

## President's report



Spring has well and truly sprung and this newsletter is coming out just in time for the end of the season. I hope you'll forgive the tardiness, as it's been an absolutely packed three months for us.

*Collaborators* went onstage in October and was incredibly well received. The positive reviews and comments from audience members started rolling in straight away and continued throughout the season. Closing weekend was close to capacity houses, as word of mouth had people scrambling to fit a performance into their calendar. I do hope you managed to get along to see the show as it was something special.

Particular mention must be made of our most dedicated audience member, Eleanor, who attended every performance to support husband Gary George in his portrayal of Mikhail Bulgakov. She still found something new to enjoy each night. That's the magic and beauty of live theatre - no two

performances are ever exactly the same; what you see is a special experience shared by the cast, crew and audience.

Even before *Collaborators* finished, many members of the production team had already started working on our next show *The Beaux' Stratagem*. This is a delightful Restoration comedy, directed by Dave Simms, who was at the helm of last year's fantastic *Lady in the Van*.

The key word for this production seems to be "romp", though having seen the costume plans, I might also add "opulent" to that. The script is a joy, filled with wit and hilarity. Rehearsals are now underway and when you have to stop them at regular intervals to allow the actors to get their laughter under control, you know you're onto a winner.

As we look forward to summer, we wish all our members and friends a happy festive season. Details of our Christmas gathering can also be found later in the newsletter. Hope you can join us.

Cheers!

**Miriam**

### THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**President** - Miriam Keane **Vice President** - Kevin Burrett

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## Comrades in arms

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Collaborators* on creating a truly memorable theatrical experience.



## Opening night frivolities

As always, the cast and crew celebrated a successful opening night in the foyer with friends and invited guests.



*"Megan Dansie's direction is seamless."*

*- Adelaide Theatre Guide*



*"A brilliant cast of strong actors. There is not a weak-link amongst the whole fourteen of them."*

*- Theatre Association of SA*



*"A rich and fascinating experience indeed...The acting ensemble is first-rate across the board."*

*- Stage Whispers*



*"This fascinating production will hold your attention with its brilliant performances from the entire cast."*

*- Weekend Notes*



## Cast announced for *The Beaux' Stratagem*

An adaptation by Ken Ludwig and Thornton Wilder, based on the original play by George Farquhar

**Director Dave Simms has assembled a top-notch cast for our first production of 2015 - another Australian premiere that's taken 300 years to get here!**

Jack Archer - Adam Tuominen

Tom Aimwell - James Edwards

Cherry - Rosie Williams

Kate Sullen - Anna Bampton

Dorinda - Kate Van Der Horst

Lady Bountiful - Lindy Le Cornu

Scrub - Brian Godfrey

Gloss - Alan Crawford

Boniface/Foigard - Peter Smith

Sullen/Hounslow - Joshua Coldwell

Sir Charles/Bagshot - Matt Houston

Robbed lady/Countrywoman - Debbie Tester

*The Beaux' Stratagem*, is the original Dirty Rotten Scoundrels: a fast, happy-ending caper which is laugh-out loud fun, and bursting with energy. Two handsome young playboys, Archer and Aimwell, have squandered their fortunes on wine, gambling and female company. They decide to fund their vices by travelling the countryside, seducing rich young ladies to con them out of their cash. Not everything goes to plan, as they meet a colourful collection of rogues, other thieves, and women who turn out to be smarter than they expected. It goes completely awry when they fall in love with the very women they're supposed to be swindling!

**Our first read though was great fun!**



## Our second play for 2015: *Zigzag Street*

Brisbane, 1995. Richard Derrington is 28, unexpectedly single, living in his grandparents' house with a cranky ginger cat, and not quite sure where his life is going. Somehow he's managing to keep things together, just. *Zigzag Street* follows Richard's life over six weeks. Mixing equal parts comedy and drama, it provides an hilarious glimpse of the life of a twenty-something male in 90s Australia, while also acknowledging the importance of the generations that have come before.

Stirling Players is delighted to present the South Australian premiere of this wonderful Australian play by Philip Dean, based on the award winning, and much loved, novel from Nick Earls and directed by Miriam Keane.

### Auditions - Sunday February 1st

Richard (28M) - A "nice", slightly awkward guy.

Hillary (30-35F) - Richard's boss in PJ Shelton Bank's law department.

Jeff (29M) - Richard's best friend.

Deb (18-23F) - Young and funky office assistant.

Rachel (23-29F) - Intelligent, alternative, quirky artist.

Sal (25-30F) - Intelligent and funny but also the voice of reason. Married to Jeff.

Greg (40-45M) - Richard's doctor.

Renee (20-27F) - Young journalist with the local paper.

Girl (16-19F) - Cracks on to Richard in a café.

For further information, check our website ([www.stirlingplayers.sct.org.au](http://www.stirlingplayers.sct.org.au)) or the Adelaide Theatre Guide ([www.theatreguide.com.au](http://www.theatreguide.com.au)), in the coming weeks.

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### Stirling Players Christmas gathering

It's that time of year again! Join us on December 6th from 12:30pm at Viki and Kevin Burrett's house in Hahndorf for our Christmas celebration.

As always, it's BYO drinks and chairs, plus a plate to share. If you have any specific desires with regards to meat, or any particular dietary requirements (gluten, dairy free, vegetarian etc.), also feel free to bring your own favourites.

RSVPs, to [stirlingplayerssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stirlingplayerssecretary@gmail.com) by Dec 5th, would be appreciated and directions to the venue can also be provided.

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## Memberships for 2015

As 2014 draws to a close we look forward to bringing you more fantastic theatre in 2015 and encourage everyone to become a member of Stirling Players.

Memberships are great value. For just \$30 (\$25 concession) your annual membership (valid for one calendar year, Jan 1st - Dec 31st) gives you two ticket vouchers.

These can be used for either of our 2015 shows, *The Beaux' Stratagem* (February) or *Zigzag Street* (October). Use both for the same show or one for each, it's entirely up to you.

In addition, you'll have voting rights to elect our 2015 committee at the Annual General Meeting (or nominate to join us) and be eligible to attend our special member events throughout the year.

### The Beaux' Stratagem

Adapted by Ken Ludwig and Thornton Wilder, based on the original play by George Farquhar

Directed by Dave Simms

February 20th to March 7th

### Zigzag Street

Adapted by Philip Dean, from the original novel by Nick Earls

Directed by Miriam Keane

September 25th to October 10th

## Fun at the fire

Thanks to Mo and Nick for hosting our annual play reading. This was followed by a massive bonfire and BBQ. Fun times, as always!

