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The Stirling Players Inc.

Principal Member of the Stirling Community Theatre

September 2023

Coming up next....

From the President

It is lovely to welcome spring and with it a new Stirling Players production, *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*. This follows a successful winter production of *The Flick*, written by Annie Baker. Winner of the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. *The Flick* was wonderfully directed by Riordan Miller-Frost, a graduate of the Hills Youth Theatre, who also took on the Stage Manager role. The production beautifully showcased the talents of young actors new to the Stirling Players. Each actor showed great skill in unveiling the complexity of their characters. The ensemble was supported by a great production team, including Lachlan White expertly navigating lighting and sound on his first time in this role. Excellent reviews are shared on Page 2.

We are delighted to present our spring production for 2023, *Accidental Death of an Anarchist* by Nobel Prize Winner Dario Fo. Directed by Lesley Reed, this production features an all-female cast, and promises to be a fun night of 'absurdity and buffoonery.' An 'outrageously funny' farce, the play begins with a sly, yet charming

'maniac' being interrogated at Milan police headquarters. By impersonating a range of characters including a judge, he outwits bumbling police and begins to expose the truth behind a recent 'accidental' death in custody of a political activist.

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.

Enjoy the sun, blossom and magic of spring and we hope to see you at the Stirling Theatre in the weeks to come for *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*.

John Graham
President

2023 Committee

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Tania Thorne
Leslie Laub



Written by Nobel Prize Winner, Dario Fo.

Directed by Lesley Reed.

Featuring Dannii Zappia, Georgia Stockham, Olivia Jane Parker, Anita Zamberlan Canala, Ashliegh Merriel & Kyla Booth

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

Fridays, 8, 15 & 22 Sep at 7.30pm
Saturdays, 9 & 16 Sep at 3pm
Sunday, 10 & 17 Sep at 3pm
Saturday, 23 Sep at 7.30pm

'Written to show up and send up institutional corruption after a true event, 'Accidental Death of an Anarchist' remains relevant, allowing us to laugh in the face of high level cover ups.

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Danii Zappia (Maniac), Olivia Jane Parker (Inspector Bertozzo) and Ashleigh Merriel (Constable)





Introducing Leslie Laub, Committee Member

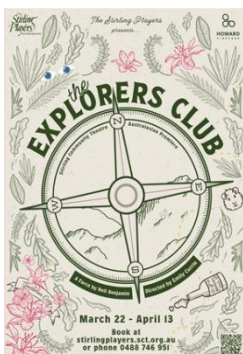
Leslie (Les) is a newcomer to Stirling Players and has taken on the role of Publicity Officer. It has been a rapid learning curve as he is new to the theatre, having only appeared as Mrs. Paggelby in a Christmas play in Primary School! However, Les enjoys the theatre and has taken on the role with enthusiasm and energy. He is still learning the language of the theatre but finding it rewarding and fun.

Les has an interesting background, his family arrived in Australia from Hungary in 1950 as refugee migrants and settled in the Adelaide Hills. He is a war veteran, having served 20 years in the Navy, and then he worked in the SA Public Service as a Training Manager and Administrator in various Departments including Prisons, Housing and Construction, Police and Aboriginal Affairs. He retired in 2000.

Les holds graduate and post-graduate qualifications in Journalism, Arts and Education a still writes articles for Veteran's Journals and his articles appear monthly in the Bulletin of the South Australian Astronomy Association. His other big hobby is Astronomy, learning about what's out there. You might see him on dark nights sitting behind a great big telescope in his back yard.

2024 Production Calendar

The Explorers Club



By Nell Benjamin
Directed by Emily Curry
22 March – 13 April

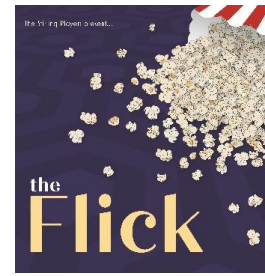
The Australian premiere production of this hilarious period farce.

Sylvia

By AR Gurney
Directed by Erik Strauts
13-18 September

A clever feel-good comedy about a marriage & a dog call Sylvia

What the reviewers said.....



Brian Godfrey, Glam Adelaide

'Annie Baker's **The Flick** being astutely directed by young first timer Riordan Miller-Frost with a stirring (pun not intended) young cast: George Yankovich, Christian Best, Carolina Fioravanti and (in a couple of cameo roles) Benny Woodrow. Well Done and 'hats off' to the Players for featuring upcoming young talent in this way.

Miller-Frost clearly understands the power of non-verbals the performances of Yankovich, Best and Fioravanti are so natural that we feel as if we know these people (not characters at all). The writing, direction and performances cleverly make us, the audience, shift alliances from one person to another throughout the entirety of the play.

Bob Peet and John Graham's set design is so accurate of a cinema, that I was reminded of my mis-spent youth in the balcony of the Walkerville Town Hall of a Saturday afternoon watching the weekly matinee and rolling Jaffas down the aisle.'

Ewart Shaw, Broadway World

'Had I seen it at the start of the run I would have seen it again for the acting.'



FRONT OF HOUSE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Stirling Players Inc Front of House is well known for our welcoming sherry, cosy wood fires, amazing Howards wines and most importantly our welcoming FOH volunteers. If you'd like to join our team, please call Kristen on 0449 220 604.

