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TWELFTH NIGHT

CHATS will be presenting 'Twelfth Night' in October, and Director Shirley Barnett stated "The workshop was a great help in freeing the comedic instincts of the actors." There is some wonderful physical comedy in 'Twelfth Night', in fact many lovers of Shakespeare feel it is the most 'laugh out loud' of all his works. CHATS is delighted that our celebration of the 400th Anniversary of Shakespeare's death will feature this iconic comedy.



CAST LIST

Viola	Beth Hennes
Sebastian	Jaidyn McGrory
Duke Orsino	Michael Sutherland
Olivia	Wendy Jeffery
Malvolio	Allan Green
Feste	Nadine Flick
Maria	Becky Cole
Sir Toby Belch	Leo Bradney-George
Sir Andrew Aguecheek	Sean Bradney-George
Antonio	David Quinn
Fabian	Mark Fifield
Captain	Rex Madigan
Curio	Jake Ahern
Valentine	Alex Butler
Serving maids (Olivia)	Lehanne Whittaker
	Jessica Young
Serving maid (Orsino)	Nicola McLennan
Seaman	Elijah Mackie

TWELFTH NIGHT PERFORMANCE DATES

Thursday	13th October	8 pm Opening Night
Friday	14th October	8 pm
Saturday	15th October	8 pm
Sunday	16th October	2 pm (all tickets \$20.00)
Wednesday	19th October	8 pm (all tickets \$20.00)
Friday	21st October	8 pm
Saturday	22nd October	8 pm
Sunday	23rd October	2 pm

Meet the twins!

CHATS Productions new show, Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* presents many problems to a director - not least the need for a believable pair of twins. Director Shirley Barnett is over the moon at her Viola and Sebastian - Beth Hennes and Jaidyn McGrory. Director Shirley Barnett stated "It is incredible to find two such talented young actors with the right look for the twins. The whole cast gasped when we first put them together."

The Twins join a strong cast, featuring Wendy Jeffery, Michael Sutherland, Alan Green, Nadene Flick, Leo and Sean Bradney-George, Becky Cole, Rex Madigan, David Quinn, Alex Butler, Mark Fifield, and Lehanne Whittaker: and introducing Jake Ahern, Jessica Young, Nicola McLennan, and Elijah Mackie. A great team! Directed by Shirley Barnett, assisted by Arlene Cole.



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Bell Shakespeare Company Workshop

“SOME ARE BORN GREAT, SOME ACHIEVE GREATNESS, AND SOME HAVE GREATNESS THRUST UPON THEM” — WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, TWELFTH NIGHT



An enthusiastic group of some 40 local actors enjoyed a comedy workshop with Matilda Ridgway, from the Bell Shakespeare Company, presented by CHATS. Matilda is centre front, wearing a white singlet.

Matilda is an experienced educator and much-awarded actress- you may remember her as Ophelia in the Bell Company's production of Hamlet.

Matilda wrote to us, “I had such a great time with your lovely theatre troupe and Shakespeare group. I hope they got a lot out of it! All the best for your production of

“Twelfth Night”, and please let me know when it's on. If I'm free I will definitely try to come up there!”

The full day workshop attracted almost the full cast of ‘Twelfth Night’, as well as actors from local groups, including Grafton and Dorrigo. How great it was to see the theatre community get together for such a fun and inspiring day!

CHATS would like to acknowledge the support of the Council and the Jetty Theatre Management which allowed us to present the workshop in the ideal setting of our much-loved theatre.

MEET THE NEW SECRETARY

ALLISON LOWDEN

I am a single mum with three children, and was fortunate enough to have my eldest son Daniel perform with me in *Così*! I have previously been actively involved in community theatre in the Shoalhaven area, and locally was in the chorus of *Sweet Charity* with CHMCC in 2012. I am looking forward to the challenge of being involved offstage with the committee.



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.

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

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President's Report

Dear members and friends,

Our secretary Penny Dennis had decided to resign her position on the committee. Penny has over the past eight years has been heavily involved with CHATS she has acted, directed, managed front of house, ushered, been a valuable hard working committee member and secretary . We the committee wish Penny all the best for the future, I know Penny is looking forward to spending more time with her daughter and grandchildren in Queensland. I am sure we will still see Penny helping out FOH for future CHATS productions.

Allison Lowden has agreed to take up the position of secretary, you will know Allison from the cast of "Cosi".

Speaking of "Cosi", WOW what a wonderful production, thank you Judi and assistant Rory for bringing this wonderful play to the stage, I am sure the author Louis Nowra would have loved this interpretation. The cast were brilliant in taking on some very difficult acting roles, well done all.

As usual we have to applaud all the set builders, back-

stage crew, front of house people and of course the Jetty Theatre staff because without them the show can't go on.

Our next production is Shakespeare's Twelfth Night directed by Shirley Barnett, as usual Shirley has put together a great cast and as we know nobody does Shakespeare like Shirley.

Leading into Twelfth Night we have Bell Shakespeare doing a workshop on Shakespeare comedy, all the cast are attending plus we have opened the invitation to our membership and interested parties. I had to set a limit of 40 people to attend, it was first in best dressed and I apologise to those who missed out. Once again CHATS is being proactive in providing experienced and budding thespians the opportunity to develop their skills.

I would like to remind you the Comedy Company have "Mary Poppins" starting at JMT in November we wish them all the best with this wonderful musical.

That's all from me for now.

Rex Madigan.

COSI... it's a wrap!

Cosi is over, and it was marvellous! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, and the cast came right out of their shells. They blossomed!

The cast had a great time performing the show (despite some technical difficulties) and Cosi was received well by some delightfully enthusiastic audiences. There was a lot of laughter both off-stage and on. The show even received a 'Thumbs Up' in the Coffs Coast Advocate, which was lovely to see!

Thanks go to all the wonderful people who helped out behind the scenes, and to the director Judi and assistant director Rory.



Coming in September, October and November

