



# KAT CHAT

## Khandallah Arts Theatre Newsletter

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**Welcome** to the June edition of KAT Chat:

- ❖ Two short plays - Birds of a Feather
- ❖ A Skull in Connemara - July production
- ❖ Thespian Intelligence Challenge
- ❖ Members' News

### **Two Short Plays - Birds of a Feather Friday 24 & Saturday 25 June at 7.30pm**

Jillian Carpenter is directing *Wings* by New Zealander Jess Sayer while Lynn Coory is directing *Table Talk* by David Campton.

*Two short comedies with bite in which strong women deal with emotional gaps in their lives.*

The two night season is at Cochran Hall, Cashmere Avenue School on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 June with a start time of 7.30pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 concession and includes supper. **Door sales only.**

After these two performances, the plays will be entered into the local TheatreFest to be held on 5 and 6 August. From there they may have the opportunity to progress to the Regional TheatreFest in Hastings at the end of August and even perhaps the National Final in Invercargill on 9 and 10 September. To get there, they need our support - help them hone their skills by coming to see them on 24 or 25 June.

Adelle Broadmore, Lisa Duggan and Michelle Soper play sisters in *Wings* while Tanya Piejus and Mark Skurr are the actors in *Table Talk*.

**We hope to see you there.**

### **A Skull in Connemara by Martin McDonagh**

**Directed by Matt Todd**

**21-24, 28-30 July**



Matt Todd is directing our next production *A Skull in Connemara* by Irish playwright Martin McDonagh.

Rehearsals have begun and the cast and crew have been very busy getting ready for the production. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page - 'Khandallah Arts Theatre' for photos from the photo shoot, captions and other information regarding the production. An event has been set up on Facebook and you can invite your friends so they can see how to book.

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For the first time, Eftpos will be available at the Hall. Ticket prices are \$20 and \$15 concession.

**Dates:**

Thursday 21, Saturday 23, Thursday 28, Friday 29 and Saturday 30 July 7.30pm  
Sunday 24 July 4.00pm

*Please note that Friday 22 July has been presold.*

You can book your tickets by phoning **Marj on 972 6180**, email [katbookings@gmail.com](mailto:katbookings@gmail.com) or we have a form on the KAT website which also allows you to book tickets. If you would prefer to buy your tickets in person, they will be available from Khandallah Pharmacy (watch out for when the display board goes up a few weeks before the play opens).

Do you have a tool belt? Can you help with a day or two (or even three) on set construction and be a builder's apprentice? We would greatly appreciate any help when it comes to building the set. If you want to know when or think you can help out at all, please contact Adelle on [adellejb@gmail.com](mailto:adellejb@gmail.com)

Adelle also needs some people to cherish for the set constructors. If you can help with some baking, please contact Adelle.

**Do you often go for walks on the beach?** If you do and you see some driftwood, could you please collect it and give Lynn a call on 479 1598 or email [lynn.coory@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lynn.coory@xtra.co.nz) for collection.

Did you guess what the photos were of in the last newsletter? Can you guess now? More photos in the next newsletter.



## Thespian Intelligence Challenge Sunday 3 July at 6pm

As the current holders of the Thespian Intelligence shield, Stagecraft Theatre are holding an interclub quiz challenge on **Sunday 3 July** at 6pm at the Gryphon Theatre. Teams are made up of six players and if you are interested in being part of a KAT team please contact Adelle on [adellejb@gmail.com](mailto:adellejb@gmail.com) or 0272 481 550.

## Subscriptions

Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscription. If you haven't these are now due.

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## Member News

We welcome back Sharon and Murray Major to the club. Both were heavily involved in KAT in the 1970s and 80s before heading overseas. Sharon directed a number of large productions for KAT including *The Hobbit* in 1986. It has been lovely to see them again at our recent club nights.

## Soiree to Honour Kathi George

**Thank you** to Margaret and Michael Walls for opening up their house for the Soiree to honour new life member Kathi George. It was lovely to see so many current and past members at the event to honour a highly respected member of Khandallah Arts Theatre. Kathi has directed 17 plays, has acted in many productions, helped out with costumes and is well known for her yummy food.

Here are some photos from the lovely event.



## Club Night - Play reading

Well done to Margaret Robertson and her cast and crew on a fabulous play reading. The actors were slick and there were many scenes which needed to be lit and even sound effects.

Not sure what a play reading is? It is a rehearsed reading with the actors on stage acting out the scenes but instead of knowing their lines off by heart they have the script to help them. Below are some photos from the evening.



## 2016 Calendar



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

- 24-25 June            Birds of a Feather - short season of short plays
- Sunday 3 July**        Thespian Intelligence Challenge at Gryphon Theatre (start time 6pm)
- 19 & 24 July            Auditions for *Shakespeare in Hollywood* by Ken Ludwig, directed by Mary Collie-Holmes
- 21-24, 28-30 July    *A Skull in Connemara* by Martin McDonagh directed by Matt Todd
- Friday 9 September Interclub charades
- 5-9, 13-16 October   *Shakespeare in Hollywood* by Ken Ludwig 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?

- New Players - *Oh, What a Lovely War* by Joan Littlewood & Theatre Workshop - 16-25 June
- Porirua Little Theatre - *Great Face for Radio 3* by Amanda Stone - 15 June - 2 July
- Mana Little Theatre - *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* - 15-25 June
- Stagecraft - *The History Boys* by Alan Bennett - 29 June - 9 July

### **Shakespeare in Hollywood** **By Ken Ludwig, directed by Mary Collie-Holmes**

Our October production is *Shakespeare in Hollywood* by Ken Ludwig, directed by Mary Collie-Holmes. There are at least 12 actors required (8 men and 4 women). The play is described by Simon Reade, Artistic Director at Bristol Old Vic, in the Arena Stage Journal as "Poetic and political... yet it's also got a screw loose.... Good comedy. Good drama. Good fun." Look out for the audition notice, coming out shortly.

*See you at the **Birds of a Feather** on 24 or 25 June.*

*Jenny*