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The Stirling Players Inc.

July 2023

Principal Member of the Stirling Community Theatre

Coming up next....

From the President

2023 is a busy year for The Stirling Players Inc productions, with three productions scheduled. We started the year off strongly with a wonderful production of *Speaking In Tongues*. Written by David Hare, this play was expertly directed by Geoff Britain, supported by Bronwyn Chapple. Supported by a great production team, the cast navigated this complex play through their superb acting. Excellent reviews are shared on Page 2.

We are delighted to present a winter production this year. *The Flick*, written by Annie Baker, won the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Baker, the 2013 Obie Award for Playwriting. Directed by Rory Miller-Frost, a graduate of the Hills Youth Theatre, this comedy drama showcases a superb ensemble of young actors new to the Stirling Players.

Our final production for the year will be *Accidental Death of An Anarchist* by Nobel Prize Winner Dario Fo. Directed by Lesley Reed, this production will feature an all-female cast, and promises to be a fun night of 'absurdity and buffoonery.'

Next year we look forward to presenting a year of comedy at the Stirling Theatre with *The Explorers Club* and *Sylvia*. Two very unique plays, and so get ready for fun and frivolity mixed with careful exploration of insights into society and relationships.

Finally, I would like to welcome two new committee members; Gayle Hammond as the new Secretary and Leslie Laub who will focus on advertising. Thank you to Bob Peet and Susanne Marie for their contributions this year before needing to step down from the Committee for personal reasons.

Wishing you all warm thoughts and we hope to see you at *The Flick*.

John Graham
President

2023 Committee

- President:** John Graham
- Vice-President:** Vacant
- Secretary:** Gayle Hammond
- Treasurer:** Kristen Graham
- Members:** Roger Chapple
Jackie Ferdinands
Imelda Grubel
George Yankovich
Tania Thorne
Leslie Laub



A Pulitzer Prize winning play written by Annie Baker.

Directed by Riordan Miller-Frost.

Featuring George Yankovich, Christian Best, Carolina Fioravanti & Benny Woodrow.

TICKETS \$27, \$22 concession & \$20 group 10+
(Includes programme)

Fridays, 14 & 21 July at 7.30pm
Saturday, 15 July at 3pm
Sunday, 16 July at 3pm
Saturday, 22 July at 2pm & 7.30pm

Sam, Rose and Avery are the poorly paid workers in one of the last remaining film projector cinemas in Massachusetts. With keen insight and finely tuned comic eye, Annie Baker examines hidden corners of their lives, revealing the gems of truth that hides skin deep.

STIRLING COMMUNITY THEATRE

**BOOK at stirlingplayers.sct.org.au
Or phone 488 746 951**

Warning: strong language & sexual references





Introducing George Yankovich, Committee Member

George has been involved in theatre since the age of 16, taking drama subjects in school, as well as performing in Adelaide High School's resident theatre troupe, Running with Scissors. He contributed to their revue shows at the 2017 & 2018 Adelaide Fringe festivals.

In 2021, he was the President of the University of Adelaide Theatre Guild Student Society (TGSS) and produced the company's season that year. In 2022, he directed TGSS's production of *This is Our Youth* by Kenneth Lonergan.

George plays the role of Sam in our winter production of *The Flick* and says he is a great admirer of Annie Baker's writing. Prior to this production, he most recently appeared in *Loot* at the Adelaide Repertory Theatre and *Arcadia* at the Theatre Guild. He is also appearing in the Guild's upcoming production of *Ink*.

Speaking of his varied experiences in theatre, George says that "approaching theatre from the production and administration side allowed me to appreciate all the moving parts that bring a show to life." As a Stirling Players Committee member, his production and administration experience are highly valued and his innovative ideas and experience in social media campaigns appreciated.

Production Calendar

2023



by Nobel Prize Winner, Dario Fo
Directed by Lesley Reed
September 8 – 23

'Written to show up and send up institutional corruption after a true event, this farce remains relevant allows us to laugh at high level cover ups.'

2024

THE EXPLORERS CLUB

By Nell Benjamin
Directed by Emily Currie
22 March-13 April

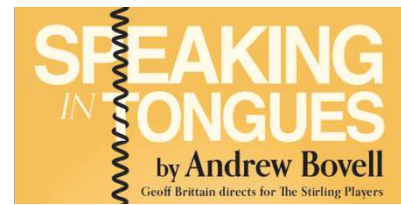
The Australian premier production of this hilarious period farce

SYLVIA

by AR Gurney
Directed by Erik Strauts
13 – 18 September

A clever feel good comedy about a marriage & a dog called Sylvia

What the reviewers said.....



Daniel Barnett, Glam Adelaide

'Speaking in Tongues is an outright success for Stirling Players – high quality, in every aspect. Director Geoff Brittain takes a difficult script and guides the audience through multiple interconnected scenes with overlapping characters and dialogue, in a way that minimises audience confusion and heightens dramatic tension. The four actors each shine in their respective roles, each given plenty to work with.'

John Ovenden, TASA

'As the actors grow into their roles, moving back and forth in time, so their powerful performances deepen....'

Barry Lenny, Broadway World

'a must-see for lovers of psychological drama and fine acting.'

