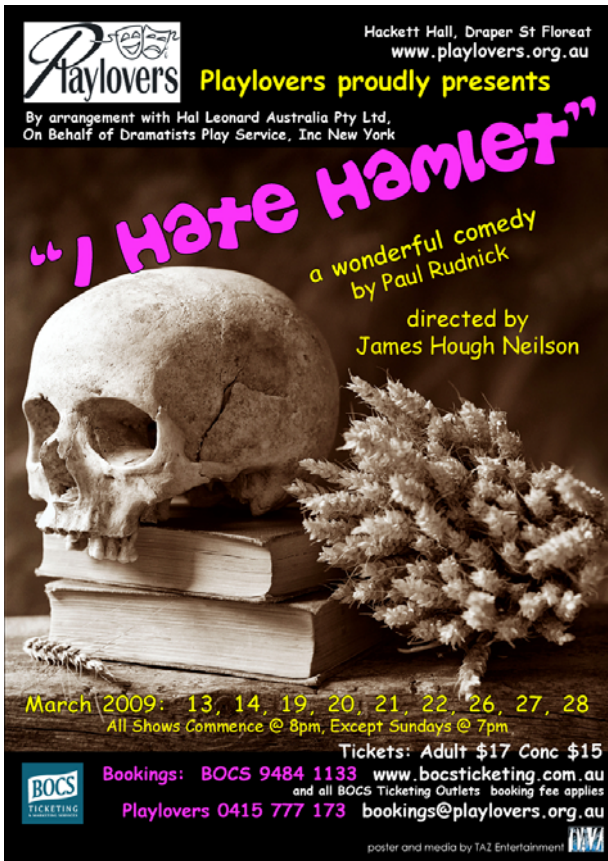




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MAIL BAG

"In the vibrant world of amateur theatre, the members of Playlovers in Floreat were not afraid to think big by investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to put on the first Perth production of *Beauty and the Beast*, recouping their money with strong audience numbers over more than 20 performances at the Regal Theatre".
 – West Australian Newspaper ARTS '2008 Exits stage left', January 1, 2009 by Stephen Bevis



Hamlet is our first production for 2009 opening in March... this is not your usual Shakespearian Hamlet – this is a comedy to which everyone will be guaranteed a fun night out with loads of laughter, particularly with the experienced James Hough Neilson at the director's helm.

For Playlovers regulars, everyone will remember James' last production *Natural Causes* in 2007 which was a terrific success that featured Gordon Park, Marie Corrigan, Murray Jackson, Susannah Devenish and Lee Perry... more info on Hamlet on page 3.



Thank you for the last three years as Playlovers President...

Haven't we done some wonderful things !!! ☺ David Young

Playlovers' Playbill for 2009

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| | | | | | Pic coming soon |
| "I HATE HAMLET" Directed by James Hough Neilson March 13 - 28 | "THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE" Directed by Kimberley Shaw May 8 – 30 | "THE HISTORY BOYS" Directed by Bev Jackson-Hooper July 10 – 25 | "THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY" Directed by John Milson September 11–26 | "RUTHLESS" Directed by Tyler Jones November 6 - 28 | Christmas Show incl. Plover Awards December 11 - 13 |
| In Rehearsal | In Rehearsal | | | | |

Playlovers Annual General Meeting

Celebrating 53 years 1956 – 2009

Sunday 15th February 2008 Time: 7.30pm
Hackett Hall, Draper Street, Floreat

All members are invited to attend and have your say

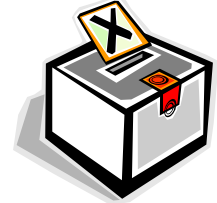


AGM News:

Marie Corrigan has nominated for President. David Young has nominated for Vice President. If you aren't directing a show at Playlovers in 2009 – then we need you to nominate !! We also need a secretary as Claudette Ridout is retiring from this position.

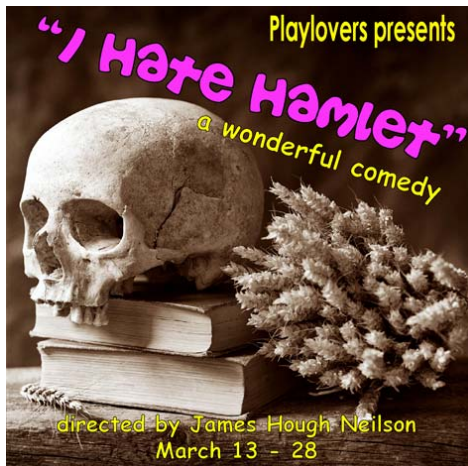
A great management team = a terrific club.

Supper after the meeting... please be prompt for 7.30pm start.



PLAYLOVERS MEMBERSHIP is due now...

Membership Enquiries: Marie Corrigan – info@playlovers.org.au



Playlovers are proud to present the wonderful comedy *I Hate Hamlet* written by Paul Rudnick and directed by well known Perth director James Hough Neilson, opening at the Floreat Hackett Hall on March 13 with a three week season concluding on Saturday 28 March.

