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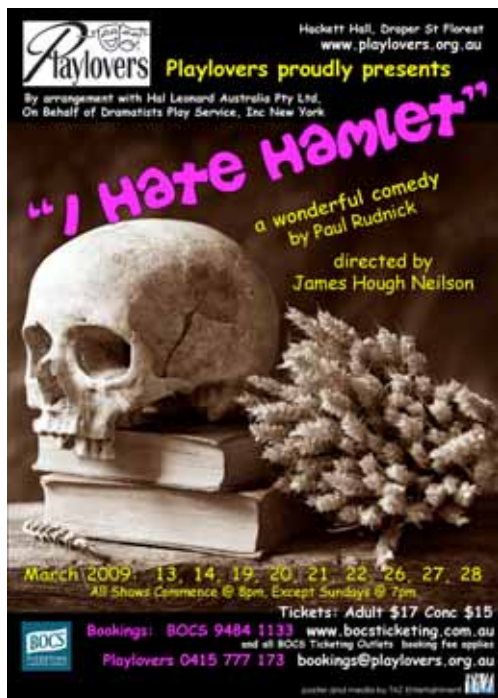
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"I Hate Hamlet"

a wonderful comedy

written by Paul Rudnick

Directed by James Hough Neilson

Assistant Producer & Stage Manager - Bronwyn Hammond

March 2009: 13, 14, 19-22, 26-28

Tickets: \$17 Full \$15 Conc.

Bookings: Playlovers 0415 777 173

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PLAYLOVERS 2009 PRESIDENT

Marie Corrigan has been a member of Playlovers for 25 years and a member of the Playlovers Committee for about 15 years. For much of that time she was Treasurer and most recently Vice President. Her non-Committee activities started behind the scenes way back in the '80s, stage managing both musical and drama productions. But she has also appeared onstage in a variety of roles since her introduction to acting in the one-act play, "An Actor's Nightmare" (most appropriate!), in 1992.

In "real" life, Marie works in IT (computing) at UWA – but please don't ask her anything about the technical side of the theatre!

Marie is excited and honoured to be Playlovers President. This is an auspicious time for Playlovers. 2009 is going to an exciting year: we have some great productions coming up; raked seating will be installed in the auditorium and we are moving closer to our dream of managing Hackett Hall as a proper theatre space.

Playlovers' Playbill for 2009

					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

Playlovers AGM was held on Sunday 15th February

A terrific turnout of people who love, support and want to contribute to our fabulous and award winning club.



Playlovers 2009 Committee

President – Marie Corrigan

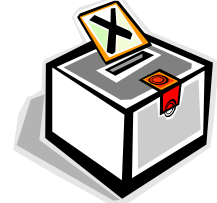
Vice President – David Young

Secretary – Kristen Twynam-Perkins

Treasurer – Natalie Arcus

Committee Roles yet to be allocated:

Bronwyn Hammond, Kerry Goode, Kevan Hook, Lyn Hutcheon, Robert Vincent and Tony Ridout.



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.

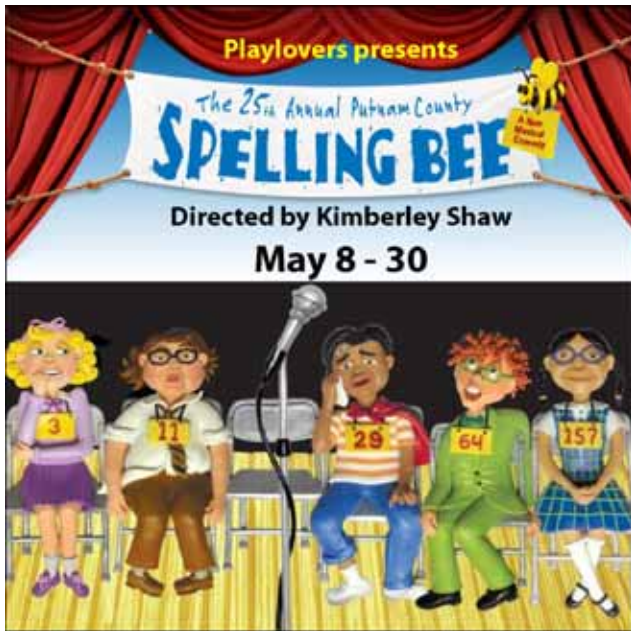
Bookings: Ph: BOCS 9484 1133 (booking fee applies) www.bocsticketing.com.au
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Website Info: Playlovers – www.playlovers.org.au or www.tazentertainment.com.au

SPELLING BEE

SPELLING BEE is coming on soon and it's not all about spelling. What is a kick line top hat and tails? ... ah the magic of theatre.

From the people who brought you Eurobeat and Seussical the Musical, along with our tiered seating – this show is going to be speckie !!



For Playlovers' May 2009 season:

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

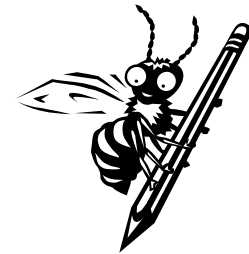
Music and Lyrics by William Finn

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.

