

CONVENOR'S CORNER

Since our last Presentation Night in 2019, the theatre world has been in a state of shock – a peculiar situation with no audiences, no shows on and in some cases, an invasion of rats and the like eating through the lighting cables and seats, (give a thought to the fabulous Clink Theatre in Port Douglas!) the result of six months of no activity. We welcomed our International Patron **TONY SHELDON** back, and a packed house made for a fun evening...little did we know what was round the corner!



In the second half of last year, several of our participants managed to manoeuvre through the challenges of Covid-19 to actually put shows on, albeit with all kinds of limitations on numbers, masks at the ready, and temperatures taken from everyone involved. The Awards Judges decided that this group should be given a special **COVID SPECIAL PLATINUM PALM AWARD** for making the supreme effort to start things up again, in very harsh and difficult circumstances.

The groups awarded were:

PALM BEACH-CURRUMBIN STATE HIGH SCHOOL
REDLANDS THEATRE
REDCLIFFE MUSICAL THEATRE
SAINT STEPHEN'S COLLEGE
SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY
ST ANDREWS LUTHERAN COLLEGE
TUGUN THEATRE COMPANY
TOOWOOMBA CHORAL SOCIETY

This year has begun much more positively and we are well on the way to enjoying a fabulous Presentation Night once again, back at **DRACULA'S** on the Gold Coast. We hope you enjoy this new look Newsletter – feel free to send any copy, gossip, professional show comments etc.

We'd love to get more info on you and your group/school!

Finally, a big thanks to our sponsor **FRIENDS OF THE ARTS FOUNDATION** who has generously included a dollar amount in their annual sponsorship to be given to the Winner of Category 7, **The Jock and Beverly McIlwain Special Encouragement Award**. This is open to all participants in the Awards up to the age of 18 years and is awarded to a young person who has potential to develop into a professional performer.

Our Inaugural Winner was **JACKSON HUGHESMAN** for his role in Brisbane Musical Theatre's **YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN**. The Award will be given once again this year – and we thank the Friends of the Arts Foundation for their generous support!

See you in a crowded foyer real soon!

Kate Peters, OAM, Convenor

SHOWS

What we have seen...

December 2020

Ballina Players *Downtown*

January 2021

Redcliffe Musical Theatre *Mamma Mia*
Mates Theatre Genesis *Sailing South*
NAPA *Downtown*

February 2021

ROAR Academy (Redcliffe) *Moana Jnr*
Tugun Theatre Co. *The Butler Did It*
Gold Coast Little Theatre *Bye Bye Birdie*
Sunnybank Theatre Group *Xanadu*
Mates Theatre Genesis *Gather Round,*
Hear our Voices

March 2021

Spotlight Theatre Company *Jersey Boys*
Moreton Bay Theatre Co. *Fame*
Ballina Players *Girl's Weekend*
Prima (Pine Rivers Musical Assoc.)
Life is A Cabaret
Theatre Redlands *Women of their Word*

April 2021

Sunnybank Theatre Group
The Sum of Us
Gold Coast Little Theatre
No Sex Please We're British
Theatre Redlands
One Day of the Year

UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS

can include:

Date claimers and details of special events
 Features on community theatre groups
 Special achievements/events to announce
 Judges revealing their experiences in the arts
 Articles on the art of theatre
SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

AROUND THE WORLD

BROADWAY

There is nothing currently running on Broadway at present, but in an effort to begin to get things back to normal, members of the New York Philharmonic gave an outdoor concert at Lincoln Center for health care workers on Wednesday, 13 months after the novel coronavirus pandemic decimated their season.

Meryl Streep, Mary-Louise Parker, Audra McDonald, Kevin Klein, Carla Gugino and Keanu Reeves have signed on to perform in a new virtual play series this spring while Broadway is closed. The series kicks off Thursday with **THE THANKSGIVING PLAY** by Larissa FastHorse, directed by Leigh Silverman, starring Reeves, Bobby Cannavale Heidi Schreck and Alia Shawkat.

Early openings in 2022 include **CHICAGO** (Ambassador Theatre), **AIN'T TOO PROUD – The Life and Times of the Temptations** (Imperial Theatre) and **DIANA: The Musical** at the Longacre Theatre. Other shows planned for next year include **WICKED, THE BOOK OF MORMON, COME FROM AWAY, DEAR EVAN HANSON, GIRL FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY, HADESTOWN, HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD, JAGGED LITTLE PILL, MEAN GIRLS, MJ** (a biological portrait of Michael Jackson), **MOULIN ROUGE The Musical, MRS DOUBTFIRE, THE MUSIC MAN, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA,** and **SIX.**

THE WEST END, LONDON

London's theatre situation is slightly more optimistic, with the following shows opening from 21 January 2022: **THE OCEAN AT THE END OF THE LANE, CINDERELLA, The Musical, BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical, BRING IT ON, LIFE OF PI, MAMMA MIA, & JULIET, THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG, MAGIC GOES WRONG, THE DRIFTERS GIRL** (The Story of the Drifters), **THE LION KING, ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES – The Musical** and **THE PRINCE OF EGYPT.**

AUSTRALIA

Australia is doing better than hoped, with the following shows currently running: **HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD** has returned to Melbourne, and **COME FROM AWAY** is playing in Brisbane until 9 May, **MOULIN ROUGE: The Musical** will begin from 21 August 2021 in Melbourne.

FRIENDS: The Musical Parody is doing a national tour this year, and Opera Australia stages **AIDA** in May. **HAMILTON** continues at Sydney's Lyric Theatre and later this year we will see **JAGGED LITTLE PILL. FROZEN** continues in Sydney as does **MAGIC MIKE LIVE** before an Australian tour.

Kate Peters OAM

What's coming up.....

May 2021

Moreton Bay Theatre Company

The Breakfast Club

Tugun Theatre Company

The Kidnap Game

St Hilda's School

Matilda

Redcliffe Musical Theatre

Next to Normal

Spotlight Theatre Company

Beautiful, The Carol King Musical

June 2021

Wild Dreamer Productions

Void

Moreton Bay Theatre Company

Steel Magnolias

Spotlight Theatre Company

First Things First

Gold Coast Little Theatre

Metamorphoses

Ballina Players

Smokey Joe's Cafe

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