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Committee

Vice-President: Heather Jones Secretary: Viki Burrett Treasurer: Maurice Kneen Committee Members: Danny Gibbins, Gayle Hammond, Rebecca Kemp, Mo Johnson, Lori Nielsen

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Message from the Vice-President

Hello Everyone!

Well, what a busy time it's been for The Stirling Players since our last Newsletter, what with rehearsals for *Our Man in Havana*, auditions for *Nell Gwynn* and decisions on the submissions for our second production for 2019!

We've now bumped-in for *Our Man in Havana*. I am taking a break from finalising the props to write this. Just a 1950's steering wheel to find, but our amazing network has several leads and, by the time we open on 21 September, I'm sure it will be gracing the stage. This is such a funny play! Dave Simms and his cast are an amazing team and are bursting to delight our audiences.

We have other great news on the comedy front. Our past two productions, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* and *The Clean House*, have been nominated for 3 ATG Curtain Call Awards for 2018! A great accolade for directors Hayley Horton and Kevin Burrett and their casts!

Lastly, we are pleased to announce that Patsy Thomas will direct our second 2019 production, *Celebration - A Play* this time next year!

Now, it's back to the props table.

See you at the theatre!

Heather Jones

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The Stirling Players nominated for 3 Curtain Call Awards

Nominees for the 2018 ATG Curtain Call Awards have been announced and we have been nominated for 3 awards! Winners will be announced on 27 October.

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead and The Clean House will be vying for Best Show - Comedy in the amateur category.

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead has also been nominated for Best Ensemble.

Congratulations to directors Hayley Horton and Kevin Burrett and the casts of both brilliant productions.

Contact Viki Burrett if you want to join us at the Gala



CAST ANNOUNCEMENT Our opening production for 2019 will be

NELL GWYNN

Auditions were held on 14 July 2018 and we are pleased to announce the cast:

Nell Gwynn - Emily Currie Rose Gwynn - Fiona DeLaine Nancy - Kate Anolak Lady Castlemaine - Alicia Zorkovic Louise de Keroualle - Rose Harvey Queen Katherine - Karyn Fuller Old Ma Gwynn - Karyn Fuller Charles II - Pete Davies Charles Hart - Brad Martin Thomas Killigrew - Lindsay Dunn Lord Arlington - Philip Lineton John Dryden - Matt Chapman Ned Spigget - Simon Barnett Edward Kynaston - Don O`Donnell Ensemble & choreographer - Rebecca Kemp Ensemble - Kaitlyn Mackenzie

Megan Dansie will direct this fabulous romp by Jessica Swale. It premiered at Shakespeare's Globe in September 2015 before transferring to the West End and winning the of 2016 Olivier Award for Best New Comedy. The play represents a wonderful twist on the story of our 2012 sellout hit, Compleat Female Stage Beauty.

Season Runs: 22 February - 9 March 2019





The Stirling Players' Committee 1978

Minutes from 40 Years ago A letter to a Mr. Neumann March 1978

"...we would like to express our thanks for your help in collecting the papers that were strewn over the front of the hall recently. Mr. J. Moore had put those papers on top of his car whilst opening the locked door and then driven off, forgetting the papers on the roof." A note in the minutes casts more light on the situation. Mr Neumann had helped pick up the papers "after T. Dyster received a complaint from women"!

2 October 1978

"Tom Dyster told of new seating purchased at cost of \$5 per seat from Marion theatre. Not sure will be in time for next production."

15 November 1978

"R. Chapple moved that a starting pistol be purchased by the group as it would be of enormous use." There is no explanation as to what the use might be.

From the 1978 archives



A Man For All The Seasons

Roy Wride as Thomas More & Terrence Hood Henry VIII

and two other productions



Flyers were simple affairs in those days. No information on the reverse side but put on car windscreens in Stirling on Thursday nights and Saturday mornings

COMING NEXT!



Opening 21 September!

"Slick, sharp, and murderously witty"

OUR MAN IN HAVANA by Clive Francis Directed by Dave Simms Season runs 21 September - 6 October 2018

Jim Wormold, an under-employed vacuum cleaner salesman living in 1950s Cuba, is struggling to pay for his teenage daughter's increasingly extravagant lifestyle. So when the British Secret Service asks him to become their 'Man in Havana' he can't afford to say no. There's just one problem: he doesn't know anything!

To avoid suspicion he begins to recruit non-existent sub-

agents, concocting a series of intricate fictions. But he soon discovers that his stories are closer to the truth than he could have ever imagined...

"A wonderfully funny and fast-moving romp"

Cast

- Wormold: Lopez and others: Hawthorne, Hasselbach and others: Capt Segura, The Chief and others: Beatrice and others: Milly and others: Guitarist
- Lee Cook Thomas Filsell Joshua Coldwell Ben Todd Kate Anolak Turea Blyth Marduk Gault

WHEN

Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm: 21, 22, 28, 29 September & 5, 6 October 2018 **Sundays at 4pm**: 23 & 30 September. Q&A with cast and crew and backstage tour after the 23 September matinee.

TICKETS Adults \$22, Concession \$18, Child under 18 \$16, Groups of 10 + \$16

> Buy tickets and meet the cast at our website <u>stirlingplayers.sct.org.au</u>

Bump-in Means Business Backstage

The Stirling Community Theatre is such a busy place that we bump-in only 2 weeks before Opening Night. In that time we build and paint the set, set the

lights, hang the costumes, and put the final touches to the props. It's not glamorous work but what would a production be without them?



















Want to be part of a dynamic and creative team with a proud history of producing quality and award-winning drama?

The Stirling Players have a number of committee vacancies for 2019. .And if you're handy with figures, we are seeking a new Treasurer from the end of this year. For more information on either roles please contact Viki Burrett, stirlingplayerssecretary@gmail.com