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.

Featuring:

Vicki Kirkman, Chris Gerrish, Manuao TeAotonga, Tammy Woolrych, Lauchlan Bain, Breeahn Jones, Jeanette Teh, Tyler Jones, Joshua Brant

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

www.bocsticketing.com.au

Photo's and goss.. in our March Newsletter

Highlights from David Young – President’s Speech (Outgoing) at the AGM



I have been President for 9 years – not all in a row. This last stint was four years and people say really nice things about me. Let me assure you that I really care about theatre and this club, but all the kind words really belong to so many others.

Marie Corrigan – President Elect – who is my spell checker - emailing “Have you done this?” like a nagging wife - is constant and necessary.

Natalie Arcus – “could you check these butts, I can’t balance – what do I do” – she is so ‘dramatic’. I have known Natalie since she was 18, I liked her then and love her now.

Bronwyn Hammond – Bronwyn and Janelle are the conscience of the club. The goodwill ambassadors!! “There’s been a tsunami, floods in Burma, what is Playlovers going to do about it. I’ll do it all, you don’t have to do a thing!!” Bronwyn also gathers the people together for front of house. Well done !!

Kerry Goode handled publicity and I remember her saying in a time of distress about low bookings. It was just a meeting between her and I, but sometimes we feel we are the only ones that care.

Robert Vincent handled our bookings and box office again and what a great job he does, he charms his way in the heart of all those men and women – he really is a worry !

John Woolrych, our lighting designer and operator, he is the realist, the great pragmatic. If I go too far, he’s the one that says no at the right time and you need that on a committee.

Kevan Hook, our bar manager that takes his responsibilities very seriously – sometimes too seriously, and in these times alcohol has to be served responsibly and I hope he continues.

Claudette Ridout – a wonderful woman who took over the secretarial position and also ran the Plover Adjudicators. Opportunity now to thank them – Claudette, Jenni Cohen, Sandra Martin and Daryl Denic.

Outside of the Committee: I want to thank Kimberley Shaw for her advise in applying for the Ignite grant... as you all know we received a \$40,000 grant, \$10,000 to improve publicity and \$30,000 for our tiered seating.

Tony Ridout – Life Member: It seems Tony has been with Playlovers forever!! Set builder, lighting/sound and everything else you can think of except for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The loveliest man I have ever met. What has he done recently – followed up on booking tickets for ourselves, tiered seating from Acromat. We hope to have the tiered seating installed by Spelling Bee in May. Tony also organised the increase in electricity volume that comes into the building so we don’t have our occasional blackouts.

Terry Tinsley – Life Member: Terry the Tenacious to me – Terry the Terrific! Since 2006 Terry set out to get the Hackett Hall for Playlovers. First of all we wrote up a rent agreement to Nedlands and they replied with rent agreement after rent agreement until we got in right between Playlovers and Nedlands. Terry has had at least 36 meetings with Nedlands, until at the last meeting on 3 January 2009, Terry announced that the Hall is ours at a

peppercorn rent. Yes we still have to obey certain rules and we have to accept the Landrover Club, Kindergarten and Life Drawing, but it will be ours from 1st May 2009. HURRAH !!!

I thank you all for four years of a wonderful time as President. Thank you.
David Young

**John Woolrych is no longer on the committee.
Playlovers would like to thank John for all his
valuable contributions and achievements – lighting every show !!**

Tiered Theatre Seating for Playlovers...

We envisage that the new tiered seating for Playlovers will be installed in time for "Spelling Bee"... cross your fingers... more news on this exciting project in the March newsletter.



"I HATE HAMLET" Director James Hough Neilson

James comes from a professional theatrical background, mainly in the UK, educated at a London Drama School, he went on to appear in English Repertory Theatre, summer seasons, number 1 tours, tv, films and radio.

He has been directing and acting in community theatre since 1989, mainly at the Limelight Theatre in Wanneroo and the Stirling Theatre in Innaloo. This is his third production at Playlovers starting with The Judas Kiss in 2006 which won Best Production & Best Director at the ITA Finley Awards.



THE GREEN ROOM is BACK !!!

The Green Room team are back in 2009 with an online monthly edition showcasing WA's vibrant community theatre. Online videos and theatre news.

www.greenroomtv.info

Auditions Elsewhere

"Jesus Christ Superstar"

directed by Karen Francis
 Mandurah Little Theatre
 Mandurah Snr College, Education Dve, Mandurah
 Audition: Sun 1 March
 Season: July/August
 Karen ph: 0407 089 793

"The Wedding Singer"

produced by Mesh Theatre
 Unit 1, 388 Victoria Rd, Malaga
 Audition: Sat 7 March
 Further Info: Renae O'Neill
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For more information on Auditions and What's On Out & About

Theatre Australia www.theatre.asn.au

or

TAZ Entertainment www.tazentertainment.com.au

What's On Elsewhere

"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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