



# Lieder Theatre Company

## NEWSLETTER

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 **The Lieder Theatre Company**  
*presents a very popular comic farce*

## Noises Off

by Michael Frayn  
Directed by Chrisjohn Hancock



**Opening on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8:00pm**

With a charity performance in support of

**GOULBURN EVENING VIEW CLUB\***

*(to help raise funds to assist the work of the Smith Family)*

*And continuing every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday until 25<sup>th</sup>*

*March at 8:00pm*

*2pm matinee on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March*

*Why not organise a group?*

**Tickets \$18 full price, \$13 Adult members & groups of 10 or more,  
\$10 for children and all concession card holders (students,  
pensioners, unemployed, seniors)**

Note: Tickets for the Opening night Charity Performance are \$20  
and include pre-show drinks from 7.15pm and supper at interval.

**The Cast of Noises Off.  
Recognise some faces from the past???**

Advance bookings go online to [www.liedertheatre.com](http://www.liedertheatre.com) or phone the Theatre on 48215066  
Book in person at Michael Connolly Chemist, 312 Auburn Street, Goulburn.

### What is with the sardines????

This hilarious play, written in 1982, has been popular wherever it has been performed and will set the local theatre year off with a wild bang.

With a great cast of Fiona Churchill, Sally Bradley, Erin Williams, Bruce Gerard, Brian Hill, Terry Phillips, David Rayner, Heather Edwards and Shane Daly this English comedy takes a look behind the scenes as an acting troupe take a show on the road.

The show involved is a fairly ordinary bedroom farce called "Nothing On", and it soon becomes obvious that there are far more dramas backstage than on stage. Props are misplaced, lines are forgotten, misunderstandings abound, arguments develop, frustrations rise, and relationships deteriorate, as "Nothing On" lurches more and more precariously towards a hilarious disaster.

*Noise Off* is widely considered to be the finest comedy to come out of England in the past thirty years.

## Youth Theatre News

With funding from Goulburn Mulwaree Council the Lieder staged its latest spectacular fire show as part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Blues Festival in Goulburn.

**Firesong** was created by the Lieder Youth Theatre members and performed twice in Belmore Park over the Blues weekend. Many thanks to all involved especially for the enormous work put in by all, the commitment and faith in the show that defied the rain and brought crowds of around 600 spectators over the two nights.

**Firesong** featured the skills of Kirby Medway, David Nell, Josh Waters, Mark Churchill, Katherine Rayner, Grace Nell, Lillian Dorman, Craig Gordon, Josh Churchill, Shelley Taylor, Linden Fennamore, and Alyssa Medway.

Local composer, Paul Paviour contributed music to the production alongside music chosen by the Company to perform to. Peter McLaren has also assisted on the musical side of the production.

The show was assisted and stage managed by Pauline J Mullen, Bill Dorman, Colin Simson, Marc Nell, Alan Churchill, Brian Richardson, Lee Gray, John Knops, Shane Daly and Craig Edwards.

A highlight of **Firesong** was the inclusion of live film footage screened above the performance and created by local young filmmaker, James McPaul and Bill Dorman.

THANKS also to all the performers who took part in clowning, stilt walking and face painting in Belmore Park over the blues weekend. Many people commented about the great costumes and your enthusiasm to entertain the audience.

A big thank you to Cindy Kitt Vogelsang for repairing, cleaning and ironing the Lieder Youth Theatre costumes in time for their big clowning gig at the Blues Festival.

The Lieder Theatre was one of the most popular venues for the Blues Festival hosting six acts over the weekend. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted front of house and behind the scenes to help this venue run smoothly.

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### After school theatre workshops

At the Lieder Theatre during Term 1. Phone 48215066

**Theatre Skills** with Judith Boyd  
13 - 19 year olds Fridays 4.00 – 5.30pm

**Acrobatics and circus** with Chrisjohn Hancock  
All ages Thursdays 5.00 - 6.00pm



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Gathering

The Lieder will be organising and hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gathering of regional and ACT youth keen about acting and theatre arts on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April this year.

We will be offering workshops and discussions, theatre games and parties focusing on learning more about acting, improvisation, voice, movement, mask making, theatre sports, script analysis and stage combat. This is the best opportunity to learn new theatre skills and a chance to meet other young people interested in performing.

The weekend workshops will be open to all young people in the region 13 – 20yrs of age

We will offer meals and accommodation for the event but charge a small registration fee of \$20 per participant. We will offer travel assistance to those who request it.

