

Wyong Drama Group Inc.



In Cooperation with

Wyong Arts and Culture Fest

Presents



A feast of entertainment including Poetry Reading, Monologues and a One Act Comedy Play

“Last Tango in Wyong Shire”



Directed by Ron Baker

March 22nd - 23rd 2002

Wadalba Community School - Pacific Highway Wadalba

DIRECTORS NOTE

I would like to thank Wyong Shire Council for inviting us to participate in the inaugural Arts & Culture Fest in 2002. A timely invitation in our fiftieth year of continuous entertainment. I would like to thank Suzanne King the Theatre Fest co-ordinator for her co-operation and hard work in arranging the venue and Mr Lance Godwin, The Principal of Wadalba Community School for making this venue available. Special thanks must also go to members of Wyong Drama Group who supported me throughout the production. I proudly present to you the cast whose dedication and hard work has made this endeavour a pleasure for me. I hope you enjoy tonights performances.

Ron Baker

“Last Tango in Wyong Shire”

HOWARD OXLEY - GORDON

Howard is currently in his second stint as President of the group. His first love in the theatre is to perform in comedies. Howard has appeared in:

BOEING BOEING
DON'T JUST LIE THERE SAY
SOMETHING
IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY
SEE HOW THEY RUN
NOISES OFF

Howard has directed:

THERE GOES THE BRIDE and
co-directed

BRUSH WITH A BODY
LOVES A LUXURY

His one act theatrefest appearances include

WALKING STICK OF THE DESERT
(nominated for Best Actor)

ALBERT (nominated for Best
Supporting Actor)

DARK BROWN (nominated for Best Actor)

PAM CAMPBELL - JOYCE

Pam is a very versatile actress who has appeared in a great variety of roles both dramatic and comedy.

She has performed in such plays as: NOISES OFF, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS, MACBETH, THE ODD COUPLE (Female version), THERE GOES THE BRIDE and PLAZA SUITE.

Her one act theatrefest plays include:

A PLACE IN THE PRESENT
THE PLOT SICKENS
SILVER WEDDING COUNTDOWN

and recently at the Norfolk Isle theatrefest. Pam has earned awards for Best Script at Youthfest 1994 and an award for script writing at the 1994 Central Coast film festival. Pam is a secondary teacher of drama and has studied dramatic art at both the independant theatre and university.



FIONA SUMMERALL - MARGARET

Fiona comes from a musical background with performances in the local musical societies productions, Guys and Dolls, Calamity Jane and the Sound of Music. Fiona's first performances with the Wyong Drama Group were:

HOT TAPS

WANTED ONE BODY

Fiona was also in the award winning one act festival play

SWEET CAROLINE SWEET

Fiona is in her final year of primary education at Newcastle University.

PETER KOCAN Resident Playwright

Skit Opening scene from 'The Maltese Mouse'. Peter is a scribe of many talents and as our resident playwright has contributed many wonderful one act plays such as
WALKING STICK OF THE DESERT
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE
HOME FIRES BURNING
THE MALTESE MOUSE

Peter has acted in productions such as:
BRUSH WITH A BODY, LOVES A LUXURY
NOT NOW DARLING, PAJAMA TOPS, HOUSE GUEST
MACBETH, DON'T JUST LIE THERE SAY SOMETHING

Peter has also written the books 'The Treatment' and 'The Cure' which was placed on the HSC reading list. He lectures at Newcastle University in the art of creative writing and was the 1999 University Medal Winner.

SHAUN MARTIN - BERNARD

This is Shaun's first appearance on stage for Wyong Drama Group. Last year Shaun regularly attended and participated in club nights and is keen to develop his acting skills.

CATHY de VRIES

Cathy, early in her career, was a member of a singing group the 'Serenades' in her hometown of Kiama. She was also a member of the Roo Theatre where she had roles in:

GUYS AND DOLLS

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Since joining Wyong Drama Group she has had performances in:

DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER

PLAZA SUITE

THE FOURTH WALL

Cathy is also very active within the group organising 'Club Nights' where each week various activities are presented and experienced people are invited to conduct nights and pass on their expertise.

BERNIE O'BRIEN ACTOR

Monologue 'Phonetic Punctuation'
Bernie began his career with the Lismore Theatre Co and the Ballina Players performing in 'TRAVELLING NORTH' and 'TWO WITH THE QUEEN'. Since joining the Wyong Drama Group in 1997, Bernie has taken the job of stage manager for several major productions as well as acting. He has appeared in:
DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER
SEE HOW THEY RUN
HOTEL SORRENTO
NOISES OFF

Bernie has also performed in award winning one act theatre festival plays:

THE MUSIC LOVERS

THE CLUB

PATRICIA DUNBAR - Monologue 'FRENCH FRIES'

Patricia only joined the group last year but she immediately launched herself in the group's activities. She assisted behind the scenes and took on the important role of stage manager for last years production of 'THE FOURTH WALL'. Patricia recently participated in a theatre workshop organised by the group to further develop acting and directing skills.

MARC CALWELL Master of Ceremonies

Marc previously spent many years doing musicals with the Hornsby and Ashfield musical societies and later on the Central Coast. Since joining the Wyong Drama Group, Marc has performed in major productions such as:

HOT TAPS
LOVES A LUXURY
WANTED ONE BODY
PLAZA SUITE
THE FOURTH WALL

Marc has also performed in the award winning one act play 'SWEET CAROLINE SWEET'.

Marc is currently rehearsing as Einstein in 'PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE'.

2002 marks the 50th birthday of Wyong Drama Group. The group began as the Wyong Dramatic Group in 1952 with the 3 act play 'Charity Begins', directed by Geoff Cox and performed at The Astra Theatre. By 1955 the group boasted its own hall called The Youth Hall, where the courthouse is situated today. In 1951 the group changed its name to Wyong Drama Group.

Bonnie Bryant and Gwen Clarke remain the longest serving members after joining in 1958 and 1960 respectively. Over the years members from the group have written, produced and performed many productions which have won awards around the state at various drama festivals. Their first award, at the Arts Council Country Drama Festival was in August 1957 when Rene Levenspiel's production of J M Barrie's fantasy 'Mary Rose' won the North Coast Zone final and went on to gain third prize in the state finals in Sydney. In 1970 WDG stalwart, Bonnie Bryant won a Best Actress award for her role in 'String of Amber'. Bonnie, a member for over 45 years, has directed 30 of the group's 166 productions over the past 50 years. Wyong Drama Group proudly invites its valued public to join in the extended birthday celebrations by coming along to the Big Birthday Bush Bash on Saturday June 22nd and the August production which will highlight the group's history and achievements throughout its first 50 years.

HELEN SCHUMANN - POETRY READING
Drama groups are made up of many and varied people with talent sometimes unseen. As well as being our resident makeup lady, Helen has proved to be a talented poet. She has written and recited many a poem for and about the group. Helen has had poems published in a publication called "POETRY FOR THE PEOPLE".
Helen has appeared in major productions such as:
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WANTED ONE BODY and a one act play -
SEE IF I CARE.

Happy 50th Birthday to 'US'