

PROMPTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HEIDELBERG THEATRE COMPANY

HTC's DIRECTORS IN 2007

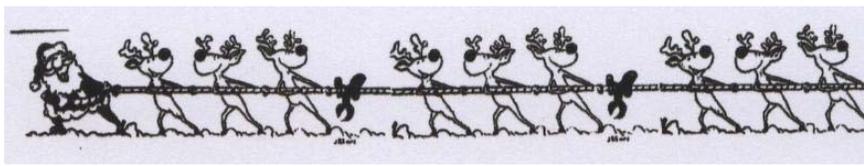
Five great plays coming your way next year and here we introduce the Directors.

The Company is pleased to welcome Dianne Mileo as director of the first play of the 2007 Season. Dianne will direct the comedy, **Caravan** by Donald Macdonald. This is the first time Dianne has directed for the Company but she will be well known to HTC audiences as an actor, appearing in amongst other shows, **Dancing At Laughnasa** and most recently **The One Day Of The Year** in 2005. .

Joan Moriarty will direct **Dinner** by Moira Buffini, the second production in our 2007 Season. Joan has played many roles at HTC over the years, both on stage, as a director and actor and as a Committee Member. Her directorial debut was with **Long Day's Journey Into Night** in 1988 and since then audiences have enjoyed a wide range of offerings under Joan's expert hand, from classic pieces including **Medea** in 1993, to the contemporary Australian play, **Wicked Sisters** in 2005.

The Grapes of Wrath adapted by Frank Galati from the novel by John Steinbeck, the third play in our 2007 Season, will be directed by Chris Baldock. Chris was last seen on stage at HTC as **The Knacker** in **The Knacker's ABC**, which opened our 2006 Season. Chris last directed at HTC in 2003 with **The Rise And Fall Of Little Voice** and the Company is delighted to welcome him back to lead this production.

After the huge success of



All HTC Subscribers, Members & Friends of the Company are cordially invited to the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN-HOUSE AWARDS

Adjudicators: Judi Clark, David Dare and Helen Robinson

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CHRISTMAS PARTY on Sunday, 17th December commencing 3pm at the THEATRE

and includes the presentation of the
Bill Cherrey Award for Service to the Company

Thankyou for your patronage in 2006
HTC looks forward to your continued support in 2007

Noises Off in 2005, Chris Mclean is back on board to direct another award winning comedy, **The Memory Of Water** by Sheelagh Stephenson. Chris has had a long association with HTC as actor and generally very useful person to have around and now that he has added directing to his list of 'can do's', the sky's the limit!

The Lady In The Van by Alan Bennett, the final offering in our 2007 Season, will be directed by David Dare. David is a well known figure in the non-professional theatre world in Melbourne and the Company is delighted to have him directing this delicious comedy. This year David has been one of our Adjudicators for the In-House Awards.

What a line up!!

So do come along and support HTC, your neighbourhood Theatre, in 2007. The enclosed Playbill includes details of the plays for the **2007 Season** and Subscription options, which include generous discounts to Subscribers and Members as well as concessions for Group Bookings along with details of Gift Subscriptions and Gift Vouchers.

As well the Playbill includes a list of roles that you can play at HTC in 2007. So if you would like to try your hand at something different next year, why not look to becoming involved with the Company; at a working bee, backstage or front of house. New faces are always welcome.

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**HTC Committee
Member –
Dennis Pain**



(above) Dennis working on the set of **Noises Off**



(left) The finished set.

Dennis's interest in amateur theatre started while living in Geelong in the 1950's, where he worked with the Geelong Association of Music & Arts (GAMA) in stage management, set building and lighting. In 1955, after having returned to England for a year, Dennis came back to Australia and moved to Melbourne where he was an active member of a number of amateur theatre groups, including the Garrick Repertory Theatre in South Yarra. After a few years, family commitments took him away from the theatre and then, after a gap of 30 years he returned to the amateur theatre scene when he joined HTC.

Dennis's first involvement in HTC came when he joined the company as Assistant Stage Manager for **The Ham Funeral**, the first play in the Company's 2001 Season. He would often pass by the theatre during the week and one day he decided to look in and join. Dennis became a subscriber at the same time as becoming involved with mounting the Company's shows.

Dennis has represented the Set Builders on the Committee since 2002, when he was seconded onto the Committee. As well he often leads the Set Building Team and enjoys the challenge of working with the Team to transform the designers' sketches into working sets. When not actually set building, Dennis can often be found at the Theatre working on other projects to improve the Theatre's facilities. These include the rebuilding of the paint shed and the latest, a removable table top to accommodate all the Committee Members at their monthly meetings. Until 2004 he was also the Company's photographer but found this role clashed with his set building duties.

Dennis also organizes the videoing of shows and more recently has become involved in OH&S at HTC. He spends a lot of time designing and building sets, together with a talented crew of five, and he gets a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction out of the role. His favorite set (and also the biggest challenge!) was the one for **Noises Off**.

