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What's New

After a four-week lockdown, Coffs Harbour is happy that some shows are continuing. CHMCC's production of 'The Wizard of Oz', and HIT Media Solutions 'Twisted' both had to reschedule, but Mamma Mia (CHMCC) and our very own Importance of Being Earnest are still moving ahead.

Tickets are on sale for both shows and with the theatre capacity at 75%, you will need to get in early to secure seats and support your local theatre groups.

<https://www.jettytheatre.com/the-importance-of-being-earnest/>

Earnest requires volunteers to usher as well as a few back-stage hands. See below for performance times:

Friday 15th Oct - 8pm

Saturday 16th Oct - 2pm & 8pm

Sunday 17th Oct - 2pm

Wednesday 20th Oct - 8pm

Thursday 21st Oct - 8pm

Friday 22nd Oct - 8pm

Saturday 23rd Oct - 2pm & 8pm

Sunday 24th Oct - 2pm

Ushers are required to arrive one hour prior to show time. Email info@chats.org.au if you can volunteer to help.

One Act Play Festival UPDATE

There is still time to express your interest as a director for the Festival of One Act Plays going ahead March of next year.

Costumes will be available from the costume shed as well as props, and only minimal sets are expected. Plays should be only 1 hour in length.

Submissions close 30th November.

Email: info@chats.org.au if you are interested.

President's Chat

Dear Members,

Well it seems an age since we put "In Bed With The Bishops" on the stage. October is approaching quickly, and everyone is working against the clock to get "The Importance Of Being Earnest" up to speed. Unfortunately, the cast lost a month's worth of rehearsal time due to COVID lockdown. We did try a couple of zoom rehearsals with mixed success, but you can't beat face to face rehearsal where you can interact with your fellow actors.

Having said all that, as the director I am very pleased with the progress of this production. The cast are polishing their parts and I know the audience are going to thoroughly enjoy this fast-moving comedy.

Oscar Wilde's wit is at the forefront in having a go at British society. Earnest is one of the funniest plays I have seen, with Jack and Algy both trying to maintain their false persona's and Gwendolen and Cecily trying work out who is engaged to Earnest.

Enter Lady Bracknell who is the snob to beat all snobs, who changes her allegiances quickly when she discovers there is money involved. Lane, Algy's butler who at times tries to act well above his station, has some very funny lines as does the doddering old Dr. Chasuble the local pastor, who is delightful in trying to show his affection to Miss Prism, Cecily's mentor.

Lastly, Merrimen the butler adds to this well-rounded comedy.



Please book your tickets at Jetty Theatre: 6648 4930 or online.

The Importance of Being Earnest opens Friday October 15.

CHATS and CHMCC will be looking to hold a combined Christmas party in December, depending on where we are with COVID rules.

Good Luck to Dee Tune and her cast for "Mamma Mia" that goes on stage in November.

To all CHATS members, please come and see both The Importance of Being Earnest and Mamma Mia to show your support to all those that work tirelessly to bring quality theatre to the Coffs Harbour community, particularly in these trying times.

Regards,

Rex Madigan
President



**TRUDY
JEFFERY**

Assistant Director

The Importance Of Being Earnest

We have had an interesting rehearsal period of the 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. We rehearse at East Coast Accessibility Services. The space is great and we have made it our home for rehearsals.

I have loved being AD, seeing the cast grow into their characters and occasionally stepping in for absent cast members for various reasons.

On 14th August, we received notice we were going into lockdown, but this did not stop us from organising Zoom rehearsals. I must admit, we had a few hiccups with technology and only managed to zoom a few times. Despite some health interruptions, our rehearsals managed to carry on.

We were not sure if we were able to go on stage in October, with the uncertainty if lockdown would be lifted or not. The whole cast were determined to keep up with rehearsals and stay positive about making it to the stage.

Lockdown was lifted for us in Coffs Harbour and there were cheers all round. The cast came back rehearsing face-to-face and hit the ground running, with most lines learnt and the interaction between characters really starting to come together. We are still finding ourselves laughing: it is a very amusing play.

I am speaking for everyone when I say we are very much looking forward to tech week and getting on stage. We were fortunate enough to have a rehearsal last Sunday in the theatre, and it felt great. We were able to see the actual stage space and worked out some minor blocking issues.

I am really enjoying working with this fantastic cast and working along side Rex: he is a wonderful director and mentor.

Trudy

Assistant Director



UPCOMING SHOWS!

CHATS PRODUCTIONS, INC. jetty theatre

CHATS Productions, Inc.
Presents
Oscar Wilde's
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
Directed by Mr Rex Madigan
15th - 24th October, 2021
Jetty Memorial Theatre

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www.jettytheatre.com

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COFFS HARBOUR MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY
PRESENTS
MAMMA MIA!
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
**BENNY ANDERSSON
BJÖRN ULVAEUS**
AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON
BOOK BY **CATHERINE JOHNSON**
ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY **JUDY CRAYMER**
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