



HATSTAND

HATS INC Theatre Company

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

This is a newsletter full of important information, so pay careful attention!

The most vital is the upcoming AGM (details inside) and also a membership renewal form for the 2004/2005 financial year.

Current HATS memberships expired on July 1st 2004 and will need renewing (with the exception of all the new HATS members who joined for this current season).

If you have any membership renewal questions, please give me a call on 0414 849 028 or e-mail hatstheatre@yahoo.com.au

Until next edition,
Laura ☺

DIRECTORS WANTED!



We are seeking applications from interested people to direct in 2005/2006. The Seasons include our new "Play in a Day", Pantomime, 1 Act Plays and a full length production. *We are particularly interested in directors for the 1 Act Play Season. This is an ideal opportunity for people who are interested in directing but don't have a lot of experience.*

The first Production for 2005 will be Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. We encourage all who are interested in directing this classic, or have another submission to replace it, to contact us asap. Submissions for other seasons are still being accepted, with the Cut off dates being - 1 Act Plays (December 2004) and Pantomime (March 2005).

Submissions for 2006 (all seasons) can be made at anytime, cut off dates to be advised shortly.

If you would like more information, or to submit a proposal for one of these seasons, please contact the Chairman, Michelle Swann, on 9898 3954.

Also – HATS is always interested in hearing from people who are wanting to try their hand at various aspects of theatre work, areas that we have available include:

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| * Production Management | * Stage Managing | * Front of House |
| * Tickets | * Set Construction | * Costumes |
| * Backstage | * Lighting / Sound | * Publicity |

Don't worry if you don't have any experience, we are always happy to train anyone willing to 'have a go!' If you would like more information about any of these areas please contact a member of the HATS committee.

Just finished.....

Threesome

2004 1 Act Play Season

2 Men & A Wheelbarrow

Written by Michael Olsen

Directed by Laura Bradley

Starring Narelle Olsen & Stella Glorie

Back Pocket

Written by Michael Jeffery

Directed by Laura Bradley

Starring Luke Tarrant, Claire Benne, Damian
Vuleta & Janeen Sonsie

Help Us, We're Idiots

Written by Bruce Foot

Directed by Peter Nathan

Starring Cameron South, David Dodd and
Emily O'Reilly

Three unique and original one act plays performed during July 2004. Well done to everyone involved, both on stage and off. The final productions were fantastic, and we look forward to finding out how well they go at the Festivals in August.

THREESOME cast & crew
at the show's AFTER PARTY



Coming Up next.....

An Ideal Husband

Written by Oscar Wilde

Directed by Yvonne Manley

Performance details are as follows:

Friday & Saturday

12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27th November 2004
at 8pm

Sunday November 21st 2004

Matinee performance at 2pm

Koonung Heights Uniting Church Hall
Cnr Belmore & Winfield Roads
Balwyn North (Melways 46 J5)

Tickets are

\$15 adults, \$12 concession
\$10 members/groups of 10+

Booking number 0400 007 278

All enquiries, please contact HATS Chairman,
Michelle Swann, on 9898 3954

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear Member,

You are personally invited to attend our next Annual General Meeting. We will be providing a summary of the previous year's productions and our plan for the next twelve months. You will be able to vote for four committee positions which are up for election. You can nominate someone for those positions or arrange for someone to nominate you. A nomination form is enclosed in this newsletter. A proxy form is also included so you can cast your vote, even if you cannot attend in person.

Your membership will also be up for renewal unless you have very recently joined the company. Forms are also included and you can renew your membership on the night.

The AGM will be held on Sunday August 22nd at 29 Mayfair Ave, Lower Templestowe. This year we will be trying a more casual approach with a barbeque to be held first, starting at 1.30pm. BYO food and drink (and portable bbq if you have one!).

So come along and be involved in a very important and necessary part of your theatre company.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Michelle Swann
Chairman

N.B: Nomination forms must be received by the Secretary no later than seven (7) days before the AGM. Please send all nominations to Laura Bradley, 29 Mayfair Ave, Lower Templestowe, 3107 or e-mail hatstheatre@yahoo.com.au

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Message from the Secretary

Dear fellow HATS Member,

With the rising costs in insuring our company, this year sees the first rise in Membership fees in many years.

To insure HATS against Liability, costs us \$1300 a year, which eats into the money we have available to produce the top quality productions we currently create. When you think about all the costs involved in bringing a production to the stage (hall hire, rights, costumes, set etc), you can see how easy it is to run out of money.

It is due to these rising costs that the committee has made the decision to increase the cost of membership effective this year (04/05). Membership now costs \$25 for adults, \$15 concessions or \$50 families. I think you'd all agree that this is a small price to pay for the chance to be a part of our fabulous theatre company.

Don't forget that as a member, you are able to purchase tickets at a discounted MEMBERS ONLY price of \$10. This is cheaper than even concession. You also receive free copies of your member newsletter HATSTAND a minimum of three times a year, keeping you up-to-date with all HATS events and news. Membership also grants you the right to have a say in the running of the company, with the right to vote at the AGM as well.

If you have any questions, or feedback, please drop me an e-mail via the new HATS e-mail address, hatstheatre@yahoo.com.au.

On behalf of the HATS Committee, I'd like to thank you for your membership over the 2003/2004 year, and encourage you all to renew your membership using the form enclosed in this newsletter.

See you at the AGM,

Laura Bradley
HATS Secretary

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AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday August 22nd 2004

1.30pm (BBQ)

3.00pm (AGM)

Chairman

Michelle Swann

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2003 AGM
4. Business Arising from minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Reports
 - Chairman
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Creative Director
 - Ticket Secretary
 - Front of House
 - Publicity
 - Resource Manager

- Venue Liaison
- Newsletter
- Lyrebirds

7. Discussion arising from reports
8. Committee positions declared vacant
9. Election of Office Bearers
10. Voting – General Committee
11. General Business
12. Close