2 course buffet dinner and be wined and dined at Playlovers whilst you enjoy the Madcap Melodrama and partake in jeering and cheering
4 shows only !!!

Saturday December 8th will incorporate our exciting annual Plover Awards! To book for Sat 8th Dec you will need to book through Playlovers only...

More details on page 3...

December 6, 7, 8, 9
Bookings Open Now
BOCS 9484 1133
or Playlovers 0415 777 173

Ho Ho Ho – see you there...

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It's Coming !!



DRINKIN' FROM MY SAUCER

I've never made a fortune
And it's prob'ly too late now;
But I don't worry 'bout that much,
I'm happy anyhow!

And as I go along life's way
Reapin' better than I sowed.
I'm drinkin' from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed!

Haven't got a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough;
But I've got loving ones around me,
And that makes me rich enough!

I thank God for His blessings
And the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinkin' from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed!

I 'member times when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin;
But all at once the dark clouds broke
And light peeped through again.

So, Lord, help me not to gripe
About tough rows I've hoed.
I'm drinkin' from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed!

If God gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings;
I'm already blessed enough!

May I never be too busy
To help others bear their loads.
I'll keep drinkin' from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed!

~ Jimmy Dean



**Calling New Set Builders
and Stage Hands**

**Are you interested in set building?
Feeling unsure where to start?
Do you want to lend a hand?
Feel the rewarding satisfaction
and accomplishment in creating the
all important scene for a production!**

We have had interest from some
current and new members who have
indicated that they would like to learn more
about what is involved in
staging our productions.

We would love to have current, new and
prospective members join us for an
introduction to set building and in turn, meet
the next director of our first show in 2008,
the committee members and associated
technicians who
will bring this show to life.



**Watch this space for the
Sunday date in our next
newsletter.**

This informal session will be accompanied by
light refreshments, good humour
and a terrific insight into
what's involved in set building.

**Please phone 0415 777 173
to confirm your place in this venture.**

*"Everywhere in the world,
music enhances a hall, with one exception:
Carnegie Hall enhances the music."
~ Isaac Stern*



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Playlovers' Playbill for 2007

<p>"Seussical" by Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty directed by Kimberley Shaw Jan 5 - 13</p>	<p>"Out of Order" a comedy by Ray Cooney directed by Susan Vincent April 13 - 28</p>	<p>"Eurobeat" a comedy by Craig Christie & Andrew Patterson directed by Kimberley Shaw June 15 - July 7</p>	<p>"Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler directed by Sue Hayward Aug 15 - Sept 7</p>	<p>One Act Season various Sept 20-22</p>	<p>"Natural Causes" by Eric Chappell directed by James Hough Neilson Nov 2 - 17</p>	<p>Olde Tyme Music Hall Christmas Show Dec 6-9</p>
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Olde Tyme Music Hall Christmas Show



The show is ideal for a Christmas catch-up with friends and acquaintances, whilst enjoying the **Olde Tyme Music Hall** where you will roll with laughter during the madcap melodrama ***How Fanny Got It In The End***, and be invited to jeer the villain, the dastardly Mr Peter Fry and cheer the heroine, the delectable Miss Marie Corrigan.

Playlovers are extremely honoured to have acquired the services of Mr Peter Fry as chairman for the night and he has some magic tricks up his sleeve.

With a cast of "familiar faces" at Playlovers, including David Young, Susan Vincent, Kerry Goode, Alan Bergin and Peter Shaw this should make for a night of innuendo, a touch of naughtiness and you may have to join in on the zany songs including a ***"Seven Old Ladies Locked in the Lavatory"***, or sympathize with a ***"Bit of a Ruin That Cromwell Knocked About a Bit"***.

The season runs December 6, 7, 8 and 9
all shows commencing at 7pm
with Saturday the 8th also being the annual Plovers Awards, the in-house awards for the shows presented throughout 2007 at Playlovers. Shows include *Out of Order*, *Eurobeat*, *The Vagina Monologues*, and *Natural Causes*.

