



CONVENOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our 16th year!

We are delighted to report that as of the end of February 2024, we look like having a record number of participants in the Gold Palm Theatre Awards, with new groups/schools, Village Hall Players (Kyogle), Emmanuel Anglican College (Ballina), Sky Productions (Nerang) as well as many returning companies and schools.

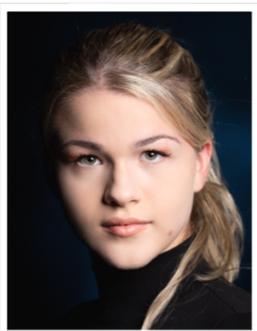
I had a productive meeting with the Mayor of the Gold Coast in late December, and hope to be able to announce the results of that meeting after the Council elections in March.

You will see info about the **One Act Play Season on Norfolk Island** later in this Newsletter. This event has been going for some years, and they offer a very competitive fee for a week on the island. I am happy to co-ordinate a group booking for any member of the Gold Palms theatre community - just let me know if you wish to be part of this exciting event.

It was great to see so many of you at the Presentation Night, and of course we were delighted to welcome COURTNEY MONSMA back to the Gold Coast, on her night off from WICKED in Sydney.

I look forward to meeting many of you personally during the year as judges visit your theatres - it looks as though this year is, in many ways, going to be very special!

Kate Peters Convenor and Founder - Gold Palm Theatre Award



The WINNER of the Jock & Beverly McIlwain Special Encouragement Award & Bursary, Sponsored by The Friends of the Arts Foundation in 2023 was **LAILA CHEQUER DE SOUZA** from Napa's production of CATS.

Laila is currently studying a Bachelor of Law/Arts (Psychology/Philosophy) at Bond University with 100% remission through the Vice Chancellor's Elite Scholarship Program. She is also in the rehearsal process as a lead in an upcoming community theatre production.

Laila looks forward to further contributing to the Gold Coast theatre community in the coming years while she completes her studies. She aspires to also expand into musical direction, given her extensive music background, and to work in youth theatre, in tandem with her studies and passion for developmental psychology.

Laila would like to express gratitude to the National Academy of Performing Arts and the Gold Coast Palm Awards for their ongoing support as she works towards her goals.

2024 - What we have already seen!

DECEMBER 2023

Included in 2024 judging

Brisbane Arts Theatre
EBENEZER

JANUARY

Ballina Players
THE LION KING Jnr.

MATES Theatre Genesis
FARMER WILL SWAP
COMBINE HARVESTER FOR WIFE

FEBRUARY

ROAR Academy Redcliffe
SHREK

Gold Coast Little Theatre
THE GRADUATE

Spotlight Theatrical Company
SOUND OF MUSIC

Brisbane Arts Theatre
WHEN THE RAIN STOPS FALLING

2024 - What is Still to Come

MARCH

Ballina Players
ARE YOU BEING SERVED?

ROAR Academy Redcliffe
JOSEPH & HIS AMAZING
TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Palm Beach Currumbin State High School
THE WEDDING SINGER

Lindesfarne Anglican College
MAMMA MIA!

APRIL

Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School
MAMMA MIA

Gold Coast Little Theatre
WAIT UNTIL DARK

Ghostlight Theatre Co.
BLOOD BROTHERS

ROAR Academy Redcliffe
FINDING NEMO Jnr.

Spotlight Theatrical Company
BURN

Bangalow Theatre Company
SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Brisbane Arts Theatre
FRANKENSTEIN

MAY

Ipswich Musical Theatre
LEND ME A TENOR

ROAR Academy Redcliffe
THE LOVELY BONES

Spotlight Theatrical Company
DOG FIGHT

Tugun Theatre Company
THE HAUNTING

Emmanuel Anglican College Ballina
MARY POPPINS

Village Hall Players
37 POSTCARDS

Sky Productions
FROZEN Jnr.

Special Offer
available until 30 June 2024!

DRACULA'S

Use the code **GOLDPALM** at www.draculas.com.au to receive 20% when you buy between 1 & 12 tickets for our regular dinner & show. Offer valid for Tuesday to Thursday nights only until 30/6/2024.

