

SPOTLIGHT



Young People's Theatre Newcastle Inc.

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NO: 2 – Semester 1, Term 1

Saturday 27th & Monday 29th March, 2010

Dates to Remember

Please take careful note of these dates

Write them on your calendar NOW!

- **Term 1, Semester 1** (last days of classes)
Saturday & Monday 27th & 29th March.
- **Monday 5th April** - 11am
The Golden Goose opens
- **Tuesday 20th April** – 7pm
Tuesday 18th May – 7pm
Tuesday 15th June – 7pm
YPT General Meetings at the Theatre
- **Term 2, Semester 2** (first and last days)
Saturday & Monday 1st & 3rd May
Saturday & Monday 26th & 28th June
(excluding Anzac Day Weekend -24th & 26th April
and Queen's B'day Weekend – 12th & 14th June)

OFFICE HOURS

4 pm to 6 pm on Fridays

9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays

Phone 4961 5345 or Fax 4961 0340

For all other inquires ring

0418 441241 9am to 12noon Mon –Fri.

Gift Vouchers are available from the Office for
"All 2010 Productions – All Tickets \$14"

TICKETING POLICY

Our policy requires payment for tickets at the time of booking. This also applies to phone bookings.

Phone bookings can only be made on
49 614 895 4pm – 6pm Thurs & Fri
9am – 1pm Sat

Credit Card facilities should be used
(3% surcharge – 42c per ticket).

EFTPOS facilities are available at the office.

Words from Wendy

Congratulations to everyone involved in the **Senior Production of "The Golden Masque of Agammenon"** This was a wonderful production with some outstanding ensemble work. Congratulations to the cast, crew and production team led by Katy Price, Cameron Elkin and Kelsie Clarke.

"The Golden Goose" – this is a huge enterprise which is progressing slowly but surely. The cast involved are doing excellent work. Thanks to Claire Thomas & Dianne Trescott for their invaluable assistance.

"Hating Alison Ashley" – Audition notes have been distributed and auditions will be held on 28th March. Rehearsals for "Hating Alison Ashley" will commence immediately after the school holidays.

Year 3 and other students who enrolled at YPT at the beginning of 2010 are NOT eligible to audition for this production. They will have the opportunity to audition for **"Lion Witch and the Wardrobe"** later this year.

Stage Crew is needed for all these productions.

This includes technical areas as well.

Apply in writing to me or the Director of the production you are interested in.

Wendy Leis Artistic Director YPT

Volunteering at YPT

Would you like to help out at YPT?

There are many opportunities for parent volunteers to help during production times at YPT. There are always times when we need help with the various aspects of making the performances run smoothly from the audience perspective. This can be a satisfying and rewarding experience.

If you have an hour or so to spare while our performances are running, please contact our President, Bob Price, at the Theatre on any Saturday morning.

Results of Election and Appointment of Officers at the Annual General Meeting of Young People's Theatre held at the Theatre on Tuesday 16th March, 2010

Management Committee for 2010

*President	Bob Price
*Vice President	Kim Clarke
*Vice President	Monica Skehan
*Secretary	Kay Jackson
*Treasurer	Mary Ann Hill
*Assistant Treasurer	Karen Eveleigh
#Artistic Director	Wendy Leis
#Principal Theatre School	Christine Fletcher
#Finance Manager	Stephen Hill
#Theatre Manager	Vivien Jones

