



Latrobe Theatre Company Inc/

"Ceiri's Capers"

Cabaret:

Our Production Team are happy with how the show is progressing so far but as time ticks by it is important that we become even more focused and vigilant in the portrayal of our roles within the show. No part is unimportant or too small. We all work together as a team to produce a work of art that is believable and will bring people back for more.

Earlier in the month 4 of our male cast members dropped out of the production for various reasons but were lucky enough to find 4 talented gentlemen eager to join the troops. We would like to give a warm welcome to - Gary Wellsmore, Aaron Toman, Keith Gibson-Williams and Dale Gemmell.

Barry Whitehead, our esteemed Director, would like to commend the preparatory work and designs completed by John Hall. Some of the sets are to be designed on a revolve that will be placed centre stage.

The revolve will also be utilized by cast during certain scenes to enhance the wonderful dance sequences dreamt up by our talented Choreographer Lynne Vanderzalm.

Ernie Rijs our Musical Director has had a few challenging moments along the way but nothing he could not deal with in his unique and optimistic way. Some of those challenges were the difficulty in finding a rehearsal pianist early in the piece, now we have 2. The piano was found to have borers so we are now looking at purchasing a digital piano

which in the long run will be a more versatile asset.

The costume budget has been finalised and all the designs completed. The designs are fabulous and we would like to thank Christine for all her hard work. Kate and Christine have also been working hard, having fun, purchasing the fabric required for these works of art.

Image Direct have been appointed to produce our programs and flyers. They have already completed a draft design for the flyer. This should be completed by the end of the month.

Treasurer's Report

We are now registered for GST and will begin collecting as from 1st May 2005 Ticket prices for Cabaret are: \$28.00 Adults, \$22.00 Concession, \$25.50 Group of 10, \$85.00 Family. Will notify when available for purchase.

Sponsorship

Have a good response to sponsorship letters. Albroy's and Valley Ford have again pledged to be major sponsors and Harvey Norman have expressed interest in coming on board.

Publicity

The committee has decided it would be a good idea to hold a "Show Launch" Celebration at the Little Theatre on June 3rd to promote our shows for 2006 and thank our sponsors personally for their support. Please let me know ASAP if

anyone has any ideas for the celebration, whether it be songs/dances from past LTC shows or Broadway favourites etc.

Ronald Reserve Hall

Paul Holten and Kathleen Roberts from LCC have provided a draft lease to the committee for comments. A copy has also been sent to Jacqui Billings for her legal input. A 1 year lease with a 3 year option has been offered and it is anticipated that we will be able to take over the lease within the next few weeks.

LTC Website

Don't forget to visit www.latrobetheatrecompany.org.au on a regular basis to access information about future shows, costume or set hire, memorabilia from 40 years past and much more.

Gippsland Theatre Festival

The time is getting close and the excitement mounting. I hope you all have a program of events from the 13th - 15th May and have booked into the many diverse theatrical events and workshops. LTC are putting on a 1 act play called "Cracking the Whip" on Friday night which is a play that focuses on the character Alan who is confused about reality and relationships. We share his fantasies, confusion and growing awareness through his mind and this in turn creates some very amusing and thought provoking scenes. Saturday will include a musical performance and workshops and Sunday will focus on youth performance and conclude with a forum on Business in the Theatre. This will be run by an independent facilitator and it is hoped that all theatre groups will participate. Darren McCubbin will close the festival with an improvised play.

Tickets are now on sale through the box office 51765339.

GAT

The LTC Committee have decided to rejoin GAT, have their shows judged and provide representation to the GAT Committee. Chris Ross volunteered to be our rep.

Musicals for 2005 are:

- *Jesus Christ Super Star - Leongatha Lyric
- *Oklahoma - Warragul TC

*The Music Man - production Line

*Smokey Joe's Cafe - MDS

*Cabaret - LTC

Plays for the Season are:

*Shadowlands - FAMDA - March

*The Cemetery Club - FAMDA June

*Laying the Goat - Production Line

April Birthdays

We wish you a happy birthday, we wish you a happy birthday etc. etc.

Angus Cameron

Anne Doherty

Kylie Fildes

Judy Gray

Wendy Hall

Sandy Jessup

Nick Kong

Pam Remington-Lane

Rachel Smith

Lisa Williams

On this happy note I must love you and leave you until the next time we meet. Remember if you have any queries or questions you can email me on ibyers@netspace.net.au or phone me on 51955402 (AH), 0429110354 mobile.

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