

Players Ponderings



**Wishing our members and their families
a very Merry Christmas and a big bright 2024.**

Me and My Girl

Take a bow Adrian Davis along with your cast and crew. Eleven fantastic action-packed performances that had audiences fully engaged and doing "The Lambeth Walk" out into the foyer. It was tragic that due to illness of the cast we lost a whole weekend of shows. Like the troopers they are, the cast and crew rallied and squeezed a well-attended performance into Thursday 16th November which accompanied two full houses.



From the President's Desk

Hello Players Theatre Members and Patrons,

As we wrap up another incredible year, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all a fantastic holiday season and share a quick recap of the awesome things we have accomplished this year.

Firstly, we would like to acknowledge and thank the NSW Government for a grant of \$27,322 through Create NSW, which we were successful in securing this year to replace some of our old sound equipment.

Despite a few hiccups 2023 was a super year, kicking off with the comedy "Get Smart" which had the audience in stitches and introduced a few new faces to our stage. Following this we produced the dancing singing musical "Chicago" which received rave reviews. The thought provoking play "A Doll's House" came next which included leads either new to leading roles or new to our theatre. Finishing off this year with the amazing comedy musical "Me and My Girl" which received glowing reviews despite having to cancel one weekend due to illness.

As we gear up for some well-deserved time with friends and family, let's not forget the true spirit of the season. Whether you're relaxing with a Christmas drink, diving into a mountain of presents, or just taking a breather, make sure to relish these moments.

The Players Theatre is like a big, diverse family, and it's the connections we share that make it special. So, let's spread some holiday cheer and embrace the joy that comes from being part of such a fantastic group.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I'm excited about what's in store for us. Starting off the year with the fantastic musical *Fame the Musical*, we will follow up with a thought and feeling provoking play called *The Harbinger*. Our third show is the hit musical *Legally Blonde* followed by the comedy play *Unnecessary Farce*.

We will conclude 2024 with an amazing showcase of everything 1980's with *Showtime: The Totally Radical Awesome Eighties Boombox Show*, so go through your wardrobes and break out your 80's gear and come in costume.

There's so much potential, and with your continued support, we can make 2024 the best year yet. Thanks to each and every one of you for making Players what it is. I hope your holidays are filled with laughter and love.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cheers,
Steve
President, The Players Theatre

National Seniors

Jenny Gould and Bill Harrow were guest speakers at The National Seniors branch meeting on 14th November. Via a power point presentation, Jenny regaled the seventy plus members present with a comprehensive history of our theatre.

The audience were spellbound listening to Jenny, punctuated with laughter at her funny little anecdotes. Bill then gave a presentation on current events at our theatre taking in how a production is put together. He went on to explain that we are a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers. Both speakers received a resounding round of applause at the conclusion of their talk and Jenny received a very warmly worded email a few days later, thanking her and Bill on an entertaining polished presentation. It was noted that fifteen National Seniors attended Me My Girl after the talk.



Memberships

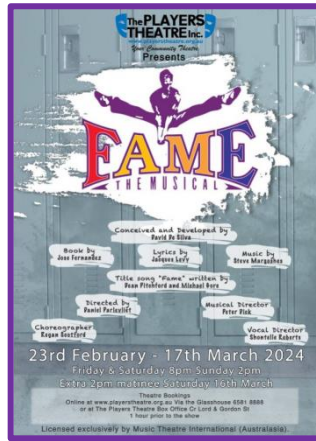
**A reminder to all our members that this is the time of year to
renew your valuable membership.**

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Players Theatre Shows for 2024

FAME – February 2024

At the bustling High School for Performing Arts in New York City, a lively crew of aspiring students embark on a four-year whirlwind of dance, music and drama classes. The stage lights up with Carmen's encounter with a quirky talent scout. Jack's dyslexic dance through high school along with Nick and Serenas hilarious attempts at love scenes. The grand finale at graduation brings laughs, cheers and a heartwarming celebration of friendship. This musical is a rollercoaster of fun, friendship and the pursuit of stardom.



LEGALLY BLONDE – July 2024

Elle Woods thinks she is going on a "marriage proposal" date only to be dumped for not being "serious" enough. After a brief period of tears and Milky Ways, Elle picks herself up, sings, dances, and charms her way into Harvard Law School in an attempt to win back the love of her life. Jam packed with catchy, fun songs and dynamic dances we watch as Elle overcomes bias and stereotyping to discover herself and "OH MY GOD" true love.



The Harbinger – May 2024

A harbinger is traditionally the bringer of news. A herald. A warning. A promise. A storyteller. A dusty old bookshop containing the last tree in the city. A tired old man with only memories for company single-mindedly working toward some goal. A silent young girl burning with questions, seeking shelter from the outside. Her curiosity surrounding the relics around the store prompts the old man to share the story of a young writer trying to leave his mark, and a young woman who finds one haven replaces another as nature vanishes around her.



Unnecessary Farce – October 2024

Two cops, three crooks, eight doors, no waiting Unnecessary Farce is an award-winning stage comedy that combines all the elements of classic farce with an hilarious contemporary plot.



In an economy motel room, an embezzling mayor is supposed to meet with his female accountant. In the room next door, two undercover cops are supposed to catch the meeting on videotape. But there's such confusion as to who's in which room, who's watching the video, who's taken the money, who's hired a hit man, and why the accountant keeps taking off her clothes.

Showtime: Totally Radical Awesome Eighties Boombox Show – November 2024

Get ready to go back from the future to the awesome 80s with a nostalgic showcase concert with a collection of 1980s pop tunes. Audiences will be encouraged to dress up so wax on and wax off your best 80s outfit and your neon leg warmers and rock on down. This blast from the past will be totally radical and awesome you won't want to miss this one. Party on!