Not valid in conjunction with any other offer.

To find out more - Click on the company name to visit their website.

JUNE

[Ballina Players](#)
THE ADDAMS FAMILY

[Gold Coast Little Theatre](#)
HAIR

[Ghostlight Theatre Co.](#)
[Redcliffe Musical Theatre](#)
THE EXORCIST

[Spotlight Theatrical Company](#)
PETER PAN

AUGUST

[Ballina Players](#)
JACK THE RIPPER

[Gold Coast Little Theatre](#)
LORD OF THE FLIES

[Ghostlight Theatre Co.](#)
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

[Spotlight Theatrical Company](#)
A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

[Tugun Theatre Company](#)
THE CEMETERY CLUB

OCTOBER

[Spotlight Theatrical Company](#)
Senior Musical Theatre
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY



JULY

[Coorparoo Secondary College](#)
THE BUTLER DID IT!

[Redcliffe Musical Theatre](#)
THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG
IN THE NIGHT TIME

[Spotlight Theatrical Company](#)
GHOST

[Top Hat Productions](#)
THE PICCADILLY OLDE TIME MUSIC HALL

[St Andrew's Lutheran College](#)
WE WILL ROCK YOU

SEPTEMBER

[Ghostlight Theatre Co.](#)
THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN

[Ipswich Musical Theatre](#)
GUYS AND DOLLS

[Redcliffe Musical Theatre](#)
WEST SIDE STORY

[Spotlight Theatrical Company](#)
Senior Musical Theatre
CRY BABY

[Village Hall Players](#)
OLIVER

**NOVEMBER -
up to final judging weekend**

[Ballina Players](#)
9 TO 5

[Gold Coast Little Theatre](#)
HONEYMOON IN VEGAS

[Ghostlight Theatre Co.](#)
THE NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD

[ROAR Academy Redcliffe](#)
RUDOLPH
THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

[Spotlight Theatrical Company](#)
A CHRISTMAS CAROL

[Tugun Theatre Company](#)
THE 39 STEPS

[Bangalow Theatre Company](#)
INTO THE WOODS

NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER
Included in 2025 judging

**More shows will be added as applications to
participate are received.**

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!
26th Norfolk Island Theatre Festival 2024
21 - 29 September 2024

Awards Convenor, Kate Peters, is offering to organise a group tour.

Norfolk Amateur Theatrical Society will be hosting their annual Theatre Festival on Norfolk Island. Whatever your connection to amateur theatre, leave feeling inspired and equipped with new skills and support from fellow amateur theatre friends.

Kate has negotiated a quote from Norfolk Island Travel Centre which includes:

- **Air fares**
including 1 checked bag 30kg and 1 carry on bag 7kg per person
(Qantas from Brisbane)
- **Accommodation**
7 nights in a one bedroom apartment at The Crest Apartments
- **Car Hire**
7 days car hire (automatic) - full comprehensive insurance/unlimited kilometres/2 registered drivers/Souvenir Map & Bounty Pass (on island discounts)
- **Airport meet & greet**
- **DIY Tours**
Six tours with the use of IPOD/CD/USB
- **Transfers** to & from accommodation
- **Island orientation tour**
- **Luggage care**
- **World of Norfolk Exhibit**
- **The Norfolk Island Experience**

Cost is \$2309.00pp - much less than other offers.



Just let Kate know if you are interested and she will take it from there!
Email peterslk@iprimus.com.au

Meet New Judge for 2024

Andrew Ross Graham

Andrew Ross Graham returns to Gold Palm Theatre Awards as a Judge following five years in Sydney as Manager of Live Entertainment at Luna Park.



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Gold Coast Bulletin

GOLD PALM JUDGES

2024



Mrs Kate Peters
Convenor and Founder



Ms Kirri Adams



Ms Gai Byrne



Mrs Judy Gadloff



Ms Steffanie Gowland



Ms Del Halpin



Mr Chris Hawkins



Mr David Huddy



Ms Katrina Lardner



Ms Tracey Kriz



Ms Laney McLean



Mr Andrew Ross Graham



Mr Mark Turpin