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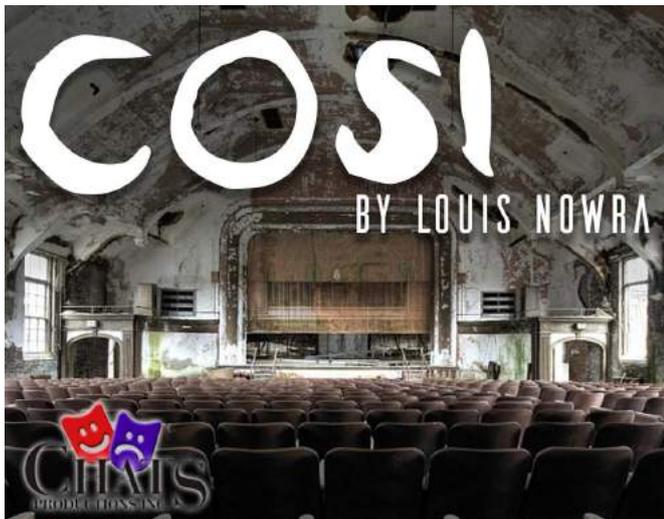
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COSI by Louis Nowra - July at the Jetty



The cast is:

Lewis Kaiyai Doenau
Roy Geoffrey Scotford
Cherry Becky Cole
Doug Michael Smith
Ruth Jennifer Thompson
Henry David Quinn
Zac Mark Fifield
Nick Daniel Lowden
Lucy Samatha Rogers
Julie Angela Robinsen
Justine Allison Lowden

Opens July 20 - 31 at the Jetty Memorial Theatre

Casting is complete and rehearsals are already underway of the wonderful *Cosi*, a great Australian classic. Under the guidance of director, Judi Williams, and assistant director, Rory Banwell, we are sure to see a play that will be funny, shocking, heart-warming all wrapped up in one.

Congratulations to everyone who was lucky enough to gain a part in the play. But we can't let the audition process pass without saying how extremely hard it was to cast, because so many fine people turned up - Judi and Rory were thrilled and amazed by the talents on display.

Cosi is a splendid Australian play by Louis Nowra, set in the radical seventies and places a new director in a position where he is coerced into directing a motley group of mental health patients into performing an opera by Mozart. The major problem is no one can sing or speak Italian.

Welcome to new members, Anne and Rob Simpson of Urunga and Caroline Thompson

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"Noises Off... I absolutely loved this production. It turned out to be the most belly-achingly funny, rib-splitting, roll-in-the-aisles-laughing play I have ever seen... The cast and crew were brilliant."

Anne Simpson, Urunga.

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TWELFTH NIGHT by William Shakespeare

"IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY ON, GIVE ME EXCESS OF IT; THAT SURFEITING, THE APPETITE MAY SICKEN, AND SO DIE."

— WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
TWELFTH NIGHT



We have another Shakespeare ahead – this time, the delightful romantic comedy, *Twelfth Night*. It has been described as the 'most perfect play' in the Shakespeare canon.

The dramatic story of separated twins – each believing the other drowned: cross dressing – Viola disguises herself as a boy – is enlivened by comedy and song.

The eccentric comic characters in *Twelfth Night*, with their extreme physi-

cality still make us laugh and the word play is sparkling. An ensemble piece, there are great roles for all ages and types.

A reading of the full play will take place on Sunday 15th May at 1.30pm at 77 Brodie Drive. Please note that **this is not an audition, but will help those interested to find out more about the play.**



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members and Friends,

The 2016 CHATS theatre season has begun with a bang. *Noises Off* directed by myself and Dave Tune was a huge success. The play was well received and although it ran through Easter the people just kept coming. I have never seen so many walk-ins in my time with CHATS, this was purely driven by word of mouth. Thanks to all that saw it and told someone else how funny it was.

