



February 2019 Edition

# PLAYERS PONDERINGS



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Welcome to the dinner party from HELL! a deliciously disastrous black satirical comedy



## DINNER

Moira Buffini

**Directed by JIM MATSINOS** 

March 1 - 17 Fri & Sat 8pm Sun 2pm

Theatre Bookings Online at www.playerstheatre.org.au Via the Glasshouse 6581 8888 or at the Box Office Cnr Lord & Gordon St 1 hour prior to the show.











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Dear Members,
On the menu for March.

A delicious comedy. A comedy without manners. A comedy to die for ... literally. Men behaving badly. Women behaving badly. Waiters ... well, he's the silent type.

A tango of the exotic.

Dialogue that drips, food that twitches, a delectable feast of liquor, lies and lechery. Yes it's the DINNER from hell served up just for you.

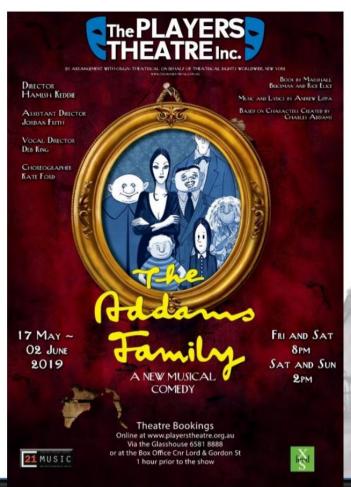
**BE THERE!** 

# Gala Night

Friday March 1st

Complimentary Drink and Finger Food plus a Program







### CAST ANNOUNCEMENT

MORTICIA ADDAMS Simone Sherrin
GOMEZ ADDAMS Tim Gibbs
WEDNESDAY ADDAMS Jayde Willingham
PUGSLEY ADDAMS Reuben Reed
UNCLE FESTER Cherie Kershaw
Wendy Jamison
LURCH Paul Bishop
MAL BEINEKE Steve Harris
ALICE BEINEKE Barbara Sherrin
LUCAS BEINEKE Harley Lindley

Ancestors: Tayla Dures, Bridgette Ford-Chilvers, Maddie Beukers, Thomas Allen, Kirsten Keddie, Wendy Beck, Ashleigh Kiem, Kelsey Martyn, Sarah Wood, Niamh Gahan.

### ADDAMS FAMILY THE MUSICAL UPDATE!

Hello Members,

Hamish Keddie here, Director of Addams Family the Musical, written by Marshall Brickman, Rick Lice, and Andrew Lippa, the musical is based on the popular Addams Family comic strip created by Charles Addams.

Rehearsals are underway, and we are excited by how much progress we have achieved in such a short time.

Watch out for FACEBOOK updates.

Jordan Frith, the Assistant Director, will upload exciting clips of our singing, dancing, and acting!

The world's kooky family is coming to Port Macquarie's Players Theatre Inc this May/June.

The Addams Family musical comedy tells the story of Wednesday Addams, all grown up and fallen in love with a 'normal' American boy. Two worlds are about to clash when the two families meet for dinner!

We know the tune, we know the characters so be amazed at our production full of talented performers.

Do not miss this musical comedy that's full of laughter, love, and hearts!

Hamish Keddie - Director, Addams Family the Musical







Welcome first to our newsletter of 2019! We started our vear with sadness with the sudden passing of Bert Parlevliet but what an "audience" for his send off, a fitting tribute for wonderful man who а touched all our lives in such a positive way. Our aftershow drinks will not be the same & I personally will miss him dearly. Please continue to keep Bert's family in your thoughts & prayers.

As we forge ahead into our 2019 Season, Jim Matsinos and his sensational cast are hard at it putting the final touches on our first production - Dinner. Jim never fails to deliver an excellent production and I'm certain this deliciously disastrous black comedy will be no different. We have a wonderful partnership with Drury Lane for this show so you can enjoy dinner at Drury Lane & Dinner Players! I encourage all of you to get a group of friends together and really make a night of it! If you are a "Face booker" you will notice posts starting to appear for

Dinner and I ask that you help spread the word by If you liked our haven't already Facebook page, do so as its an excellent way we can promote Players and our events ....and its free! Rehearsals for our second production-The Addams Family Musical are now underway and what a cack it will be! We are delighted to welcome Deb King as Vocal Director who brings with her many years of musical knowledge and talent and a big welcome back to the glorious Pat Frank who is joining us as rehearsal pianist. The lovely Kate Ford will undoubtedly turn everyone into fabulous dancers with her sensational choreography and last but certainly not least-Hamish Keddie as Director and Frith Assistant Jordan as Director will hold the whole caboose together and produce a feast for the eyes. Don't miss it!

