

Wyong Drama Group: Media Release



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Re: ***Caught in the Net*** by Wyong Drama Group
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Wyong Drama Group is concluding the 2010 season with a recent Ray Cooney farce called ***Caught in the Net*** which will open on Remembrance Day (11 November) this year. This show will end a very successful year for the group which opened with the Australian play ***Cosi*** by Louis Nowra, was followed by the annual TheatreFest of one act plays and then the extremely touching ***Harp on the Willow*** by John Mistoe. ***Caught in the Net*** represents a return to typical WDG fare; that of the English Farce, which audiences have long told us is their favourite type of play.

In the play we see a London taxi driver called John Smith who has an interesting “hobby”. He keeps two wives. Making sure that one does not find out about the other is just about a full time job for John, who is ably assisted in this task by his lodger, Stanley. John has a daughter to one of his wives, and a son to the other, and he is absolutely determined that they should never meet.

The number of lies he needs to tell increases progressively as the play goes on, as the situation becomes more and more frantic. When his son meets his daughter on the internet and they are intrigued as to how many similarities their respective fathers have, they are determined to meet in person. The more determined they are to meet, of course, the more ludicrous John’s lies need to become. In the end, even John and Stanley themselves are having trouble believing the excuses they need to concoct to keep the families apart!

Caught in the Net is a sequel to the farce ***Run for your Wife*** which Wyong Drama Group presented in 2003. We have managed to assemble a fine cast for the play which is Stephen McDonald as John Smith; Steve Killeen as Stanley Gardner; Nikki De Vries as Mary Smith; Virginia Skinner as Barbara Smith; Rohan Smith as Gavin Smith; Sara Brown as Vicki Smith and Hagen Heinrich as Dad Gardner. The play is directed by Peter Deane who most recently directed Eric Idle’s ***Pass the Butler*** for WDG. Rehearsals have started and all involved agree that the play is going to be one of the funniest things you’ll ever see.

Make sure you pencil in the dates for mid-November, as the play will only run for nine shows from Thursday 11th to Saturday 20th. Tickets cost \$17 for Thursday Nights and 2pm Matinees and \$20 for the Friday and Saturday nights. Wyong Drama Group’s bookings line will be open from 21st October onwards. In the meantime, for more information, see the website at www.wyongdramagroup.com.au.



Stephen McDonald



Rohan Smith



Sara Brown