



Seaborn Broughton & Walford Foundation Newsletter

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Nan's Letter Space

Dear Friend

I am in the middle of a tour in Italy at present but wanted to advise our 'Friends' of two very sad events.

1) On 12th June 2007 **Russell Frost** died and will be missed a lot by a number of friends who realise how he loved our Foundation and especially by those who understood his fight against his bipolar illness. He was our Honorary Administrator for a short time and worked very hard. Like many of our 'Friends' I will miss his friendship.

2) Some days ago Carol Martin emailed of the very sad news that **Lady Nancy Fairfax OBE** had died.

Nancy Fairfax had been one of our greatest benefactors from the very early days of our existence, not only financially when she assisted with our Stables Theatre and our Independent Theatre, but especially later with our SBW/NIDA archive project. It was only a few days before I left Sydney that we discussed this project. She was warm and interested in all our activities and attended many of our functions with her two great friends Stuart Babbage and Clive Hall. She will be missed greatly by all our Foundation and we extend to her family our deepest sympathy.

This is our 21st Anniversary year and I hope many of you will write in with suggestions as to how we can make it a success.

Carol Martin has told me all the 'Friends' who attended the NIDA production of '**Sweet Charity**' thought it was absolutely wonderful, good sets and a highly professional cast.

'**It Takes Two**' with **Judy Connelli & Suzanne Johnston**, and Kookaburras production of '**Company**' were also enjoyed by many 'Friends'.

Please check the productions and functions in this Newsletter and please book early, we have plays, play readings, operetta, musicals, recitals which include drinks and supper and the wonderful **Miriam Margolyes** will present her one woman show.

So there is something to suit everyone.

Sincerely

Rodney Seaborn

Some significant developments have occurred at the SBW/NIDA Archives and Performing Arts Collection located at the corner of Gardeners Road and O'Riordan Street, Alexandria, since the completion of the refurbishing of the building over the recess in December 2005 and January 2006. In April 2006, the installation was commenced of mobile compactus shelving in the air-conditioned storage space designed for the accomodation of the SBW Foundation collections and the NIDA, Old Tote Theatre Company and Jane Street Theatre archives was commenced and completed by June. The mobile compactus shelves will also be used for the hanging accomodation of the NIDA costume collections as well as the research collections of period clothing, hats and hat blocks, and the custom made boxes for the storage of approximately 100 of the puppets of the Marionette Theatre of Australia, which were acquired by the SBW Foundation through the good offices of Judge Lloyd Waddy, Chairman of the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust, which previously owned the puppets. Additional static or fixed shelving has also been installed for the reception and storage of a large collection of the theatre programmes, press-clippings and historical manuscripts relating to the performing arts, formerly belonging to the Dennis Wolanski Library of the Performing Arts at the Sydney Opera House. This collection was transferred to the custody of the SBW Foundation in January 2006 by the University of New South Wales Library which had previously acquired them from the Dennis Wolanski Library. Approximately 63 four-draw filing cabinets containing press clippings which were accumulated by the Dennis Wolanski Library between 1973 and 1996 are now available for the use of research scholars and students at the SBW/NIDA Archives. The whole of the shelving for the accomodation of these extensive collections was supplied and installed by ABAX Systems Pty Ltd, from the funds generously donated by Dr. Rodney Seaborn, Managing Director of the SBW Foundation. It is therefore appropriate in this brief report to acknowledge with gratitude the ready assistance and ongoing support for the establishment of the SBW/NIDA Archives on the part of Dr. Seaborn, who, in collaboration with the National Institute of Dramatic Art, has established one of the most valuable collections of research materials on theatre and the performing arts in Australia.

Dr. Peter Orlovich
Director, SBW/NIDA Archives



The Man from Mukinupin

by Dorothy Hewett

New Theatre 542 King St Newtown

The Man from Mukinupin is a musical celebration of country life in a Western Australian wheat-belt town at the time of the great war.

Dorothy Hewett's wonderful play has it all: star-crossed lovers; rivalries and feuds; dark secrets; hidden lies; and many sets of twins. A travelling carnival arrives, a town divides and a foreign war calls. It sparkles with the verve and innocence of the good old days' but it also reveals the prejudices and ignorance of a less forgiving time.

Thursday 19th July to 18th August 2007
Thursday to Saturday - 8pm & Sunday - 5pm

Tickets - \$24.00

Bookings - Carol Martin - 9697 7654



THE HOLLOW

by Agatha Christie

Genesisian Theatre 420 Kent St Sydney

A weekend house party at Sir Henry Angkatell's for family and close friends... what could possibly go wrong?

Of course a murder takes place, but Christie departs from her usual format whereby the detective gathers the suspects together and eliminates them one by one. Instead we get an insight into the cold, calculating mind of a killer.

Many people consider it the best of her plays, and indeed it is finely crafted. The characters are engaging and there is a strong element of humour running through the dialogue, not only designed to entertain, but to actually increase the tension.

