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CHATS + CHMCC CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's Xmas Brekkie time at the Sheds yet again - our 3rd year of this fabulous event to celebrate all of our achievements and get together with our pals from all the community theatre groups.

**Sunday
20th December
from 9am
at the
Jetty Memorial
Theatre Sheds.**

Join us for a wonderful BBQ Breakfast - Egg and Bacon rolls - Snags - Champagne - Buck's Fizz!

Latest production - *NOISES OFF* by Michael Frayn

The play-reading and auditions for this wonderful farce by Michael Frayn were held over the weekend of 7th and 8th November and what a great turn-out!

Director, Rex Madigan, and Assistant Director, David Tune, asked auditionees to both read and - in a CHATS' first - mime a story. The story was about rescuing a bird fallen from a nest and everyone added their own little piece to it, which made for much hilarity. The creativity was wonderful to see.

Rex and David finally managed to make the hard decisions and finalise their selection - you can read who got which parts in Rex's report on the next page.

Noises Off is about the comings and goings of the cast of a travelling theatre company in the UK. They are performing a play called 'Nothing On', a farce set in a country house. As the play develops, we see that there is more fun and farce to be had watching the actors behind the scenes.

This is farce at its very best and without a doubt will be

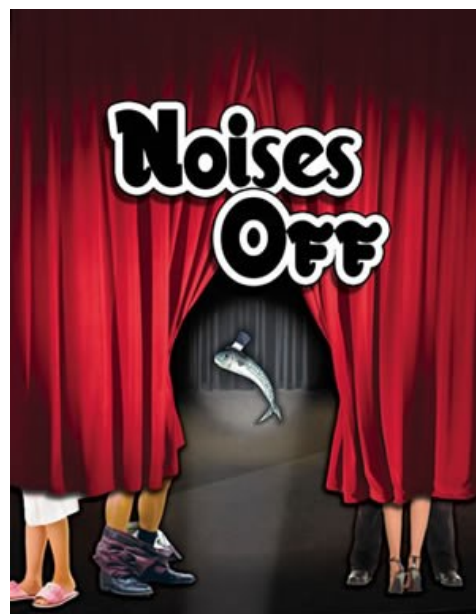
one of the most challenging enterprises CHATS has ever attempted. The cast and crew will be stretched both physically and mentally. But the result, we are sure will be joyous and a brilliant night out at the theatre.

Noises Off comes to the Jetty Memorial Theatre in March next year... so keep a look out for news of when the tickets go on sale. It will be important to book early for this one as it is a very popular play and will sell out quickly.

See you at the theatre!

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PLAYS FOR 2016

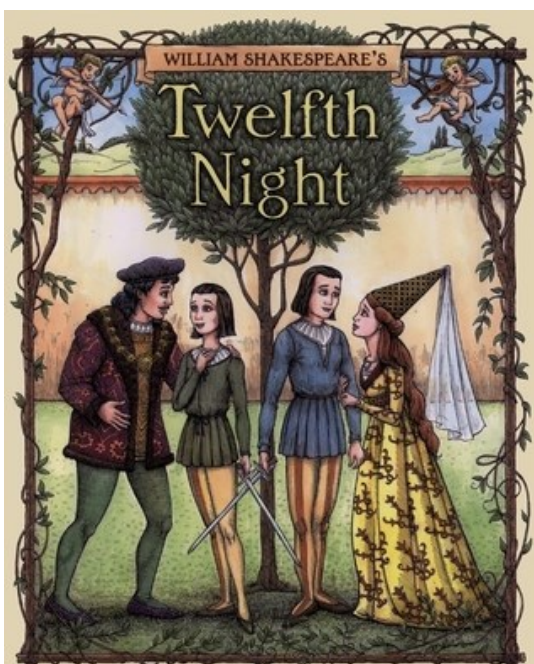
Choosing which plays to perform is always a difficult task. CHATS' policy is always to try to do at least one comedy, one drama or classic and one Australian work every season.

So far, we have selected *Noises Off* as our 'comedy' (to be directed by Rex Madigan) and *Twelfth Night* as our 'drama/classic' (to be directed by Shirley Barnett) and we are still hearing suggestions for the third play for next year.

Amazingly, we have had plenty of suggestions - we lack only one thing - a willing director with the experience, skills and knowledge to produce a play for us.

So, if you think you are able and willing to direct a fine Australian play in the July 2016 period, Rex Madigan would like to hear from you.

Call 0421 75 6618 after 14 December



...Coming to the Jetty Memorial Theatre in October 2016

President's Report

Dear Members,

First of all congratulations to David Quinn and all the cast and crew of "Birthrights" a job well done. I thought the acting was brilliant and it was great to see some new faces on the stage for CHATS.

I have held auditions for our next production "Noises Off" and was stunned by the amount of people that came. Having that many talented people to choose from was fantastic, but made it very difficult to choose. Thank you first of all to all those who did not get a role. All of the audition pieces were fantastic and I hope you will try again.

The cast I have chosen is as follows;

Dotty Otley	Penny Dennis
Lloyd Dallas	Beckley Vincent
Garry Lejeune	Marty Elliott
Brooke Ashton	Natalie Cowling
Poppy NortonTaylor	Dee Tune
Frederick Fellows	Harlan Cooper
Belinda Blair	Becky Cole
Tim Allgood	Bec Pakes
Selsdon Mowbray	Tom Strickland

Congratulations all and thank you to my able assistant director, Dave Tune for his input.

As I will be away until the 14th of December Dave will be working hard with the cast until I return.

Please come yourselves and tell all your friends because "Noises Off" is billed as the funniest play ever written and I assure you side-splitting laughter from start to finish. The play will run from March 16 through to March 28, 2016.

Don't forget our Xmas party/brunch with Comedy Company December 20 down at the sheds. Marty Elliott and I will be making some more of those delicious bacon and egg rolls, not to mention the bubbles and orange juice.

You can follow up with an afternoon at the theatre to watch the Arts Council production of "Allo Allo", directed by Pat Slattery.

Hope to see you all at Christmas.

Regards, Rex Madigan

