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CHATS Productions Inc

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What's Happening?

Welcome to another friendly CHATS newsletter.

While social distancing rules and border restrictions come and go, the theatre community are desperate to get back into life and entertain!

Romeo and Juliet is FINALLY going ahead, (keep your fingers crossed) with rehearsals about to kick back into gear. A few roles are being recast but the show will go on!

Due to social distancing restrictions, only 44 lucky people will be able to see each performance, so you'll need to get in quick if you don't want to miss out. (It's as exciting as finding a golden ticket in your Wonka chocolate bar!!)

Tickets can be purchased in person from the Jetty Theatre or online at

www.jettytheatre.com/romeo-juliet/

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'Coffs Coast News Of The Area', a local, and independent, weekly newspaper, has been warmly received by the Coffs Harbour Community with its' first printed edition released on 31st July.

Bringing the Coffs Harbour region all the local news, online and in print, papers are available every Friday FREE from many local businesses.

And it will come as no surprise to our CHATS members who regularly read an opening night review on Facebook, that our very own David Tune is on the team of writers who will be bringing us the news! (see page 5)

Be sure to follow 'Coffs Coast News Of The Area' on Facebook.

For advertising opportunities email media@news-of-the-area.com.au



Romeo and Juliet



Amy Hancock and Regan Arnold as the star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet.

Our classic Shakespeare tragedy, opens at the Jetty Memorial Theatre on Friday 16th October, with only 10 performances. Due to social distancing regulations, only 44 seats will be sold for each performance. So you'd better get in quick to secure your tickets!

An age-old vendetta between two powerful families, the Montagues and Capulets,

erupts into bloodshed. Masked Montagues gate-crash a Capulet party where Romeo meets and falls instantly in love with Juliet. Juliet feels the same but is promised to another man.

The young lovers secretly arrange to be married the next day.

When a fight breaks out between Tybalt

(Juliet's cousin) and Mercutio, Romeo attempts to intervene. Instead it leads to the death of Tybalt, for which Romeo is banished.

Juliet desperately attempts to be reunited with Romeo with a plot to fake her own death. When things don't go according to plan, the result for the lovesick pair is tragic.

"For never was a story of more woe, than that of Juliet and her Romeo"

Performance Dates

TIMES:

Friday 16 October	8pm
Saturday 17 October	2pm
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Sunday 18 October	2pm
Wednesday 21 October	8pm
Thursday 22 October	8pm
Friday 23 October	8pm
Saturday 24 October	2pm
Saturday 24 October	8pm
Sunday 25 October	2pm

TICKET PRICES:

Adults	\$30
Concession	\$25
Under 16	\$25
Groups 10+	\$25
Wednesday Performances	\$22

All prices include booking fee

NOTE - This event is general admission

www.jettytheatre.com/romeo-juliet/

Call for Ushers!!

We are calling for volunteer Ushers for Romeo & Juliet for the dates listed above.

Ushers are required to be in the auditorium during the performance, which will run for approximately 2 hours plus interval (please note that ushers need to arrive 1 hour before the times shown above).

You will need to wear all black and enclosed shoes for safety, sell programs, usher patrons to their seats, return glasses to the bar and do a quick tidy after the performance.

Please contact our Front of House Manager Helen via purplepopcorn@tpg.com.au to advise your availability if interested.



Marcus Nevin as Tybalt and Nick Knights as Mercutio

President's Chat

Hi all,

I hope this letter finds everyone well.

Sorry it's been awhile between reports, but with the dreaded Covid and not much happening at the theatre there has been very little to report.

During this period the Committee has been meeting regularly, and plotting the return of community theatre.

All will be happy to learn that Romeo and Juliet that was scheduled for April, is going ahead in October. There will possibly be reduced seating capacity but the show will go on. I urge you all to try and attend this wonderful Shakespeare love story. Not only to see a great show, but also show your support for community theatre during

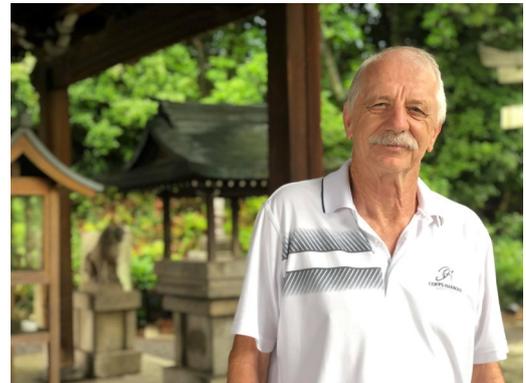
these difficult times.

