

Curtain Call

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Happy New Year!

Hoping you had a wonderful festive season and that you are now ready to get involved in a fantastic year of theatre at Melville.



BOOK NOW! 9330 4565

Zastrozzi, March 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12



Oops...



Sometime over the Christmas weekend someone made contact with our theatre, and not via the email address either! Council is on to fixing it up and an unknown someone, somewhere, is trying to explain the damage to their car!



Norma Davis enjoying a little special time with Santa at the Christmas Party!

If you missed the Christmas party, never fear, you can come along to our next social event, MTC's annual **Australia Day Breakfast** at Heathcote.

Wednesday 26th January 2011



BYO breakfast goodies to go on the BBQ, drinks, chairs etc.

Come join us for this wonderful way to start Australia Day.



From the Desk of the President...



The time has come around once again for the AGM. If you would like to put your hand up to help out on committee for 2011, please come along. There will be drinks and nibbles afterward, and I will try to make the meeting itself as short as possible. Details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thanks to Stuart Riches and Dawn Murray for putting *Wee Small Hours* together. It was a rather gentle end to the year. It's also pleasing to see some new faces on the stage at Melville.

Speaking of new faces, the cast of *Zastrozzi* has a couple of cast and crew members making their Melville debut. The show is now well into rehearsal, and is proving to be tremendous fun (for the cast at least). Seriously, don't be put off by the odd title. It is a show that promises to have a lot of laughs, as well as a serious side. You may wish to bring a calculator to keep track of the body count!

Our second season for 2011, *Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Henley, to be directed by Susan Lynch, will be auditioning on February 12th. More details in the audition notice elsewhere.

Finally, thanks to your hard working committee and members for another successful year at Melville Theatre. I hope to see you all back in 2011, for what looks like a great year of theatre.

Jeff

FINLEY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Melville Theatre Company did very well, receiving six nominations in the 2010 Finley Awards.

Jeff Hansen—Best Director, *The Return*

Adam Shuttleworth—Best Actor, *The Return*

Jesse Way—Best Other Than Lead Male, *The Return*

Penny Searle—Best Other Than Lead Female, *The Return*

Rob Sharp—Breakthrough Award, *Boys' Life*

Best Set, *Suddenly at Home*

THE 36TH ANNUAL FINLEY AWARDS

Swan Park Theatre (Callisthenics Centre), Gray Road, Midvale

SATURDAY January 29th 2011

For bookings contact BOCS 9484 1133

Tickets are \$25 with groups of 10 + all \$20

Time: Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start.



AGM

2nd February 2011 at 7.30 pm at the theatre.

All committee positions will become vacant. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, forms are in this newsletter..

Come along to vote in the new committee and have your say. Drinks and nibbles will be put on afterwards.

Proxy votes are also included on the nomination form if you cannot make it.

Auditions — Saturday 12th February

Crimes of the Heart

By Beth Henley, Directed by Susan Lynch

PLAY SYNOPSIS:

Winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. Initially presented by the Actors Theatre of Louisville, then Off-Broadway, and then on Broadway, where it established the author as a major voice in American Theatre.

The scene is Hazlehurst, Mississippi, where the three Magrath sisters have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny, the oldest sister, is unmarried at thirty and facing diminishing marital prospects; Meg, the middle sister, who quickly outgrew Hazlehurst, is back after a failed singing career on the West Coast; while Babe, the youngest, is out on bail after having shot her husband in the stomach. Their troubles, grave and yet, somehow, hilarious, are highlighted by their priggish cousin, Chick, and by the awkward young lawyer who tries to keep Babe out of jail while helpless not to fall in love with her. In the end the play is the story of how its young characters escape the past to seize the future—but the telling is so true and touching and consistently hilarious that it will linger in the mind long after the curtain has descended.

CHARACTERS:

- Lenny Magrath:** the oldest sister, dutiful, caring, lonely, a dreamer. Late 20's to early 40's.
Chick Boyle: the sisters' cousin, a drama queen, flamboyant, slightly vulgar, into every one's business. Late 20's to mid-40's.
Meg Magrath: the middle sister, fun-loving, wild, artistic with a touch of sadness about her, unbalanced. 20's to mid 30's.
Babe Magrath: the youngest sister, angelic, volatile, strong-willed, pretty. Late teens to late 20's.
Doc Porter: Meg's old boyfriend, attractive, worn, with a slight limp, sensitive, seductive. Late 20's to early 40's.
Barnette Lloyd: Babe's lawyer, awkward and intellectual. Early 20's to mid 30's.

WHAT TO PREPARE: A monologue of 1 to 2 minutes to be delivered in a southern American accent. Be prepared to also read from the script.

Date and Time: Saturday 12 February from 11am – please contact Susan for specific audition time

Contact to arrange audition time and for information:

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Birthdays

What's on Elsewhere

Waneroo Rep

On Golden Pond

Feb 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12

Limelight Theatre, Civic Drive, Waneroo

9405 2895

Old Mill Theatre

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark

Feb 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19

Mends St, South Perth

9367 8719

Garrick Theatre

Hay Fever

Feb 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 23, 26

16 Meadow Street, Guildford

9377 9400

KADS

No Bed of Roses

Feb 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, March 9, 11, 12

Town Square Community Theatre, Barber St, Kalamunda

9293 2621

January



Mary Whately 7th

Lindsay Sedgwick 7th

Brenda Black 9th

Ross Bryant 11th

Bob Harbach 13th

Jann-Angeline Rose 14th

Loraine Sedgwick 16th

Evan Taplin 17th

Dianne Leggo 21st

Emmet Nichols 26th

Margaret Huntley 30th

February



Kerry Ashton 7th

Rex Eram 7th

Dawn Murray 10th

Lina Adam 13th

Stan Brannick 20th

Daniel Kaschull 23rd

Cynthia Saunders 21st

Geraldine Bennett 24th

Jayma Knudson 28th

Alisdair Finnie 28th

Contributions to Curtain Call are always welcome. Deadline is the first Monday of every second month (odd numbered months). Contact The Editor, 15 Gloucester Court, Willetton WA 6155

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

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

Meetings held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm

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