

# JUST CHATTING



CHATS PRODUCTIONS INC.

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## COSI is coming! Book now!



*Cosi* is a funny, heart-warming Australian play by Louis Nowra, set in the radical 1970s. It 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.

*Cosi* is both funny and dramatic in turn - it is an insightful look at attitudes to mental health and the way we viewed the Vietnam War. It was a major Australian film in the 1990s featuring Toni Collette and Ben Mendelsohn - how young they look! The cast are going great guns at rehearsals and can promise a terrific show. We have to thank Rory Banwell for some amazing photographs, too.

**Cosi opens July 20 - 31  
at the Jetty Memorial  
Theatre.**

**[www.jettytheatre.com](http://www.jettytheatre.com)**

**Box Office 6652 8088**



Welcome to **new members** from the *Cosi* cast and crew, Jennifer Thompson and Summer White, Rory Banwell, Alison and Daniel Lowden, Mark Fifield, Angela Robinsen.



**Roy:** We're going to do "Cosi Fan Tutte", the opera.

**Doug:** What, Little Richard wrote an opera? Tutti Frutti the opera?

**Roy:** It's an opera by Mozart, you low life.

### Cosi Tickets

\$25 standard adult, \$22 Concession

Special High School student price \$10 (Cash sales only at the door and must show ID)

Sun 24th (2pm) and Weds 27th (8pm) - all tickets only \$20

Plus \$2 Booking Fee (online/phone bookings only)

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“IN NATURE  
THERE'S NO  
BLEMISH BUT  
THE MIND.  
NONE CAN BE  
CALLED  
DEFORMED BUT  
THE UNKIND.”  
— WILLIAM  
SHAKESPEARE,  
TWELFTH NIGHT

## TWELFTH NIGHT ... Auditions!!!



## AUDITION NOTICE

This Sunday afternoon at the Light-house Studio at the Jetty High School, Coffs Harbour at 1pm.

Director Shirley Barnett is looking for 3 female and up to 11 male actors for *Twelfth Night*, which goes on stage in October this year.

Enthusiasm will always trump experience at CHATS, so please don't be put off from auditioning...

If you have a passion for Shakespeare and 'treading the boards' then come along and try out.

Excitingly, we have also secured a special **Bell Shakespeare Comedy Workshop for a date in August** which all cast members will be attending.

Please call Shirley Barnett if you would like more details - or just turn up. But please be prompt... we start at 1pm sharp. Tel: **6651 9098**

## MORE COSI PIX...



## PLAY SUBMISSIONS for 2017

The CHATS Committee is seeking submissions of plays for consideration for our three 2017 productions. Members, Friends and potential Directors are invited to be involved in the process of selecting what shows we produce next year and beyond. Plays that have a "Director attached" will be especially welcomed.

The Committee plans to host two play readings, one in June and one in September, to showcase some of these plays and give members a chance to have input into the final selection process.

Submissions can be sent to [info@chats.org.au](mailto:info@chats.org.au) or via any of the CHATS Committee Members - contact details are on our webpage: [www.chats.org.au](http://www.chats.org.au) or Facebook page; CHATS Productions Inc.

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# June/July 2016

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members and Friends,

Here we are half the year nearly gone and one play finished. Where does the time go?

CHATS is preparing for *Cosi* with rehearsals well underway and the cast is doing a wonderful job. Under the guidance of Judi Williams directing and assisted by Rory Banwell, the play is coming together nicely. It is great to see a good group of newcomers to CHATS fitting in well with the other more experienced regulars. Please keep a watch as we will soon be looking out for FOH and backstage volunteers to help make *Cosi* a success. The play is on in July.

I have some great news as far as Jetty Memorial Theatre is concerned – the 'old girl' has had a total repaint inside and out and is in the process of getting new carpet and new (comfortable) seats. New foyer lighting is also adding to the glamour and the whole thing looks fabulous. Theatre manager, David Brammah needs a big thank you for making it all happen.

In other news, I have been voted in to take Shirley Barnett's place as president of ACCTS (The Association of Coffs Community Theatres). Shirley has been a wonderful ambassador for all the community theatre groups in the Coffs Harbour area.

A great many people would not realise the amount of times she has led the charge in making sure community theatre gets a fair share of say in the running of the JMT. I hope that I can be a worthy replacement and continue the good work.

Congratulations to Comedy Company with a great season of *Pirates of Penzance* which has just finished. Well done to director John Greene, assisted by Di O'Ferrall, and to all the cast – great job, and what a great set!

Coming up after *Cosi* is William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, directed by Shirley. Auditions are this weekend at the Jetty High School. If you need any information you can ring me on 0421756618 or email [rexmadigan@gmail.com](mailto:rexmadigan@gmail.com)

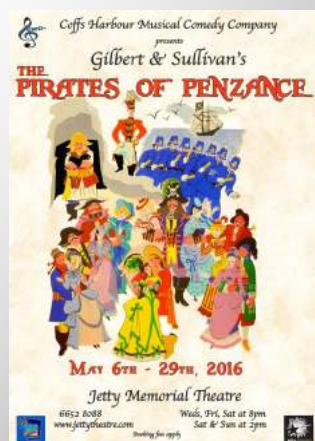
Last but not least we are still looking for directors with a play to fill next year's program. So don't be shy – if you are a director or budding director please contact me. All submissions will be considered.

That's it for now.  
Rex Madigan



Rex as 'Menelaus' in the 2010 CHATS production, *Trojan Women*.

Congratulations to John Greene and our friends at the Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company for their wonderful production of *Pirates of Penzance*. What a terrific show - funny, great voices and just sheer pleasure! Hope you all got to see it. Jolly good show, me hearties!



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### COMING IN September... and November