During our last newsletter we celebrated our successful grant application to replace our air conditioning system. I am delighted to announce that the replacement has now been completed in perfect

time for our season and is working a treat! A huge thank you to everyone involved in the process- particularly Jan Cook & Lisa Harris for writing the submission and for expertly reporting on the project in accordance with the grant requirements and to Guenter Bieniasch who availed himself every day to be the "man on the ground", opening locking and up. More improvements will be seen around the theatre as we continue our gradual upgrade. Skirting will be installed in the foyer and hallway now that our new carpet has been laid and gradual replacement of aging light fixtures to name a few future plans.

I have mentioned a few times how important it is for our members be to actively involved in steering our future course, this means we want to hear from you! Whilst there are factors many and considerations involved with decisions around the management of the theatre, we encourage all of you to put your thoughts, ideas suggestions out there! Pop them in an email or post us a note! Our AGM will be upon us before you know it and I strongly encourage you to consider throwing your hat in the ring, we have an infinite pool of skills and talents in our group that I'm certain would benefit not only the but the entire committee theatre. We must be conscious of always



encouraging fresh, new blood to step up in our theatre so that Players can continue to grow. So, don't be afraid!

We enjoyed our members play reading night for 2019 in January with Nuts- a suspenseful court room drama. These nights really are a great way to socialise with your fellow members and an excellent opportunity to stick your toe in the water and have a read without any pressure. Keep your eye out for the date for our next reading after Dinner. Please feel free to suggest a play you would like to hear read- we are always open to new ideas! Flick your suggestions through president@playerstheatre.org.au or pop it in the letterbox at the box office.

Speaking of playerstheatre.org.au – isn't our new website looking fabulous! A huge thank you to Dan Parlevliet who spent hours transferring years of information over to our new site and working with Steve Harris, our IT guru to iron out the kinks with our ticketing systems.

Another huge thanks to Phil Smith who has spent many hours turning the website into a moving, interactive extravaganza, I'm looking forward to seeing what other exciting things we can do with it!

We must extend a huge thank you to the wonderful Sue Parlevliet who decided to hand over the reins of makeup coordinator at the end of 2018, to the lovely Karina Deichler, Make-up coordinator is so much more than slapping pancake and eye liner on reluctant teenage boys- it's crowd control for a start! We can really hold our own professional amongst productions because of the calibre of makeup skills Sue has not only provided but taught to our members-Thank you Sue!

With our 2019 Season finalised- we are now accepting submissions for the 2020 season.

Remember you can put forward suggestions for productions even if you don't want to direct it! Please contact the Secretary for a submissions pack and send all your suggestions

players.theatre.inc@gmail.com

As always, thank you for your continued dedication to Players and we look forward to working with you all again! Let 2019 be the year you try something new at Playersjoin a backstage crew, volunteer for the bar, learn the ropes in make-up OR audition for a show!!

See you all at Dinner – don't be late!



Simone Sherrin





INFORMATION DAY

Saturday 23rd March at 10am

#### **AUDITIONS**

Saturday 6th April at 10am

At the Players Theatre
Corner of Lord and Gordon Street

Based on the 1952 MGM musical, this classic musical comedy is light, fast, entertaining and really very funny. With its priceless dialogue and upbeat, much loved score it's designed to make you smile the whole way through

#### The Cast

**Principals** 

#### Kathy Selden

Female, Lead

Mezzo-Soprano (high note F5, low note G3), Dancer Early 20s to Early 40s. A talented young actress

#### **Don Lockwood**

Male, Lead

Baritone, (high note G#4/Ab4, low note G2), Dancer Mid 20s to Mid 50s. Gallant and handsome, Movie Star

#### **Miss Dinsmore**

Female, Supporting Spoken Early 40s+, A maternal vocal coach

#### Cosmo Brown

Male, Supporting

Tenor, (high note G#4/Ab4, low note C3), Dancer Mid 20s to Mid 40s. Comic Relief and sidekick

#### R. F. Simpson

Male, Supporting
Spoken
Early 50s+. Sophisticated, magnanimous, film producer.

#### **Lina Lamont**

Female, Supporting
Mezzo-Soprano, (high note D#5/Eb5, low note C4)
Early 20s to Late 40s. Vocally and intellectually challenged, movie star, Diva

#### Featured Roles

There are quite a few featured roles of mixed gender, both vocal and spoken who'll be chosen from the ensemble.

#### **Ensemble**

A relatively large, mixed gender ensemble.



One Act Play Festival is seeking members who would like to submit a One Act Play as the Players Theatre entry.

Players Theatre would sponsor your entry fee of \$50.

Email your request, with the name of your play, or request to direct a play nominated by Players Theatre.