* Elected

Appointed

Appointed Officers for 2010

Archivist	<i>Barbara Delaney</i>
Auditor	<i>Phil Anderson</i>
Box Office Managers	<i>Kerrie Hicks/ Karen Eveleigh</i>
Canteen Managers	<i>Michelle Budden/Leanne Flanagan</i>
Database Maintenance	<i>David McLean/Robyn McLean/Monica Skehan</i>
DVD/Video Recorders	<i>Kevin Rogers</i>
Enrolment Officer	<i>Monica Skehan</i>
Front of House Managers	<i>Bob Price/Kevin Rogers</i>
Hamilton Business Chamber Rep	<i>Don Mitchell</i>
Lindsay Street Players	<i>Mary Ann Hill</i>
Maintenance Officers	<i>Kevin Rogers/Stephen Hill/Steven Jones</i>
Occupational Health & Safety	<i>Kerrie Hicks/Viv Jones/Kim Clarke/Cathy Smith/Stephen Hill</i>
Photographers	<i>Kevin Rogers</i>
Programs & Posters	<i>Kay Jackson/Amy Hill</i>
Public Officer	<i>YPT Secretary</i>
Publicity Officers	<i>Don Mitchell/Gillian Summers</i>
Set Construction/Properties	<i>Greg Shearer/Stephen Hill/Mary Ann Hill/Mary Shearer</i>
Solicitor	<i>Kathy Ross</i>
Technical Production Officers	<i>Wendy Leis</i>
Technical Production Area Supervisors	<i>Cathy Smith/Fran Hodgson</i>
Wardrobe Coordinator	<i>Vivien Jones, Jennifer Bell</i>
Web Maintenance	<i>Kay Jackson/Monica Skehan</i>

REMINDER – ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2010 / 2011 – PRE-ORDER.

Order your new book now (still \$60) and prepay to receive over \$140 in Bonus Certificates (I have 10 Certificates that I can issue immediately) that you can use straight away.
Books will be available from the office.

Thank you.....Vivien Jones

YPT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President's Report

16th March 2010

2009 has been a great year for YPT. We have seen some wonderful productions that have been both financially and critically successful. Some of the highlights are as follows.

- During this year we held our Award Ceremony to present the YPT Life Membership award to Mary Ann Hill, Stephen Hill and Christine Fletcher. Congratulations to all recipients.
- Our 2009 Arthur Boswell Award winners were Matthew Bevan, Amy Hill and Philip Patterson. Congratulations to all recipients.
- Though progress has been slow towards the achievement of our new building, members of the Building Committee, Bob Price, Vivien Jones and Stephen Hill, working with our Project Manager, Phil Bush to an upcoming building commencement. We are awaiting the Building Construction Certificate from Newcastle Council.
- At the fifth annual presentation of the Ray Brooks Awards ceremony, Ray and his award recipients made for a wonderful night of celebration. Congratulations to all our young achievers and thank you Ray for your continued support and encouragement of YPT.
- This year also saw the commencement of our web site and student information data base. Both of these will enhance the operation of our organisation into the future. Thank you to all involved most especially David McLean for all his work.
- YPT Supper nights continue to be well attended. Thank you to all who contribute to their success particularly Stephen Hill, Kevin Rogers and Vivien Jones. Your culinary expertise is first class.
- Congratulations to Matthew Bevan for his CONDA for Sound and Visual Design -Dags Congratulations also to Cameron Elkin who was awarded a Newcastle Youth Theatre Development Grant at the CONDA ceremony. Well done all those who received CONDA nomination this year.
- Demand for a place in our drama school continues to grow. Most waiting lists are full and interest is strong for Year 3 next year.
- Thank you to our tutors, assistants and trainees for 2009. Your excellent tuition is what helps to keep our productions at such a high level. Thank you Christine Fletcher for your continued guidance and organisation as Principal of our Theatre School.
- Thank you also to Wendy Leis YPT's Artistic Director for her dedication and relentless efforts throughout 2009.
- Thank you to our outgoing Management Committee Members and Appointed Officers who have worked tirelessly throughout 2009. We have enjoyed many great experiences together and have helped contribute to another prosperous year for Young People's Theatre.

COTTAGE REBUILDING REPORT

The **Building Committee** (Bob Price, Vivien Jones & Stephen Hill) reported to the AGM that our Project Manager, Phil Bush is now ready to proceed on the re-building of the cottage, Financing of the project has been finalised using a loan from the Newcastle Permanent Building Society, donations from Port Waratah Coal Services and NSW Government's Community Building Partnerships Program as well as YPT savings.

We are now only waiting on the final approvals from Council before demolition AND WORKS CAN BEGIN!