



KAT CHAT

Khandallah Arts Theatre Newsletter

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Welcome to the September edition of KAT Chat:

- ❖ October production Shakespeare in Hollywood
- ❖ TheatreFest
- ❖ Interclub Theatre Charades

Shakespeare in Hollywood by Ken Ludwig **Directed by Mary Collie-Holmes** **6-9 & 13-15 October**

Rehearsals are well underway for KAT's next production *Shakespeare in Hollywood*. Everyone is making excellent progress with their accents; and one or two are almost scripts down with a couple of weeks still to go before the official 'books down'.

Since the last newsletter, Alex Morder has joined the cast as an ensemble member. We also welcome three more newcomers to the production crew - Gayle Carmichael (wardrobe), Victoria Hopgood (make-up) and Alexandra Harper (dresser). They join those mentioned in our last newsletter and current KAT members Chris Collie-Holmes (stage manager), Tanya Piejus and Jenny Fenwick (publicity), Jann Tarrant (set & lighting design and photographer), Ross Foubister (set construction), Pat Hay (set painting), Lynn Coory and Glenys Lloyd (props), Stephen Fearnley (SFX), Charlotte Stevens (sound operator and dance coach), Beth Pethig (wardrobe) and Marj Lawson (front of house).

We still need a few more dressers, as all the cast have more than one costume change and they'll need help, especially with the fast ones. We'll need them to start coming to rehearsals from 25 September but if we get a big enough team we won't need every dresser every night. If you think you can help or would like to find out more about what's involved, **contact Mary** on 970 0440 or email mary.c-h@outlook.com



Marcus & Jess in rehearsal



Matt, Symon & Kirsteen learning their lines.



Piers & Chris check out the technical equipment.

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Wings & Table Talk in Theatre NZ's TheatreFest

Congratulations to the *Wings* and *Table Talk* teams. Both plays did very well at the Theatre Federation's TheatreFest Lower North Island Regional Finals, with Mark and Tanya, of *Table Talk*, being awarded Best Male and Best Female Actor respectively and *Wings* taking out Best Overall Production. The adjudicator, Claire Marsh, was very complimentary about both performances, and *Wings* has been selected to go forward to the National Finals.

TheatreFest 2016 started with local festivals in Northland, Waikato, Hawke's Bay, Wellington (at which *Table Talk* won Best Technical, and Michelle, who plays Quin in *Wings*, won Best Female Actor), Top of the South, Canterbury and Invercargill, followed by four regional finals. Our regional final, the Lower North Island festival, was hosted by Theatre Hawke's Bay at The Playhouse in Hastings and our two teams were exceptionally well looked after, in a "proper" theatre, which made us all quite envious - they have **so** much space, and it's very well organised, so everything is easy to find.

We wish Jillian and her *Wings* team all the best for their performance at the national finals, which this year are in Invercargill on September 9 and 10.



← Director, Jillian with cast member Adelle after receiving their certificate.

Tanya with her certificate →



Inter-club Clueless Cup Charades Competition Friday 9 September, 7.30pm

KAT is hosting the Clueless Cup charades competition on **9 September**. We won it last year and we need **YOU** to help us win it again.

Come to compete, or come to watch. Either way, contact Lynn, this year's organiser, as soon as you can to let her know that you'll be there: 479 1598, 027 600 5366 or lynn.coory@xtra.co.nz.



Welcome New Members

We welcome new members Bryan Thomson, Richard Nicholls and Barbara Woods and welcome back Stephen and Glen Fearnley. Bryan, Richard and Barbara were all in our last production *A Skull in Connemara* while Stephen is currently in rehearsals for *Shakespeare in Hollywood*.

2016 Calendar



Friday 9 September Interclub charades

6-9, 13-15 October *Shakespeare in Hollywood* by Ken Ludwig directed by Mary Collie-Holmes

November Auditions for 2017 play-in-the-park (11, 12 and 17-19 Feb)

Friday 9 November Melodrama and Christmas party

What's on Elsewhere?

- Stagecraft - *Urinetown: The Musical* by Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis - 14-24 September
- Porirua Little Theatre - *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose - 7-24 September

See you at the Charades evening on 9 September

Jenny