I Hate Hamlet is an American comedy about a young good-looking TV soapie star who decides he would like to have a go at the classics, in this case, Shakespeare.

He has been offered the role of Hamlet in a Central Park Production of - you guessed it - *Hamlet*. This entails him having to move from LA to New York and to acquire an apartment which turns out to be a very interesting place.

However, doubts in his ability to play the classics begin to arise and he desperately needs assistance!! How does Andrew Rally go about getting help?

When asked what happens to the leading man, Hough Neilson replies "Well, why don't you come along and find out? I promise you will not be disappointed. This is a great comedy, beautifully written about some of the problems actors have to face".

Hough Neilson presented *I Hate Hamlet* at Wanneroo's Limelight Theatre in June 2004, "I enjoyed it so much that I decided to revisit it once more. The play itself is above all a tribute to actors".

Featuring: Courtney Nyhuis, Andrew Symes, Emma Shaw, Susan Marsh, Michael Hodgen and Tim Fraser.

Performance Dates: 2009 March 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22*, 26, 27, 28

Time: All shows start at 8pm, *except Sunday 22 March at 7pm.
Doors and bar open half an hour prior to curtain.

Tickets: \$17 Adult, \$15 Concession. Group Bookings 10+ @ \$15 each.

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Ph: 0415 777 173 email: bookings@playlovers.org.au

Website Info: Playlovers – www.playlovers.org.au or www.tazentertainment.com.au

SPELLING BEE - AUDITIONS

Auditions were held in December for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*... with an exceptional turn out and all auditionees passing their spelling tests (pew !!), Kimberley Shaw had a tough task in selecting her cast out of the exceptional quality from all. Thank you to all who auditioned. Congratulations to the following cast:

For Playlovers' May 2009 season:

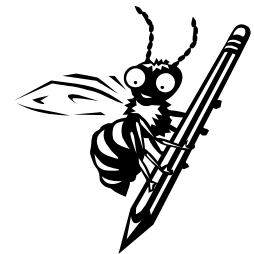
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Music and Lyrics by William Finn
Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Director - Kimberley Shaw



Spelling Bee, a musical comedy, centres around a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee, run by three equally-quirky grown-ups.

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| Rona Lisa Peretti | - | Vicki Kirkman |
| Vice Principal Douglas Panch | - | Chris Gerrish |
| Mitch Mahoney | - | Manuao TeAotonga |
| Olive Ostrovsky | - | Tammy Woolrych |
| William Barfée | - | Lauchlan Bain |
| Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre | - | Breeahn Jones |
| Marcy Park | - | Jeanette Teh |
| Leaf Coneybear | - | Tyler Jones |
| Chip Tolentino | - | Joshua Brant |



Described by the New York Times as "i-r-r-e-s-i-s-t-i-b-l-e" and "o-u-t-r-a-g-e-o-u-s-l-y funny", this Tony-award winning musical follows the fortunes of six adolescents (played by adults) competing in the final stages of the Putnam County spelling competition.

As these socially-awkward over-achievers learn about winning and losing, they are supported (or not) by equally idiosyncratic grown-ups.

All the archetypes are here, from overly-tutored and hot-housed children to pushy and overly ambitious parents. When it opened on Broadway on 2005, the show earned rave reviews and won two Tony awards, including Best Book of a Musical.

Season: May 8, 9, 14-17, 21-24, 28-30, 2009

Bookings: Playlovers 0415 777 173
or BOCS 9484 1133

Tickets on sale March 29th

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ITA FINLEY AWARDS

The ITA Finley Awards were held on Saturday 17 January 2009, at the Lady Wardle Performing Arts Centre in Karrinyup.

Playlovers shone throughout the evening...

Congratulations to Kristen Twynam-Perkins and the cast and crew of "bare" 2008 Finley Award - Best Musical



Congratulations also to John Woolrych who received an ITA Adjudicators Certificate for Atmospheric Lighting for *bare*.

Marie Corrigan presented the Inaugural David Crewes Finley Award for excellence in set design and construction – this inaugural award was awarded to *Suddenly at Home* by Melville Theatre.

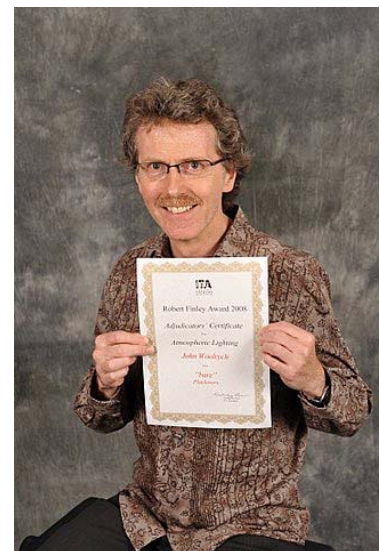
The Elizabeth Crewes Finley Award for excellence in front of house was awarded to Old Mill Theatre.
Did you know that Playlovers has never won it !?@#*&!?
We should-let's do it in 2009 !!