The weekend is open to individuals and groups (limited number per group) With approximately 60 participants expected based on the last Gathering held in 2005 we expect this event to attract a lot of interest.

Funding for this project has been received from Southern Tablelands Arts Inc.

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### Pocket Full of Knives

This will be our major Youth performance project for 2008 with plans to perform in July and possibly tour it to Sydney later in the year.

All local and region young people over 12yrs can take part. This play will be written, created and rehearsed with the participants.

**Pocket Full of Knives** will explore young peoples attitudes to self esteem and self harm in regional areas using theatrical techniques. If you are interested contact Judith or Chrisjohn soon!!!!

This project has received funding from the Commonwealth Regional Arts Fund and a small grant from the local Health Department working on Drug and Alcohol issues with regional youth.

*(just imagine putting your hands in your pockets and discovering a handful of razor blades)*

## Presidents Report



There is so much activity at the theatre its really quite frightening.

Chrisjohn held a very interesting evening telling us all about his overseas travels last year. It sounds as if he had a wonderful and hard working time.

We had a small sample of the workshops he was involved in and we all hope that if he ever gets the time he will enlighten us more and really put us through our paces. The evening was well attended.

The play reading of my play Quandary was also well attended and I was thrilled to get all the positive feed back. I have since had my last session with the dramaturg and will now be able to finish it with confidence. Sometime we will be able to do a rehearsed reading for the public.

The rehearsals and set building for Noises Off are well under way as the opening night fast approaches. I'm sure everyone will enjoy this production. It's full of fun and confusion to make you laugh away the evening. Tell your friends about it and come along.

The Blues festival means fire shows and by the time this goes to press it will be over. But I wish Chrisjohn, his cast and crew all the best for a successful time in the park playing with fire! I know the public love these shows and they are great publicity for our theatre. Thank you to all involved.

If you can do front of house for Noises Off please give Lee Gray a call on 4821701. Thank you. Enjoy the show and please feel free to call in at the theatre at any time to help put something away or paint something or even have coffee and a chat.

Judith Boyd

### Play reading Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm

**Damascus** a new play by Scottish playwright David Greig. All welcome to come along and read or just sit and listen. Last month we heard Judith Boyd's new play **Quandary**, which was very well received and hotly discussed over coffee afterwards.

### Auditions

Auditions for Macbeth - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm with performances planned for June. Contact Chrisjohn Hancock on 48215066 of details

## Busy January

Workshops and rehearsals abounded in January with a fiery start to the year. Many thanks to Judith, Stan, Pauline, Colin and Bill.

The Company is already in full swing with many projects begun and some great surprises to emerge throughout the year.

With the mainstage planned, and the possibility of two tours, new workshop program and the odd national conference, there might just be enough time to squeeze in some foyer shows around our busy schedule. Stay tuned. Keep checking our web site. [www.liedertheatre.com](http://www.liedertheatre.com)

### Assistance needed with cleaning

At present cleaning of the theatre is undertaken by a professional cleaner at a cost in the vicinity of \$1000.00 a year. In an effort to reduce costs I am exploring the possibility of getting a small team of volunteers who would be prepared to donate a few hours of their time three or four times a year and undertake this task.

The main duties would entail vacuuming the carpeted areas, removing any rubbish left in the auditorium, emptying the rubbish bins and cleaning the toilets.

We did a trial run during Footrot Flats and found that it took at the most about one and a half hours.

If you feel you would be able to assist in this matter please phone us, 48222650 and we can give more details. If we are not at home leave your name and telephone number on our answering machine and we will get in touch.

John & Mary Hartnett.

### Facebook

Anyone who would like to see some great pictures from our current shows and even some amazing photos from past shows should check out the "Lieder Group" on **FACEBOOK** – just to prove we are up with the times!!! Anyone can upload pictures onto the site if you have old photos of past shows that you would like to share. Now is the time to do it!

### Lion dancing workshops

These will be held at the Lieder on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February between 1.30 – 4.30pm in preparation for our lion dancing performance at the Multi cultural day in Goulburn on 8<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome to attend. Especially anyone wishing to learn the acrobatic skills of lion dancing and the accompanying music. The workshop will be conducted by Canberra professional, **David Wong**.

### Newsletter By Email

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A full adult ticket costs \$18.00, a current member of the Lieder and a group of 10 or more adults will cost \$13.00, while all children and concession card holders will pay \$10.00 (pensioner, student, senior and unemployed)



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