HTC Youth presents

Is it the head, the heart or madness that rules?! – **COSI!!!**

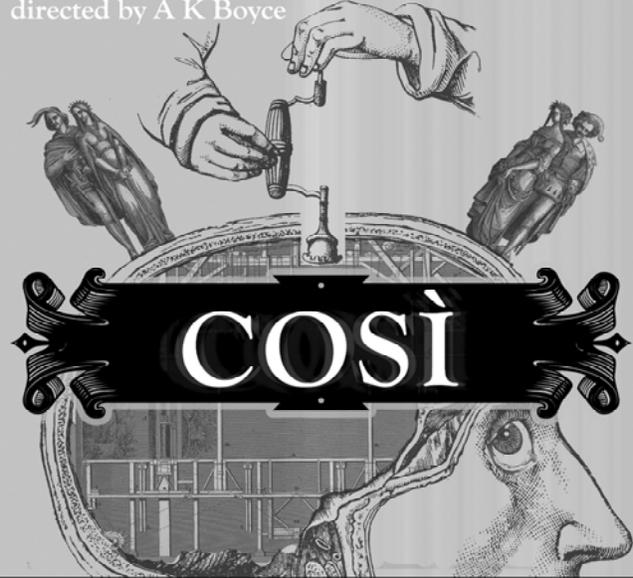


HEIDELBERG
THEATRE
COMPANY

YOUTH

by Louis Nowra
directed by A K Boyce

by arrangement with
HLA Management



8-9 & 13-16 Dec 2006 at 8.15pm
ENQUIRIES 9457 4117 All Tickets \$10



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It's the early 70s. A questionable war is raging and the community is divided. Free love, freedom of expression and individuality will soon give way to 'no free lunches'. As usual, the unfortunates, those deemed 'not normal' are ignored and mostly unheard of, kept out of sight and 'out of mind'. It's then. It could be now.

In Melbourne, Lewis, a young man takes on the challenge of working with a group of these people to 'bring them out of their shells'. In an unused, old hall we witness this as they face the daunting, nigh impossible task of mounting a production of *Così Fan Tutte*, no less. There is chaos and confrontation mixed with great hilarity. With patience and perseverance (and a few changes!) it all works out.

The play, and the play within reveal the participants' strengths, weaknesses and insights. They both ask questions about the nature of love, trust, fidelity and commitment. What's important? What makes us tick?

Behold, HTC Youth's production of Louis Nowra's *Così*. The cast features familiar and new talent on the HTC stage.

Don't miss it!

And here's another one not to miss!

Hoy Polloy in association with Baggage Productions present

Killing Jeremy by Bridgette Burton
directed by **Wayne Pearn**

a play about hurting the one you love.

Season: **1 – 16 December**, Wed – Saturdays & Sun 10th at 8.15pm
Carlton Court House, 349 Drummond Street Carlton
Tickets: **9016 3784** or hoypolloy@bigpond.com

HEIDELBERG THEATRE COMPANY

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Heidelberg Theatre Company Inc. will be held at the Theatre, 36 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna, on **SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER, 2006 at 3:00pm**

BUSINESS

1. Opening of the meeting by the President
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 2005.
4. Business arising from the Minutes.
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. 2006 Play Season Report
8. Election of Six Committee Members
9. General Business

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations are invited for six positions on the Committee of the HEIDELBERG THEATRE COMPANY INC.

The nomination form below must be signed by the Proposer, Seconder and Nominee and returned to the Secretary by **THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER, 2006**.

The retiring committee members, who are eligible for re-election, are:-

Bruce Akers Alice Bugge Wendy Drowley Brett Hunt
Maureen McInerney Tim McLaughlin Joan Moriarty

Please complete and **return** by **THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER, 2006**.

NOMINATION FORM

The Secretary
HEIDELBERG THEATRE COMPANY INC.,
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(P.O. BOX 141),
ROSANNA, 3084

(Fax: 9457 2078)

(BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

I wish to nominate.....for the HEIDELBERG THEATRE COMPANY Committee.

Signed.....**PROPOSER**

Signed.....**NOMINEE**

Signed.....**SECONDER**

Date.....

COMING EVENTS AT HTC

December

Saturday 2nd 8.15pm

Final Night – The Front Page

Friday 8th - Saturday 9th
Wednesday 13th – Saturday 16th
at 8.15pm

HTC Youth Production COSI
(see page 2 for details)

Tuesday 12th

Heidelberg Film Society – Christmas Party at the RSL Heidelberg
87 Mount Street. 6.30 for 7pm Contact Gwen for details **9497 3265**

Sunday 17th 3.00pm

**Annual General Meeting, In House Awards
& Christmas Party**

What's the Goss?

HELP TO SPREAD THE WORD....

HTC would like more people to know about its forthcoming productions and it is you, our loyal audience, who can help spread the word.

If you have already picked up a Playbill at the Theatre then please pass the enclosed Playbill to a friend or neighbour and introduce them to the delights of community live theatre at HTC.

