



# Curtain Call

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**Three of those Farndale ladies—Val Riches, Tarryn Bullock and Joan Scafe.**

Three shows remaining—Thursday 10th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th

**Bookings: 9330 4565 or [Melville.theatre.company@gmail.com](mailto:Melville.theatre.company@gmail.com)**



## Melville Theatre Christmas Party Sunday 20th December 2009

All members welcome.

1pm start

Lunch and drinks provided.



Please bring a \$10 gift suitable for your own gender to go into Santa's sack.

RSVP: [Melville.theatre.company@gmail.com](mailto:Melville.theatre.company@gmail.com) or to  
Ian Black on 0419 925 468



## From the Desk of the President



The year's about to wrap up at our theatre. This weekend will see the final performances of the year. The Farndale ladies have been leaving the audiences in either tears of laughter, or somewhat perplexed. Let me explain for those who haven't been paying attention.

No, we haven't hired our theatre out to a travelling group of thespians. The Farndale Avenue "A Christmas Carol" (to use the shortened version of the title) is Dickens as you've never seen it before. It is most definitely a Melville Theatre production, featuring actors that have all graced the Melville stage before. It is a "play within a play", as these well meaning, but somewhat clueless characters give us their hilarious version of the Dickens classic.

There are still plenty of tickets available for the last performances, and on Saturday night there will be free Christmas pudding at interval.

I would like to put a call out to you, our members, to consider helping with Front of House duties. It seems to be a continuous struggle to get enough people to cover each season. All that you need to do is make tea and coffee, show patrons to their seats, maybe sell raffle tickets or programs and a bit of washing up. If we could get a few more volunteers, it would take the pressure off those same few faces that are there night after night. If you can even help one night of a season, drop us an email, or phone me.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a happy and safe New Year. See you at the Christmas party.

Jeff

## The Return

Season 1 2010

15th—27th February

### Cast List

Steve—Adam Shuttleworth

Trev—Jesse Wey

Lisa—Annabel Maclean

Maureen—Penny Searle

The Writer—Tom Walding

## Call for Submissions

The committee would like to hear from directors interested in staging a play at MTC in either season 4 (July 30 & 31, Aug 1-14) or season 6 (Nov 19-27, Dec 2-4).

Please contact Jeff.



Also, if you were considering submitting a one act play for 2010 and you might be interested in also taking that play to the Mandurah One Act Festival, June 26 and 27, then have a submission in to the PO Box or the theatre email address by February 26th 2010.

**Melville Theatre Company AGM**  
**8th February 2010**

Details and nomination forms in  
 January newsletter.



# A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

(or **FORUM** for short)

**Auditions to be held at the theatre on January 23rd.**

**Season 2—April 9th—24th 2010**

This musical is an excellent opportunity for the more seasoned musical performer (read older - although that is probably not very PC! ) to finally have a chance to perform in a Melville musical. (or to again have a chance!). Men, women, older, younger—if you can sing and have a sense of humour then this is for you!

I am looking for the following characters:

**Senex**, An old man, Baritone, Aged 40 – 75

**Dominia**, His wife, Mezzo, Aged 40 – 60

**Hero**, Their son, Tenor, Aged 17 – 25

**Erronius**, An even older man, Baritone, Aged 65 – 85

**Lycus**, A Buyer and seller of female flesh, Baritone, Aged 30 – 65

**Philia**, A young courtesan, Soprano, Aged 16 – 24

**Pseudolus/Prologus** , A slave to Hero, Baritone, aged 30 – 60

**Miles Gloriosus**, A roman soldier, Baritone Aged 30 – 45

**Hysterium**, The house slave of Senex and Dominia, Baritone, Aged 35 – 65

**Courtesans**, Aged 16 – 65

**Proteans**, Aged 16 – 65 (3 actors playing a number of roles throughout the play)

It is one of the funniest musicals ever written with a great amount of farcical humour. Please prepare a song from any musical displaying your vocal ability. This can be either unaccompanied or you can bring a backing CD with no vocals.

The timeslots are 15 minutes but as we will also pair people up to do a bit of reading from the play please be prepared to stay for about an hour.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to fill in your personal details.

**Contact the director, Lars Jensen either via email [vandlars@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vandlars@bigpond.net.au) or by phoning 9354 7651 to book an audition time.**



## What's On Elsewhere

<u>Club</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Bookings</u>
Harbour Theatre	<b>Oliver Twist</b>	Princess May Building Cnr Cantonment and Parry Sts Fremantle	Dec 11,12	BOCS 9484 1133
Darlington Theatre	<b>The Wiz</b>	Marloo Theatre Marloo Road Greenmount	Dec 11,12	9255 3336
Tutti Frutti Band	<b>Crazy Christmas Children's Concert</b>	Melville Theatre	Sunday 19th December 10am	Paula 0412 518 011 Kids \$10 Adults free

### Birthday Greetings

#### December

Joan Scafe 5<sup>th</sup>  
David Burton 7<sup>th</sup>  
Beryl Davis 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lesley Tassell 16<sup>th</sup>  
Bevan Oakes 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tegan Richardson 16<sup>th</sup>  
Judy Davies-Moore 20<sup>th</sup>  
Lillian Jameson 20<sup>th</sup>  
Patrick Keating 21<sup>st</sup>  
Margaret Samson 21<sup>st</sup>  
Felicity May 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### ARTS RADIO

Centre Stage	11.00am
Ellenbrook	Information Radio
88.0 FM	990AM
Wed 11.00 to noon	Thurs midday
Arts Collage	ImaginArt
Radio Fremantle	6EBA
107.9 FM	95.3 FM
Thurs 8.30 -	Fri 9.00 to 10.00am



**Melville Theatre Co T-shirts  
are available from the bar or  
FOH in black or grey.  
Sizes M—XXL \$25.00**

**Need to contact the wardrobe mistress?  
Brenda Stanley  
9418 6111**

Newsletter deadline is the last Monday of the month.

Please contact The Editor  
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All contributions are most welcome

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#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Adult	\$20.00
Adult Concession	\$15.00
Family	\$30.00
Friend	\$12.00

*Meetings held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm*

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