Tickets are available through BOCS Ticketing 9484 1133 and Playlovers Bookings 0415 777 173, Saturday 8 December only being sold through Playlovers. Tables of 10 with tickets at \$35 per person, includes a two course buffet dinner, with full bar facilities available.



more pics on page 5

Music hall is a form of British theatrical entertainment which was in its heyday between 1850 and 1960. It is a particular form of variety entertainment involving a mixture of popular song, comedy and specialty acts. British music hall was similar to American vaudeville, featuring rousing songs and comic acts, while in the United Kingdom the term vaudeville referred to more lowbrow entertainment that would have been termed burlesque in the United States.



Plover Awards

Don't forget that Saturday 8th December performance of the Olde Tyme Music Hall Christmas show incorporates our very own special Oscars – The "Plovers".

During interval we will be celebrating all our stupendous productions throughout 2007.

Up for awards are:

"Out of Order"

directed by Susan Vincent

"Eurobeat"

directed by Kimberley Shaw

"The Vagina Monologues"

directed by Sue Hawyard

"Natural Causes"

directed by James Hough Neilson

Nominations Include:

Murray Jackson, Gordon Park, Suzannah Devenish, Christine Le-Bone, Tina Moone, Marie Corrigan, Cynthia Fenton, Tim Nolan – in fact I believe the entire cast were brilliant – all deserve nominations! The entire cast of *Vagina Monologues*...

Not to forget the awards for Best Technical Lighting, Sound, Direction, Stage Manager and the gong of gongs Best Production.

Who will win I can hardly wait!



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, looking for new premises
 - ★ 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
Marie.Corrigan@uwa.edu.au or 9445 8626

2008 is set to be an incredible year for Playlovers

Our fabulous productions include:

**"Small Poppies", "Beauty and the Beast", "Minefields & Miniskirts",
and one more exciting show yet to be announced!!**

And the finalisation of Hackett Hall becoming our own.

Get involved on the committee and be part of Playlovers history.

Olde Tyme Music Hall Christmas Show - rehearsal photos...



"Christmas at my house is always at least six or seven times more pleasant than anywhere else. We start drinking early. And while everyone else is seeing only one Santa Claus, we'll be seeing six or seven." ~ W.C. Fields

Playlovers Annual General Meeting

Celebrating 52 years 1956 – 2008

Sunday 17th February 2008
Time: 7.00pm
Hackett Hall, Draper Street, Floreat



All members are invited to attend and have your say

Do you want to be on the 2008 Playlovers committee or
 Do you know someone who you think should be?

Playlovers 2008 Committee Nomination Form


I.....being a current financial member of Playlovers Inc,
 hereby nominate..... for the position of
 on the Playlovers 2008 Committee.

Signature of Proposer:.....

Signature of Nominee:.....

PLEASE NOTE: All nomination forms and motions of notice must be received by the Secretary
 by the 17th January 2008
 Please address to: Playlovers Inc. PO Box 164, Wembley WA 6014



The Independent Theatre Association
presents



January 19th
The Finley Award
Night of Nights
The red carpet event for WA
community theatre, with
highlights from some of the
productions entered
Seating is limited so be sure to book early

**Lady Wardle
Performing Arts Centre**
St Mary's Anglican Girls' School
Elliott Road, Karrinyup
7pm start, doors open at 6.30

Tickets \$22
Bookings through **BOCS**
9484 1133 www.bocsticketing.com.au (fees apply)

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**The 33rd Annual Robert Finley Awards
Saturday January 19th, 2008**

**Time: 6.30pm
Curtain: 7pm**



**NEW Venue:
Lady Wardle
Performing Arts Centre
St Mary's Anglican School
Elliott Road, Karrinyup**

Dress Code: Semi-Formal

Hosts: Comedians Luke & Wyatt

Tickets: \$22 Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133



"The Green Room"
will be filming the
Finley Awards evening
and interviewing patrons and
the elated winners...
dress up for our annual red
carpet event.

Playlovers @ The Finleys

I've been told that Eurobeat, directed by Kimberley Shaw, will be one of the many performances at the Finley Awards. Playlovers have ordered 50 tickets so email David Young if you want a ticket davidyoungaccountant@bigpond.com.au
It's going to be Fantastic!!

We scooped the pools last year
– can we do it again this year?