Natalie and staff at JMT have been working hard to keep the theatre in top notch condition and would love to see you soon.

Meanwhile the Committee are in the process of putting together an exciting season for next year. Surely 2021 has to be an improvement on 2020 (the year that nearly wasn't).

Watch for the newsletter for a date and venue for an exciting new play reading. Come and join in for what promises to be a fun day.

Later this year, in December CHATS will host the annual combined Xmas brunch and this year will be in memory of our beloved wardrobe mistress "Lou" who passed earlier this year.



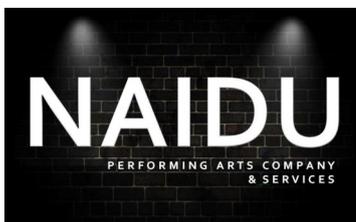
There will be a commemorative plaque unveiled on the day. The sheds will be cleaned and a Covid plan in place, to keep everyone safe.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CHATS Committee, for continuing to plan our future. You guys work hard and should be appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all at Romeo and Juliet.

Regards,
Rex Madigan
PRESIDENT

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Has everyone been enjoying Couch Concerts run by Naidu Performing Arts Company?

Whether you're a singer, musician, dancer, or artist, anyone can submit a performance.

Couch Concerts

Tune in this Sunday night at 8pm to see episode 9, Divas and Crooners!

You'll never know which 'familiar face' you will see pop up to entertain you.

<https://www.facebook.com/naiduperformingarts/>



Play Reading: "In Bed With The Bishops"

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CHATS will be hosting a play reading on Sunday 16th August, 2pm at the Jetty Foreshores, (the South break wall end).

BYO chairs, nibbles and drinks.

A Covid safety plan will be in place. Everyone will need to sign in and out, plus hand sanitise on arrival.

About the play

Written by Melbourne playwright Rob Selzer, In Bed with the Bishops is a fast paced comedy featuring four actors.

It follows the story of Jack, a Psychologist who specialises in marriage counselling, and his experiences in dealing with the Bishops, a power couple who desperately want to have a child.

The story is told through Jack's debriefing sessions with his professional supervisor Zelda and through flashback scenes of Jack working with the Bishops in his office.

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The characters are

JACK Forty-ish. Playful but scares easily.

BETTY Thirty. Blond. Attractive. Impeccable manners. Ruthless.

BARRY Thirty. Handsome. Dumb as a box of hammers but likable.

ZELDA Old. Looks like Golda Mier, talks like her too.

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The set is static, with an office on either side of the stage, and Jack transitions from one to the other with some quick costume changes indicating the difference in time.

The play was written recently and has had a couple of performances to date, and Rob says he is prepared to collaborate on the developing the script if needed.

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New Productions for Theatre Couple

Theatre couple plan their wedding and team up to open a new plant-based kitchen and 'preservery' in Coffs Harbour.

LOCAL community theatre identities Maureen Burgess and Marty Elliott haven't been able to grace the stage recently, but in true fashion are planning to create some unique productions themselves.

"We are doing this out of a sense of adventure and creating something new, just having a crack at it together."

At the end of October they will be tying the knot and getting married, with plans for a socially distanced cake cutting and big bash, by invitation only of course.

On top of this production, they are embarking on an exciting new business venture together, creating a new food experience in Coffs Harbour.

They plan to open a plant-based kitchen and 'preservery' (making their own jams and preserves for sale) and catering to takeaway breakfast and lunch in the city.

Maureen is well known for her colourful approach to life as well as her cooking and catering skills and said, "We are doing this out of a sense of adventure and creating something new, just having a crack at it together."

Marty has been handmaking jams and preserves for 14 years and is particularly proud of his Mongrel Blend which he describes as, "A mix of Oranges, Lemons, Lime, Red Grapefruit and Mandarin, cooked in the traditional manner over many hours."

The idea of this venture, to be called "Fork Knows" grew out of a love of good food and cooking in isolation during the recent lockdown period.

They plan to offer a delicious selection of pies, burgers, curries, soups, seasonal sides and delicacies using the best local seasonal produce, as well as jams and preserves.

Negotiations on a premises are underway, and the grand opening should be announced soon.