And if you would like more copies to pass on to friends, or if you know of a prominent place to display our classy Playbills, contact our Ticket Secretary, or call the Theatre on **9457 4117**.

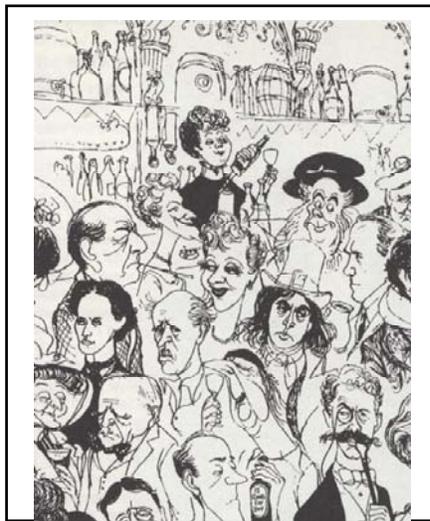
THERE IS LIGHT & SOUND

And it's thanks to a great team, **Luisa Stephens, Margaret Hassall, Adrian Dean, Broden Kelly and Tim McLaughlin**. Again with this show, when the Program went to be printed, who was to do the job wasn't known. So the Committee and **The Front Page** cast and crew say thanks to the team in the bio-box for a great job.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE.....?

It's been a busy year for the Company with much toing and froing of members between the Theatre and foreign parts! Even before the curtain had come down on **Cat**, Geoff Hickey had headed for Europe and as soon as it did, Sandy Green and her husband Ian were off to meet up with Geoff for a well earned break in an Italian villa. Joining them on this idle were Committee Member Wayne Pearn and HTC member Tim Williamson. Earlier in the year it was difficult to keep up with our Treasurer Bruce Akers as he flitted between Australia, New Zealand and the States and fellow Committee Members Joan Moriarty, Lena Minto and June Cherrey also enjoyed sojourns in exotic lands.

And in 2007 your Editor's hand is up for her turn! So if you've always thought you'd like to 'ave a go at *Prompts*, then here is your chance! If you are interested to know more drop an email to our HTC mailbox and I'll be back in touch before you have time to change your mind! And the word is going o/s is not the only way to have a good time. Julie Hall, HTC Life Member and ready-to-give- anything-a-try person had a great year right here, well some of it took place in Sydney; where her son Stephen married his sweetheart, Judie, and Julie became Nanna to the beautiful, Lily, and the icing on the cake - they have just set up house in Melbourne. So in 2007 Julie won't be going nowhere - maybe I can interest her in the Editor's job, or what about a promotion for one of those reporters from **The Front Page**mmm.



"THANK YOU!"

to all those subscribers and members who have given so freely of their time to ensure the smooth running of Front-of-House.

Have you considered becoming more involved with the Company, then Front-of-House is an excellent way to start! We are a very amiable group, and would welcome you with open arms.

Patricia, our FOH Co-ordinator would love to hear from you - phone her on **9459 2235** - it really is rewarding to feel you are carrying out an essential task. Imagine - No sherries! No-one to welcome you into the theatre! No interval coffee or wine! How dull!! Help to keep FOH going, call Patricia now!

Season's greetings to all and a prosperous and drama filled 2007.

See you next season and at the A.G.M. and Christmas Party!

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR FAVOURITE GROUP OR CHARITY IN 2007?

GROUP BOOKINGS to HTC's 2007 Season is a great idea.

Generous concessions apply for groups of 10 or more.
Like more details? Please call June at the Theatre on **9457 4117**.

HTC's CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Tickets for the renowned HTC Christmas Hamper are currently on sale at Front of House during the season of **The Front Page**, **COSI** and at the **AGM**.

The winner will be drawn at the **Christmas Party on Sunday 17th December**. So buy a ticket to support the Company and Good Luck.

SUBSCRIBERS PLEASE NOTE

To reserve the same seats in 2007 as you had for the 2006 Season please return your Subscription Form as soon as possible.

SEATS WILL BE ALLOCATED IN ORDER OF RECEIPT
we would appreciate the return of your subscription form before Friday, 19th JANUARY, 2007

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

presents a problem? not if you give



Gift Vouchers

for the **HTC 2007 Season**
Details in the Playbill or call **9457 4117**



Delight your friends and loved ones with a **Gift Subscription to HTC's 2007 SEASON**

complete the Gift Subscription details in the Playbill and post it together with your payment to our Subscription Secretary.

There is nothing more for you to do, it is so simple, we take care of the rest.

All of your Christmas Gift giving worries are over! Gift Subscriptions are available for

3, 4 or 5 plays in the Season.

If you would like more information call the Theatre on **9457 4117**.

HTC YOUTH

If you are in the 15 to 25 age group and would like to be a part of HTC Youth in 2006, in any capacity; actor, technician or behind the scenes, give the Theatre a call - **9455 3039**.