



KAT CHAT

Khandallah Arts Theatre Newsletter

May 2016

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Welcome to the May edition of KAT Chat:

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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.

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.

After auditions a cast has been found. They are; Bryan Thomson (Mick), Barbara Woods (Mary), Lee Dowsett (Thomas) and Richard Nicholls (Mairtin). Three of the cast are new to KAT and Lee was last seen at KAT in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Some have already been busy making props for the play. Can you guess what they are making? Find out in the next newsletter.



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**Club Night - Play reading
Friday 13 May at 7.30pm**

Our next club night on Friday 13 May at 7.30pm is a reading of *The 53rd Victim* by Pip Hall (Roger Hall's daughter) directed by Margaret Robertson.

The play concerns the involvement of a New Zealand woman caught up in the bus bombing in Tavistock Square London, 2005 and is based on fact. The play teases out an intriguing story from an intricate web of deception. It is also technically challenging as it has multiple characters played by a handful and 47 scenes to be differentiated by lighting, sound and screened power point. Those involved on the technical side are Barry, Chris, Morris and Ross; those who will read/act are Adelle, Alice, Barbara, Dave A, Dave S, Hayden, Jess, Jillian, Marj and Peter.

This is a relatively new play that should be taken up by professional theatre and you will **see it first at KAT**.

Do come - we need an audience!

Soiree to Honour Kathi George

At our AGM in March Kathi George was one of our members who was awarded Life Membership. There is to be a special occasion hosted by Margaret and Mike Walls and the committee to acknowledge Kathi's enormous contribution to the artistic life of KAT since the early 1990s. If you have ever been involved in any of Kathi's productions onstage or backstage or if you served on the committee with her then this invitation is for you. RSVPs to this event are essential.



*You are cordially invited to
A Soiree in honour of Kathi George, Life Member
on Sunday 22 May from 4pm to 8pm
Hosted by Margaret and Michael Walls and the KAT Committee
at 17 Bengal St Khandallah
RSVP essential by 16 May
to margaretr@vodafone.co.nz or 479 2436
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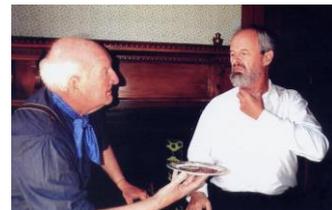
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Member News

It is with regret that we have received a resignation from Don Langridge. He has been a member since the 1970s and his first part on stage with us was as Sir Lucius O'Trigger in *The Rivals* directed by Zennie Graham in 1980. He writes that his most memorable appearances include *The Wedding Party* (1998), *Joyful and Triumphant* (2001), *Twelve Angry Men* (2009) and latterly *Witness for the Prosecution*, the last three plays directed by Kathi George. After saying that in his opinion Khandallah Arts Theatre will always remain the best amateur theatre in Wellington he says he treasures the time he has been associated with us and sends best wishes to all members for the future.

We wish Don all the very best.



April Club Night

Well done to Jillian and Adelle for a well organised evening of Shakespeare. The evening was a lot of fun.



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2016 Calendar



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

- Friday 13 May *The 53rd Victim* by Pip Hall directed by Margaret Robertson
- Sunday 3 July** Thespian Intelligence Challenge at Gryphon Theatre (start time 6pm)
- 21-24, 29-31 July *A Skull in Connemara* by Martin McDonagh directed by Matt Todd
- Friday 9 September Interclub charades
- 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?

- Stagecraft - *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling - 18-28 May
- 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

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 or 0272 481 550.

See you at the Club night on Friday 13 May at 7.30pm.

Jenny