



Maitland Gilbert and Sullivan and Musical Society Inc.

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April 2012 – Newsletter

(Newsletter Editor – Aaron Taylor)

NUNSENSE II: Hallelujah!

Thank you to everyone who came to see Nunsense II both in Cessnock and at the Maitland Repertory Theatre! The show was a successful fundraiser for the Society and will help us put on some great productions this year.

Thanks also to the many people who helped stage the show, particularly director, Delma Whyte and musical director, Daniel Dow.

Welcome, Gentlemen of Japan - THE MIKADO IN MAY

Our next production will be "The Mikado" in May. It will be performed at Maitland Town Hall from May 18 – May 27.

We invite all of our members and their families and friends to see this unique production, headed by new directing duo: Amber Lewis (Director) and Callan Creed (Musical Director).

A flyer for this production has been included with this newsletter; please feel free to provide copies to whomever you wish!

Let's Do The Time Warp! ROCKY HORROR NIGHT

Our next fundraiser has been designed to attract people who may not necessarily want to attend our usual types of money raisers. We will be hosting a "Rocky Horror" themed party on Friday July 13th! This is bound to be lots of fun for everyone who attends. There will be a costume competition, a 'Time-Warp' dance competition, novelty events and a movie screening – among other things. The venue is yet to be confirmed but it will be local to the Maitland area. A poster for this night has also been included with this newsletter – please pass it in to everyone who you think might be interested in attending this.

2012 Trivia Night

We are planning on holding another trivia night this year. It is in the planning stages, however it is currently set for October. Any suggestions or prize donations are welcomed from all, please email the Society at admin@mgasams.org

LITTLE WOMEN – The Broadway Musical

Our next production, following Mikado, will be a fresh production – LITTLE WOMEN: The Broadway Musical!

G&S veteran, Jeanette Massey and new director, Aaron Taylor, will direct this show. Following his great work with "The Mikado", Callan Creed will work on the show as the musical director.

Performances will occur in October. Auditions will be held on June 10 and 11. Please email us now at admin@mgasams.org to book an audition time, or you can contact Geoff McLaren 4936 6598 after Friday May 18th.

Committee Co-opt

The committee is pleased to announce that they have a new member! Callan Creed has agreed to become part of our committee. We are already immensely grateful for his efforts as Musical Director in our current production of "The Mikado" and his constant assistance with our bump ins for shows and he has also been a member of our orchestra for several years.

His talents and assistance will be a welcome addition to the committee!

The current committee is now as follows:

President: Ian Massey

Vice-Presidents: Coralie Lewis, Angie Hutchison

Secretary: Geoff McLaren

Treasurer: Bernadette Rennie

Committee Members: Jeanette Massey, Helen Foley, Amber Lewis, Callan Creed, and Aaron Taylor.

Going Green!

There is no doubt that there is an issue with the current state of our environment. Whether you believe what is said about the current global warming issues or not, it is clear that all of us can play a part in helping the environment and making it more sustainable for future generations.

The Society has decided to do its small part to help with this cause. When LITTLE WOMEN starts rehearsals in June, a new system for the rehearsal canteen will be implemented. Instead of using disposal Styrofoam cups for tea and coffee, mugs will be provided for the cast. So too will metal drink bottles be provided for use by those cast members who do not bring their own bottles. Metal drink bottles mean that they can be washed up and re-used by other people because they are more sanitary and durable than plastic.

This initiative has been adapted from some of the practices Sydney Theatre Company has introduced to their rehearsal rooms with the aim to help 'greenify' their work. Our philosophy is: "if it's good enough for them, it's good enough for us."

Announcements:

- The Society wishes to make a special thank you to Alexandra Rennie whose commitment and constant loyalty to our social club has been greatly appreciated! She is a tireless worker and our Society owes a lot to her.
- Aaron Taylor will be completing a short course in Stage Management at NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Art) at the end of April. He would like to express his thanks to the Society for giving him the opportunity to experience almost all facets of theatre and appreciates the opportunities he has been provided, including the opportunity to direct LITTLE WOMEN in October with the esteemed Jeanette Massey!

For The Diary:

May 18-27: "THE MIKADO"

June 10 & 11: LITTLE WOMEN Auditions

July 13: ROCKY HORROR Night

***October: TRIVIA NIGHT
"LITTLE WOMEN"***