



Lieder Theatre Company

NEWSLETTER

Number 42

July 2003

The Lieder Theatre Company presents a unique
Peace Festival Performance for one night only

Forks'n All

(a feast for peace)

held in conjunction with St Saviour's Cathedral

Saturday 26th July 2003

Please note: Advance booking are essential for catering purposes

Commencing at 6pm in St Saviour's Cathedral Hall with dancing, music, food and mulled wine, before journeying into the night air for performances and a pilgrimage of hope before returning to the Hall with a community candle sculpture and peace cake

Bring Warm Clothes, Warm Hearts, Open Minds, Alcohol, Candles Stories and Messages Of Peace.

The program features:

The Argyle County Ceilidh Band Trinity Catholic School Choir A Performance of *The Homecoming Of Beorhthnoth* written by JRR Tolkien A Chorus of Women - a Peace Choir from Canberra The Cathedral Bells *A Requiem for Peace* composed and performed for the event by Ian Lipscomb The Lieder Youth Theatre Company's fire and acrobatic show, Representation by many local cultural groups **and much much more...**

Bookings

Tickets \$20 Adults \$5 Children under 16 yrs at Michael Connolly Chemmart, 312 Auburn St. Goulburn or by phoning the Lieder Theatre on 48215066

For more information contact the Lieder on 48215066

This project has been made possible through assistance under Country Arts Support Program administered by Regional Arts NSW and Southern Tablelands Arts (STARTS) Inc



In this issue...

Forks'n'All	Calendar of events
A month of Sundays	Youth Theatre
Follow the Lieder	Call for suggestions
Membership renewal	Repairs and improvements
Position Vacant	Do you recall?

Goulburn Lieder Theatre

Goldsmith Street
PO Box 786
Goulburn NSW 2580
Ph: +61 2 48215066 Fax: +61 2 4821 0111
www.lieder.goulburn.net.au
ABN 88 023 666 346

This issue is sponsored by Southern Tablelands ARTS (STARTS)



Don't forget to book for the Lieder's next mainstage production

A Month of Sundays

**a comedy by Bob Larbey
Directed by Mary Spicer**

with

John Spicer, Bruce Gerard, Christine Bentley, Sallyanne Hart, Richard Shoppee & Noni Dwyer

Performances every
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

20th August - 6th September
Lieder Theatre, Goldsmith Street, Goulburn
advance bookings and enquiries
Phone 48215066

Membership renewals

It's that time of the year again when all membership fees are due. If you have joined within the last two months we will wait until next year for your renewal. Let me remind you that unless you are a paid up member you cannot work in the theatre because our insurance will not cover any incidents or accidents. So it pays to belong.

On a lighter note we would be grateful if you could take the time to fill in the interest box on the membership form, this helps us when we're casting plays and looking for help. We want to get to know you and meet you and the best way to do this is for you to get involved, it's your theatre and we need you. Don't be shy in coming forward.

In an effort to save money we will trail offering the newsletter as an e-mail or electronic download from the Lieder web site. The format of the e-newsletter will be Adobe Acrobat (PDF) and a link to the Adobe download area for Adobe Acrobat Reader will be provided on the Lieder site. For those without access to the Internet, don't worry the printed mail-out is still available for you. Please remember to indicate your preferred option for receiving the newsletter on your membership renewal or application.

Any questions please ring me on 48410077. I am your membership officer and I'm here to help.

Judith Boyd.

Youth Theatre

The disappointing news that the Fire, Acrobatic and Dance performances at South Hill as part of the Goulburn Classic Winter Festival had to be postponed at the last minute gave passers by in Belmore Park a pleasant treat when the Fire Show was quickly relocated.

This gave the performers an opportunity to show off their new fire skills which they had been developing and rehearsing for the last three weeks with Canberra-based fire tutor Karen Yaldron. Ten performers created a spectacular demonstration of Fire twirling and Acrobatics in Belmore Park on Saturday 28th, June to an appreciative audience.

The Company is now in rehearsal to perform at Forks'n All (a feast for peace) on Saturday 26th, July at St Saviour's Cathedral. If you've not seen the Company perform with fire then you must see this event. It will blow you away.

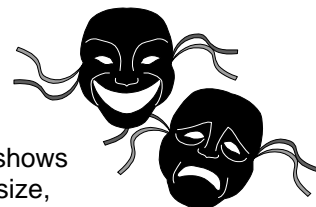
Best wishes and good luck to the year 12 students heading into their trials

Invitation to contribute to next years program of plays

If you have any plays you would like to recommend to the Lieder Company to stage during 2004, or any suggestions regarding types of productions presented on the mainstage or in the Foyer, please contact one of the Lieder Board of Management before the end of July.

Better still come alone to an open discussion about next year's program to be held at the Lieder on Sunday 3rd August commencing at 5pm

All suggestions will be considered and welcomed. Choices are based on providing a variety of shows throughout the year (eg. comedy, classic, Australian, drama, contemporary, family show), cast size, suitability for local audiences, cost to stage the production, etc.



Information needed...

Does anyone remember the Lieder performing in the Lilac Festival One-Act Play Competition in 1973? Please contact Chrisjohn at the theatre if you have any information.

Repairs and maintenance report

In June Mayor Max Hadlow handed over a cheque for just over \$5,000.00 from Goulburn City Council to the Lieder's President and Secretary. There is a possibility of another \$5,000.00 City council grant after July to help match funds received from the NSW Ministry for the Arts. This is a wonderful step forward towards matching the \$25,000.00 donated from the Premier's Department.