Explain in 25 words or less why Players Theatre should consider you as a Director or sponsored entry. SPONSORS OF ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL 2019



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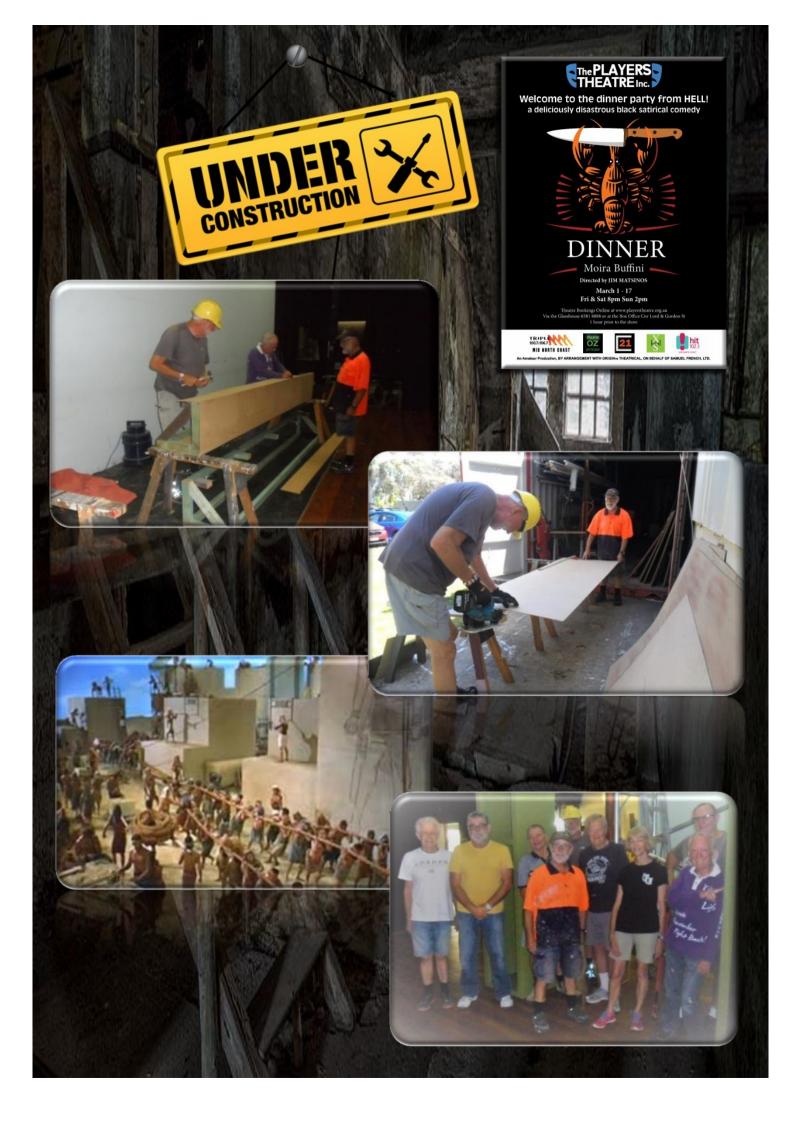
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Hair & Make-up Coordinator

**Karina Deichler** 

Welcome to Karina who joined Players Theatre during our production of Anne Frank & Me back in October 2018 as hair and makeup person. Karina has now stepped into the role of Committee Assistant -Hair & Make-up Coordinator.

Karina is an experienced Hair and Makeup Artist having worked with productions such as the Cinderella Premiere Sydney State Theatre,

Dirty Dancing The Musical (Sydney Lyric), Jesus Christ Superstar UK/Australia Arena Tour and many more. Karina has also worked on a few films which have special effects. One of them was a Fantastic Fear of Everything with Simon Pegg.

We are thrilled to have Karina plying her trade, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Dressing Rooms.



# TRIBUTE TO BERT 5th Sept 1948 – 16th Jan 2019 PARLEVLIET

Performing was a passion for Bert through, the Scout Gang Show in Canberra, leading the music at Mass, and joining the Players Theater in 2004. where he was involved in 25 plus shows performing or stage managing, including his crowning moment performing as Daddy Warbucks in Annie, committing to the role by shaving his head publicly in Port Central, but leaving his trademark bushy

eyebrows intact.

Bert loved music. One of Bert's greatest musical passions which not many really knew, was his love of the Mouth Organ. Bert's amazing ability lead him to playing Black Hills of Dakota the on harmonica during Calamity Jane at the **Players Theatre** 

The Players Theatre community remembers Bert as a true gentleman, and a dedicated thespian. His smile and friendly nature endeared him to all that he worked with as stage manager, backstage assistant, serving behind the bar, or 'treading the boards'.



Bert was a man with the purest heart. particularly when it came to youth and welcoming new members to Players and he will be sorely missed. Bert- thank you for inspiring the next generation in our theatre family & thank you for the memories we all hold dear.



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