The cast was brilliant and worked hard to bring it together. The rehearsals started back in November. Thanks to Frank, Merv, Tom and Neville for a fantastic set that worked beautifully – all those doors! As usual the show can't happen without volunteers backstage and front of house – you guys and gals are wonderful. Just to finish off... two weeks later I am still getting congratulations from people I see and by email.

Next up we are presenting *Cosi* directed by Judi Williams and assisted by Rory Banwell. *Cosi* goes on in July and I am sure it will be a hit. I was a little surprised that a remark came to me that one of the cast members did not audition. I can assure you all that all cast members were auditioned in an open manner that CHATS always adheres to. Having said that the cast is a strong one and I am sure will present a great play under Judi's watchful eye.

Keep an eye out for the *Twelfth Night* play-reading com-

ing up soon. Shirley will be holding auditions in the next couple of months. *Twelfth Night* is on in October and is our way of commemorating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death in 2016.

Please look out for theatre news and support the Jetty Memorial Theatre whenever you can. Thanks David, Natalie and Deb for being there in support of community theatre.

That's all folks
Rex

PS. Don't forget to book your tix for *Pirates of Penzance!*

CLASSIC NOISES OFF...

- "I'VE FORGOTTEN THE SARDINES! OH, NO, I HAVEN'T. I MUST GO INTO THE KITCHEN AND MAKE SOME MORE SARDINES... TO CELEBRATE!"
- "POPPY? OH, I WON'T THANK YOU. IT STOPS ME SLEEPING."
- "I SHOULDN'T BUY ANYTHING AS TARTY AS THIS. OH, IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU GAVE ME, IS IT?"
- "LET'S JUST GET THROUGH IT FOR DOORS AND SARDINES."
- "SHE JUST BURST INTO THE ROOM AND HER DRESS FELL OFF!"

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Mud Hut in Duke Street on Saturday 20th February. Thank you to everyone who came along - it was great to see lots of familiar faces.

Reports came from Rex, our Acting Treasurer David Tune, and Penny.

An Election of Committee Members and Office Bearers was held and we are pleased to introduce your new committee.

Please be aware that we are always looking out for more people to join the committee - you don't have to wait for an AGM. Just let Rex or any committee member know of your interest and we'll take it from there.

And here's the new committee:

Rex Madigan President

Marty Elliott Vice President

David Tune Treasurer

Penny Dennis Secretary

David Quinn Committee Member

Wendy Jeffery Facebook Editor

Dee Tune Membership Secretary

Along with the committee, we must give a special mention to Helen Plummer who has been looking after the CHATS website.

Our very great thanks also to resigning Committee Members, Shirley Barnett and Arlene Cole for their tireless efforts, enthusiasm and sheer love of all things theatre. Thank you, sweet ladies.



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AND FINALLY FOLKS...

OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



Welcome to our newest Committee Member, Dee Tune, who has kindly taken on the role of Membership Secretary.

A familiar face to both CHATS and CHMCC members, Dee is a busy mother of three - one for each of the octaves she can reach with her amazing voice - as well as working full-time at the Coffs Health Campus.

We don't quite know how she does it, but do it she does and rather well, too.

Do get in touch with Dee if you have any membership enquiries

Welcome aboard, Dee!

NOISES OFF... and thanks from us.

What a ride! We hope you didn't miss this one as Noises Off proved to be a wonderful high-energy, super-funny show that was enjoyed by so many people.

After four months of strenuous rehearsal in the heat and humidity of this endless summer, the cast and crew finally brought it all together - the madness, the mayhem and, miraculously, it all worked.

Thanks to all involved - the many hours that the team put in were all so worth it, because they turned out a terrific show.

And special thanks to the audiences who not only bought tickets but went away afterwards and spread the word to their friends and families and even wrote a glowing review to the newspaper. The feeling the cast got from such wonderful crowds was just marvellous and made all the hard work worthwhile. Thank you all so much and we hope to see you at the next CHATS show!



COMING SOON...