Thank you to Josh Phillips, Yvette Hogg, Carol Dival and Stuart Hind for offering in-kind support and/or sending in donations towards the repairs and Improvements project.

However, we still have a long way to go...

The Beauty Queen of Leenane

Congratulations to the cast and crew of The Beauty Queen of Leenane which has just finished on the mainstage. A most rewarding and memorable production presented by Judith Boyd, Pauline J Mullen, Vincent Davis and Joshua Phillips who along with back stage crew, Katie Tapp, Melissa Hillyar and Jai Joyce headed up by Brian Richardson created a powerful and passionate evenings entertainment.

A highlight to the season was the visit by Martha McEvoy, Cultural Attaché to the Irish Ambassador in Canberra. Ms McEvoy stayed on after the performance that she attended to meet the cast and crew and congratulate everyone on a fantastic production and to share in one of the many bottles of Irish Whiskey consumed during the run. **Well done!**



Follow the Lieder

*A series of back-stage ramblings by **John Spicer**, First full-time artistic director of the Lieder Theatre Company. (1971-91)*

With regard to Chrisjohn's forthcoming production of *Forks'n All (a Feast for Peace)* at St. Saviour's Cathedral, it is worth noting how close Theatre / Church have been in the past. Apart from a shared penchant for ritual and performance, there is the irony of the early Christian Church, having frowned upon theatrical activities for the first thousand years of its existence (no doubt owing to the excesses of the Roman Amphitheater) being later responsible by encouraging the performance of Mystery and Miracle plays to put its message across, for the eventual glorious blossoming of Elizabethan drama.

Chrisjohn is not a stranger to Theatre / Church productions, but I can claim the first (and my only) Lieder presentation at St. Saviour's. In 1984 I staged *T. S. Eliot's* verse play about the Martyrdom of Thomas-à-Becket, **Murder in the Cathedral** there. Not one of my favourite plays – in fact I couple Eliot with Brecht as the two champion literary bores of the twentieth century -- but there are many who don't agree, for the venture was certainly a rewarding one, both artistically and financially.

For a start, there was splendid "go for your life" cooperation from Canon Lyle Turley. Then a spectacular "back-drop" of the Cathedral's beautiful Stained-glass window above the altar, floodlit from outside, chanting procession and swinging incense pots and an impassioned sermon from Ian Crocker's Becket in the pulpit. Finally an impressive invasion of knights, first battering at the heavy doors of the Nave, then clattering up the aisle to do their bloody deed.

All this somehow gave the illusion of warmth to the near freezing atmosphere of the Cathedral -- for heating was to be a thing of the future. There were, of course, the extra precautionary measures of winter woollies under our costumes, while our audiences (bless their brave hearts) wrapped themselves in rugs and blankets and clasped hot water bottles, those further from the actors perching irreverently on the backs of the pews. Despite these discomforts, the feed-back we received was in the order of an experience not to be missed.

There was only one dissenting voice, and even that was short-lived,. This came from a visiting dignitary, not apparently versed in twentieth century literature, who, much to my delight, assumed from our play's title that we were about to degrade the sacred precincts by performing an Agatha Christie whodunit!



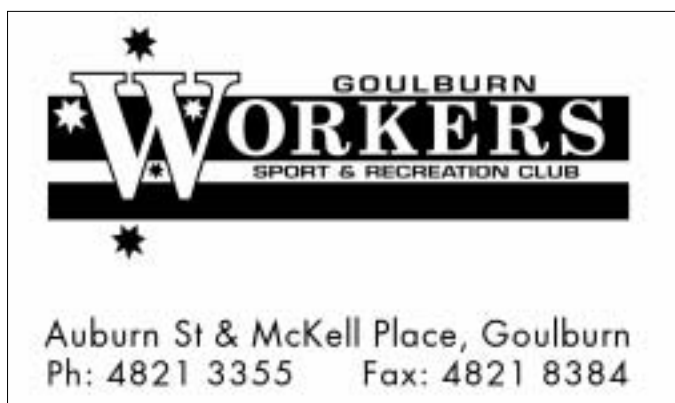
Calendar of events

Panic Stations by **Highlands Theatre Group** 1- 16th August.
Bookings at Southern Highlands Tourism or Phone 1300657 559
The Rise and Fall of Little Voice by **Smart Arts** 11- 20th September.
Bookings at Powerpoint Music Phone 48723 121
The Secret Rapture by **David Hare** - **Canberra Repertory**

Society opens Friday 18th July for 4 week season at Theatre 3.
Bookings 62571950

Are You Being Served by **Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft** **CADS Crookwell** at the Crookwell Memorial Hall, 18 - 19, 25 - 26 July.
Performances begin at 7:30 Matinee (26th) begins at 1:30pm.
Bookings at the Tourist Information Centre

Keep supporting the Lieder Theatre Sponsors in 2003



Goulburn Lieder Theatre,
PO Box 786,
Goulburn NSW 2580

Postage
Paid
Australia

PRINT POST APPROVED PPP 2343441/00014

The Lieder Theatre Company presents a unique
Peace Festival Performance for one night only

Forks'n All

(a feast for peace)

held in conjunction with St Saviour's Cathedral

Saturday 26th July 2003

Please note: Advance booking are essential for catering purposes

