



KAT CHAT

Khandallah Arts Theatre Newsletter

April 2016

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Welcome to the April edition of KAT Chat:

- ❖ Annual General Meeting - Committee
- ❖ A Skull in Connemara - July production - audition notice
- ❖ New Life Members
- ❖ 15 April club night - Shakespeare evening
- ❖ Sub notice

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to **Mary Collie-Holmes** who is our new President. Thank you to **Lynn Coory** for the last five years of service as President. Barry Meyers stays on as Treasurer and Adelle Broadmore and Jillian Carpenter remain as co-Artistic Directors. Continuing on the committee are: Chris Collie-Holmes, Lynn Coory, Jessica Doube, Ross Foubister, Marj Lawson, Margaret Robertson and Matt Todd. We also welcome **Alice Feng** to the committee. A copy of our Annual Report is attached with the newsletter.

It was decided at the AGM that there will be a performance sub of \$15 for actors performing in our productions who are non-members.

Thank you to Adelle and Jillian for organising the surprising dialogues following the AGM and to the committee for the yummy supper.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2016

It's that time of year again to **pay your subscription for 2016**. Our subs remain the same as last year. Thank you to those of you who have already paid for this year. A copy of the subscription form is attached to the newsletter.

Student	\$20
Single	\$30
Doubles and Families	\$40

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A Skull in Connemara by Martin McDonagh

Directed by Matt Todd

21-24, 29-31 July

Matt Todd is directing our next production *A Skull in Connemara* by Irish playwright Martin McDonagh. ***Please find an audition notice at the end of this newsletter with further information.*** The auditions will take place on 1 May.

Would you like to help with props? We are looking for someone who doesn't mind sourcing a supply of bones. The play needs a lot of bones! If you would like to know more or are interested in being the props person, please contact Production Manager, Adelle Broadmore on adellejb@gmail.com or phone on 027 248 1550.

Do you have a short-handled wooden mallet we could borrow during the production? We need two. If you can assist please contact Adelle.

If you would like to be on the publicity team and help with putting up signs or doing the photo boards or looking at sponsorship options then please contact Jenny on 977 1753 or jennief@paradise.net.nz.

Congratulations - Life Members

At the AGM we celebrated two new Life Members - **Barry Meyers and Kathi George.**

Barry has been a member of KAT since 1992 and KAT's Treasurer since 1995. He is our sound guru. He has also been the stage manager for lots of productions, undertaken set construction, helped with lighting and had a number of walk-on parts.

Kathi has directed over 16 plays for KAT, including the highly successful production of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* in 2012. She served on the committee for a number of years holding the position of Artistic Director and has acted in KAT productions. Kathi has also assisted on publicity teams, costumes, set painting and acted as a mentor to new directors.

Both are very worthy recipients of a Life Membership and KAT thank them both for all their efforts over the years.



Kathi George and her cast in the 2012 production of 'The Mousetrap'.



Barry Meyers receiving his Life Membership from Lynn Coory.

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*Khandallah Arts Theatre
warmly request the pleasure of your company at*

*a Feast in honour of the Bard
with amusements and court entertainments as
do befit the occasion*

*at half past seven in the evening, on the
15th day of April, 2016 AD
in ye olde Cochran Hall, situated at Cashmere
Avenue School, Khandallah*

*Come with thy friends, Romans or countrymen (or
anyone whom thou wishes to invite)*

*Please RSVP to Adelle on adellejb@gmail.com or
Jillian on 021 630 330, jillianc@clear.net.nz by
Wednesday the 13th day of April.*

*We would also love to hear from those who would like to
assist in the performance of brief
entertainments*



2016 Calendar



We have an exciting and full year ahead with a chance for people to be involved in lots of KAT activities.

- Friday 15 April Club night - Shakespeare's birthday celebration
Friday 13 May New Zealand full-length play reading directed by Margaret Robertson
21-24, 29-31 July **A Skull in Connemara** by Martin McDonagh directed by Matt Todd
Friday 9 September Interclub charades and quiz
5-9, 13-16 October Play to be confirmed, directed by Mary Collie Holmes
November Auditions for 2017 play-in-the-park (11-17 Feb)
Friday 9 November Melodrama and Christmas party

What's on Elsewhere?

- Wellington Repertory - **Arsenic and Old Lace** by Joseph Kesselring - 6-16 April
- Kapiti Playhouse - **Calendar Girls** by Tim Firth - 6-16 April
- Hutt Repertory - **A Kiss on the Bottom** by Frank Vickery - 13-23 April

Request from the Gilbert and Sullivan Society

The Gilbert and Sullivan Society are looking for a couple more males aged between 17 and 70 to be in the chorus for **The Merry Widow**. Rehearsals start in June and the six performances are between 27 August and 20 September with shows in Wellington, Kapiti Coast, Napier and Palmerston North. If you are interested please contact Gillian at gillian@gordon.co.nz

See you at the Shakespeare evening on Friday 15 April at 7.30pm

Jenny



AUDITION NOTICE

A Skull in Connemara
Written by Martin McDonagh
Directed by Matt Todd

DATE: SUNDAY 1 MAY
TIME: Contact Adelle for an audition time
WHERE: Cochran Hall, Cashmere Avenue School, 110 Cashmere Avenue, Khandallah

Synopsis:

In the far west of Ireland, Mick Dowd is obliged each autumn to disinter from the graveyard the bones of those passed over, gone seven years or more. This year, as his grisly task looms ever nearer, speculation in the village is rife, for this year one of the graves which Mick must open is that of his own wife, who met her end under questionable circumstances seven years previously; and those asking the questions include Mary Rafferty, the village matriarch, and the local garda, Thomas Hanlon.

A Skull in Connemara is an Irish black comedy about death, and the living, and the circumstances surrounding them both.

Characters:

Mick Dowd (M, mid 50's - early 60's). The parish grave-digger. Gruff and taciturn, Mick is under pressure to disclose the ultimate end of the bones that he exhumes, when all he wants is a quiet existence and the right to drink himself into oblivion.

Maryjohnny Rafferty (F, late 60's - 70's - actresses in their late 40s onwards will be considered for the role). The village matriarch. A cynical and manipulative old woman who never forgets and never forgives. Mary can cherish long-ago imaginary slights and keep them burning for years as dire insults.

Thomas Hanlon (M, 30's - mid 40's). The local garda. A determined policeman who makes up in doggedness what he lacks in talent and insight, Thomas believes that a cold case should remain open until somebody, anybody, can be convicted of the crime.

Mairtin Hanlon (M, late teens - early 20's). Mick's temporary assistant, and Thomas's youngest brother. Mairtin is up for anything that sounds even moderately entertaining or lucrative (preferably both), giving no thought to the consequences. A total eejit.

Irish accents will be required. Not necessarily strong, but definite. Auditionees will read parts with and without accents.

For further information and an audition time and for an excerpt to prepare, please contact Production Manager, Adelle on adellejb@gmail.com

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