Another murder mystery at the Genesisian Theatre which they always produce so well.

Friday - 6th August 2007 - 8pm

Tickets - \$20.00

Bookings - Carol Martin- 9697 7654



Actors' Forum Play Reading

STAIRCASE

by Charles Dyer

**Independent Theatre 269 Miller St
North Sydney**

Cast -Jonathan Hardy and David Baldwin

Charles Dyer and Harry C. Leeds are a lonely aged couple who have been in a long term relationship. In the barber shop they both run, Charlie, a former actor, is awaiting a summons and takes out his nervousness on Harry, whose head is swathed in bandages, by taunting him about his baldness. His bickering is exacerbated by the unexpected arrival of his daughter Cassy, whom he has not seen for 20yrs.

Just months before the reform of a destructive law, the two gents hairdressers face the consequences of a serious charge with deep love and biting wit.

Sunday - 19th August 2007 - 2pm

Tickets - \$15.00

Bookings Carol Martin- 9697 7654 or at door



The Alex Buzo Company

presents a staged reading of

THE MARGINAL FARM

by Alex Buzo

Waverley Library Theatrette

**The Ron Lander Centre, Denison Street
Bondi Junction**

**Directed by Laurence Coy and featuring
EMMA BUZO & JOHN GREGG**

Buzo's historical masterpiece follows the adventures of the intriguing Toby Parks - a stylish, witty but troubled Australian woman working as a governess on a sugar cane farm in 1950's colonial Fiji.

Memorable characters and an evocative setting make the play a thoroughly absorbing theatrical experience.

Sunday - 16th September 2007

1.30pm or 3.45pm

Tickets- \$17.00

Bookings - Carol Martin - 9697 7654





Actors' Forum Play Reading
“SAME TIME, ANOTHER YEAR”
 (sequel to “Same Time, Next Year”)
 Independent Theatre, 269 Miller St
 North Sydney

Cast - Anna Lee & Patrick Phillips
 This moving human document like “Same Time, Next Year” is again set against the ever-changing backdrop of the USA. Hilarity and tenderness are perfectly balanced in this tale of an extra-marital affair, conducted one weekend a year, is taken into the last quarter of the 20th century.

Sunday - 14th October 2007 - 2pm
Tickets - \$15.00

Bookings - Carol Martin 9697 7654
or at the door on the day of the performance



Andrew McKinnon presents

Dickens' Women
Starring Miriam Margolyes
 Sydney Theatre Hickson Rd Walsh Bay

Miriam Margolyes is one of the most knowledgeable and brilliant interpreters of Charles Dickens and her wonderful sense of humour shines through as she traces the startling similarities of the women in Dickens' work and in his life.

Laughter and tears combine in this entertaining show and some surprising revelations are made. The acclaimed British actress won an LA Critics Award for her role as Flora Finching in the film of *Little Dorrit* and has become a favourite with film goers for her many other roles.

Sunday - 21st October 2007- 5pm
Tickets - \$64.00

Bookings - Carol Martin - 9697 7654



Some 'Friends' in the past have questioned the discrepancy of the price shown on the tickets for some functions to the price we actually charge. The reason for this is that our Foundation must make a profit on functions to build up our assets to continue benefiting the Performing Arts, but the price we charge 'Friends' is always cheaper than the normal price to the General Public. As well as paying for tickets months ahead the Foundation has to pay handling fees and in many cases 4% credit card fees. We aim to make 10% for the Foundation on each function but we seldom do, and at the same time SBW 'Friends' get the best seats at a reduced price

BILLY ELLIOT

The Musical

Capitol Theatre Campbell St Haymarket

From the multi-award winning creators of the smash hit film *Billy Elliot*, comes *Billy Elliot* the musical.

With music by Elton John, this highly acclaimed production set against the historic British miners' strike of the 1980's opens in Sydney in November. It's a funny feel-good celebration of a young boy's dreams to be a dancer in a man's world of hard hats, football boots and boxing gloves.

This heart-warming musical of one boy's triumph over adversity has broken box office records in London since its premiere in 2005.

This truly inspiring piece of theatre has critics raving.

Ticket prices -

Tuesday - 27th November 2007-7.30pm - \$99.00

Sunday 2nd December 2007 - 3pm- \$99.00

Book early before the ticket price goes up.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

The Seaborn Broughton and Walford Foundation is 21yrs old this year so to celebrate we are going to have a big

21st Anniversary /Christmas Party here in the NIDA foyer early evening on

Thursday - 13th December 2007

There will be entertainment, a choir, and many entertainers will be invited to attend.

Drinks and Christmas fare delights will be provided for guests.

It will be free to all SBW Friends and they can bring along a guest too.

Tickets will be issued for this function , so 'Friends' must let us know if they will be attending for catering and ticketing purposes.

More information in our next Newsletter.

Bookings - Carol Martin - 9697 7657