PAST SHOWS!! 2012-2014



Autumn Song

Written & Directed by Penny Dennis

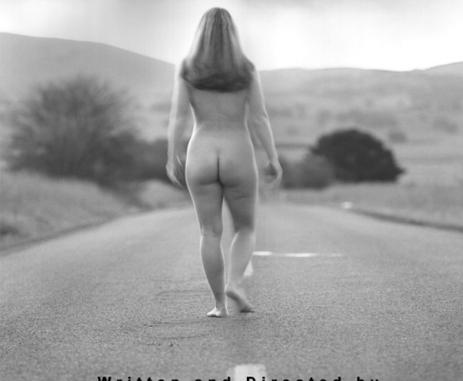
16 - 27 July 2014

Running away was just the start...

CHATS PRODUCTIONS INC. PRESENTS

2 DOORS DOWN

Sex. Death. Family Christmas. Let the fun begin.



Written and Directed by Kelly McLoughlin-Wilden

Coffs Harbour Jetty Memorial Theatre

Warning: This show contains sexual references, explicit language, and adult themes. Not suitable for children.

October 5, 6, 10, 12, 13 8pm
October 7, 13 2pm
Wed 10 Oct 8pm All Tix \$20
Fri 12 Oct 12:30pm All Tix \$15

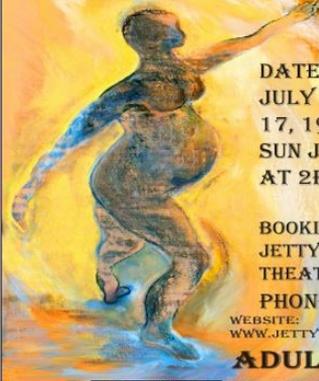
Tickets - www.jettytheatre.com Enquiries - 6652 8088

BY SPECIAL PERMISSION OF MARQUIS ENTERTAINMENT INC. CHATS PRODUCTIONS INC. PRESENTS:

Mum's the Word

CREATED BY: Jill Heam, Linda Curran, Alison Kelly, Barbara Pollard, Robin Nichol, Deborah Williams

DIRECTED BY SHIRLEY BARNETT



DATES:
JULY 10, 12, 13,
17, 19, 20 AT 8PM
SUN JULY 14 & 21
AT 2PM

BOOKINGS AT THE JETTY MEMORIAL THEATRE
PHONE 6652 8088
WEBSITE: WWW.JETTYTHEATRE.COM.AU

ADULTS ONLY

CHATS PRODUCTIONS INC. BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN(tm) THEATRICAL, ON BEHALF OF SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD. presents

Quartet

By Ronald Harwood
Directed by Shirley Barnett

At the Jetty Memorial Theatre
Bookings: 6652 8088 Box Office Open 12-4pm Tues-Fri
www.jettytheatre.com.au



Dates & Prices
OPENS MARCH 26TH 2014

8pm: Mar 26, 27, 28, 29, Apr 2, 4, 5
2pm: Mar 30, Apr 6
Adults: \$25 - \$30 Conc: \$22
2pm Sun 30 Mar, 6 Apr all tix \$20!
Groups 10+ discount available
All tickets + booking fee -

CHATS Productions Inc. presents
by arrangement with Curtis Brown Pty Ltd

Summer of the Seventeenth Doll

by Ray Lawler
Directed by REX MADIGAN



Jetty Memorial Theatre

Ticket Prices: Adults - \$25, Conc., Students & Groups (10+) - \$20, Family - \$55

Dates: 23rd Mar - 1st April
Fri. Sat (23rd, 24th) - 8pm
Sun (25th) - 2pm
Wed (28th) - 10.30am (School Show)
Thurs. Fri. (29th, 30th) - 8pm
Sat (31st) - 2pm, 8pm
Sun (1st April) - 2pm

Tickets Available - Jetty Theatre Box Office
Tues - Fri (12nd - 4pm) - 6652 8088
or Online - www.jettytheatre.com.au

CHATS Productions Inc. presents

David Williamson's "Brilliant Lies"

Directed by Rex Madigan
22nd - 31st March 2013

Mar 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th at 8pm
Mar 24th, 31st at 2pm

Adults - \$26 Conc. - \$23
Sun Mar 24th & Wed 27th (All tickets - \$21)
ADULTS ONLY with explicit language

At the Jetty Memorial Theatre
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