Congratulations also to Alex McLennan who was awarded ITA Finley Best Director for his Wanneroo production of *Hot Mikado*.

Pictures taken here were kindly taken by:
Award pics by Zyg Woltersdorf
Stage pics by Melanie DeCull



Kristen Twynam-Perkins
Director – *bare*
BEST MUSICAL



John Woolrych
Atmospheric Lighting
bare

For the full list of award winners go to www.theatre.asn.au

**"Oh, what a shock.
My career must be slipping.
This is the first time I've been
available to pick up an award"
~ Michael Caine**

FINLEY AWARDS cont...

"This award is meaningful because it comes from my fellow dealers in celluloid."
~ Alfred Hitchcock



Alex McLennan
Director – *Hot Mikado*
(Wanneroo Repertory Club)
BEST DIRECTOR



Marie Corrigan with ITA's Alan Morris and Tracee Royall announcing and presenting the inaugural ITA David Crewes award for Best Set Design and Construction



Tyler Jones and Kristen Twynam-Perkins presenting Phil Barnett with the Best Other Than A Lead Role award for his performance in *The Sum of Us* at Old Mill.

"At these award shows, I love to see what people are going to wear."
~ Mary Hart

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Auditions Elsewhere

"We Happy Few"

by Imogen Stubbs, directed by Simon James
 Old Mill Theatre
 cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth
 Audition: January 31st
 Season: May 1 - 16
 Enquiries & Audition Booking: Simon 9362 4080
 simon_james63@hotmail.com

"Oliver"

by Lionel Bart, directed by Cat Baxter
 Kwinana Theatre, Koorliny Arts Centre
 Sulphur Rd, Parmelia
 Audition: Feb 7 & 8
 Cat Baxter: ph 0409 110 704 (after 4pm)
 email: kittycat.1@optusnet.com.au
 song with backing track required

For more information on Auditions and What's On Out & About

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What's On Elsewhere

"Some Enchanted Evening" – Garrick Theatre Club

directed by Carolyn Latter
 16 Meadow Street, Guildford
 Dates: Feb 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21
 Tix: \$18/\$15 **Bookings: 9379 9400**

"Life x 3" – Wanneroo Repertory Club

directed by Gwen Browning & David Nelson
 Limelight Theatre, Civic Drive, Wanneroo
 Dates: Feb 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
 Tix: \$18/\$15/\$10
Bookings: 9571 8591 or Online www.limelighttheatre.com

"Life Mooches On" – kompany M

directed by Hellie Turner
 Featuring: Luke Hewitt, Peter Holland, Leanne Page
 Taylor's Art House, 510 Grt Northern Hwy, Middle Swan
 Dates: Feb 12-14, 20-21, 27-28
 Tix: \$50 includes gourmet bbq **Bookings: 9274 0438**

"Gone A Million" – Stirling Players

directed by Peter Flanigan & Jan Rutherford
 Stirling Theatre, Morris Place, Innaloo
 Dates: Feb 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, March 1, 5, 6, 7
 Tix: \$16/\$14 **Bookings: 9440 1040 or BOCS 9484 1133**

"Elsie & Norm's Macbeth" – Harbour Theatre

directed by Susan Lynch
 Princess May Bldng, Cantonment St, Fremantle
 Dates: Feb 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, March 4, 6, 7
 Tix: \$18/\$16/\$13 **Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133**

"Look Who's Talking" – Kwinana Theatre

directed by Susan Hayward
 Koorliny Arts Centre, Sulphur Rd, Parmelia
 Dates: Feb 20, 21, 22*, 27, 28+
 Tix: \$17/\$15 **Bookings: 9439 0290**

"Doctor in the House" – Melville Theatre

directed by Jeff Hansen
 cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy, Palmyra
 Dates: Feb 27, 28, March 1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14
 Tix: \$17/\$13 **Bookings: 9330 4565**

Tutankhamun – Darlington Theatre Players

directed by LaVerne Kirton
 a senior youth theatre production
 Marloo Theatre, Marloo Rd, Greenmount
 Dates: Feb 27, 28, March 1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14
 Time: 7.30pm Tix: \$16/\$14 **Bookings: 9255 1783**

"Assassins" – Roleystone Theatre

directed by Paul Treasure. MD: Sarah Cosstick
 587 Brookton Hwy, Roleystone
 Dates: March 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21
 Tix: \$tba **Bookings: 9397 5730**

"Romeo & Juliet" – Old Mill Theatre

directed by Stephen Lee
 The Scented Garden, Sir James Mitchell Park, Sth Perth
 Dates: March 18-22, 24-28 Time: 7.30pm
 Tix: \$25/\$20, Child U12 \$10, Family (2A+2C) \$65
Bookings: BOCS 9484 1133

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