Other entries from Playlovers that are not performing but could be up for an award are:

Out of Order, directed by Sue Vincent
Vagina Monologues,
directed by Sue Hayward
Natural Causes, directed by
James Hough Neilson



Auditions Elsewhere

“Intimate Exchanges”

by Sir Alan Ayckbourn
 directed by Andrew Warwick
KADS – Town Sq Theatre, Barber St, Kalamunda
Audition: Sat Dec 8 @ 10am
 Season: 2008
 Andrew Warwick Ph 9257 2993

“Seussical”

a musical directed by Cat Baxter
Murray Music & Drama, Pinjarra Civic Centre,
 Pinjarra Rd, Pinjarra
Audition: Mon February 4th 2008
 Enquiries: Cat 0409 110 704

“Godspell”

a musical by Stephen Schwartz
 Directed by Carolyn Latter
Garrick Theatre – 16 Meadow St, Guildford
Audition: Saturday December 15th @ 12
You must phone to book an audition time.
 You will need a song with backing track
 – no song from the show thank you.
 Age range: 18 – 35 years
 Season: March – April 2008
 Enquiries: Carolyn on 9257 2217 or 0420 786 484
cazandjake@hotmail.com

**For more information on Auditions and What's On Out & About - go to
 Theatre Australia www.theatre.asn.au or TAZ Entertainment www.tazentertainment.com.au**

What's On Elsewhere

“Babes in the Wood” – Darlington Theatre Players

a panto by LaVerne Kirton, directed by Sallie Ketteringham
 Marloo Theatre, Marloo Rd, Greenmount
 November 14 – Dec 8 Tix: \$18/\$14
Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133 or 9255 1783

“Murder By The Book” – Stirling Players

a comedy thriller by Duncan Greenwood & Robert King
 directed by Philip Fryer
 Stirling Theatre, Morris Place, Innaloo
 November 22 – Dec 8 Tix: \$16/\$14/\$12
Bookings: 9446 9120

“Quality Street” – Garrick Theatre

a classic romantic comedy by JM Barrie
 directed by Jeff Watkins
 Garrick Theatre, 16 Meadow St, Guildford
 November 23 – Dec 8 Tix: \$15/\$12
Bookings: 9379 9400

“Alladin” – Old Mill Theatre

a panto directed by Neroli Burton, MD – Justin Friend
 Old Mill Theatre, Cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, Sth Perth
 November 23 – Dec 8 Tix: \$22/\$18
Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133

“Cabaret” – Wanneroo Rep Club

a musical directed by Ryan Taaffe
 Limelight Theatre, Civic Drive, Wanneroo
 November 29 – December 15
 Tix: \$20/\$6/\$13
Bookings: 9571 8591 (9am-12noon only)

“Blood Brothers” – Melville Theatre

a musical drama by Willy Russell,
 Directed by Lars Jensen
 Melville Theatre, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy, Palmyra
 November 30 – December 15 Tix: \$16/\$12
Bookings: 9330 4565

“By Jeeves” – Roleystone Theatre

a musical comedy by Alan Ayckbourn,
 Music by Andrew Lloyd Weber
 Directed by Rory Cornelius, MD – Priscilla Buscher
 Roleystone Theatre, 587 Brookton Hwy, Roleystone
 November 30 – December 15 Tix: \$16/\$12
Bookings: 9397 5730

“Robin The Hood” – Kwinana Theatre Workshop

Directed by Les Asherdon, MD Karen Godfrey
 Kwinana Comm. Arts Centre, Sulphur Rd, Kwinana
 November 30 - December 15 Tix: \$20/\$17
Bookings: 9439 0290 or 9528 2220

“The Karaoke Twist” – A Lad In Sane Productions

a musical comedy written and directed by John Grimshaw
 Don Russell P.Arts Centre, Murdoch Drv, Thornlie
 December 6 – 15 Tix: \$19/\$14
Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133

“A Welcome To Christmas” – John Christmass & The New I Voci Singers and Orchestra

Wednesday 12th December @ 11am
 Perth Concert Hall, 5 St Georges Tce, Perth
 Tix: \$35/\$30
Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133

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