



# Seaborn Broughton & Walford Foundation Newsletter

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## Nan's Letter Space

Dear Friend

Well, firstly, before anything else, this is the time to wish each other a Happy Christmas, and a more prosperous New Year. I wish it for you all, and we send this message of hope and love to all our friends, to our Board and all who work at the new offices of the Seaborn, Broughton and Walford Foundation.

In fact I'm sure we wish to send out good will to this wonderful strange world, as we have been taught to do.

For the Seaborn, Broughton and Walford Foundation it has been a year of new directions and achievements. We will mark this by holding our Christmas Party at the new building at 925 Botany Rd Rosebery. You will find all the information in this Newsletter and hope you will be able to come. It will take the form of a cocktail party on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8.30pm.

In the middle of the year we acquired the two storey building on Botany Rd at auction, for a reasonable price, judging it to be an excellent home for the growing archive collections and for our own administration.

There was not too much to be done to make the building ready for us. Mike Butler our builder took charge and has been a fantastic help. Work done related to the building adjustments, electrical work and systems we would require, fire prevention, plumbing and much else, all achieved with calm and ease, and now complete.

Dr Peter Orlovich our Chief Archivist has his office here and so of course does our busy Administrator Carol Martin.

All we have to do is place our name on the front to identify the building.

In 2010 our aim is to welcome NIDA teachers and students to use the resources of the SBW Foundation Archives and Performing Arts Collection for their research by arrangement with the Archives staff.

Others can of course visit the Archives Reading Room to discover the treasured documents and memorabilia conserved relating to the performing arts of Australia right back to the beginning.

Our SBW Foundation Performing Arts collection consists of a valuable library of books and journals, an extensive collection of newspaper clippings and a comprehensive collection of theatre programmes, which are an invaluable resource for the history in Australian theatre and performing arts.

The research collection which is freely available for the use of school, college and university students who are studying the history of theatre and performing arts in Australia, is particularly rich in sources of biographical information on Australian actors, designers, directors and producers, as well as critical reviews of theatrical productions.

The collection also includes an extensive library of books on puppetry, as well as a substantial variety of material created by the Marionette Theatre of Australia from the early 50's to the early 90's.

We represent a necessary and most special resource for our country, thanks to the foresight and philanthropy of our beloved founder Dr. Rodney Seaborn, without whom none of this might have happened.

Sincerely

*Leslie Walford*

## CABARET

Book by Joe Masteroff, Music by John Kander, Lyrics  
by Fred Ebb

New Theatre 542 King St Newtown

Willkommen, Bienvenue... Welcome!

**Cabaret** has been hailed as one of the most iconic and defining musicals of the 20<sup>th</sup> century since it first hit the stage in 1966. Taken from John van Druten's play *I am Camera*, which in turn was inspired by Christopher Isherwood's semi-autobiographical short story *Sally Bowles*. Set mainly in the dark and decadent Kit Kat Club of 1930's Berlin, where patrons dabble in erotically charged and sexually ambiguous games reflecting the political chaos and anti-Semitism raging outside, **Cabaret** entices with its intoxicating blend of sly humour, edgy drama and jangling, jazzy songs.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Thurs, Fri and Sat at 8pm  
Sun - 5pm

Tickets - \$28.00

Bookings - Carol Martin - 9955 5444



Discounts are available to SBW Friends for  
Costume Hire at

## THE COSTUME SHOP

19/198-222 Young Street  
Waterloo NSW  
Phone - 9318 2511

## Sydney Philharmonia HANDEL'S MESSIAH Concert Hall Sydney Opera House

Sydney Philharmonia, Symphony Chorus, Orchestra  
and Messiah Choir

Of all the illustrious works of music tied to Christmas, perhaps none lies as close to people's hearts as Handel's Messiah.

Composed at lightning speed in 1741, the legendary oratorio with its unforgettable *Hallelujah Chorus* continues to bring audiences to their feet more than 250 years later.

Many feel their Christmas experience is incomplete without a performance of Messiah. And there is no better site to witness Handel's tour de force than at the Sydney Opera House with the collective forces of Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, including the Messiah Choir.

Dr. Seaborn had always hoped to reserve some tickets for SBW Friends to enjoy The Messiah in December. Until now, it was too difficult to ensure we could acquire good seats at a suitable performance as well as secure a discount on the price of the tickets. At last we are able to fulfil his wish.

Sunday - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009 - 5pm  
Tickets - \$72.00

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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 tickets at a reduced price



**Seaborn Broughton & Walford  
Foundation**

**Christmas Party**

**and the presentation of the  
Rodney Seaborn Playwrights  
Award 2009**

**The President and the Board of  
Directors of the  
Seaborn, Broughton & Walford  
Foundation**

**Invite SBW 'Friends' and their guests  
to join us in the  
Board Room of the  
SBW Foundation**

**925 Botany Road Rosebery NSW**

**Thursday - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
6pm to 8.30pm**

Enjoy drinks and some fine food in our new building,  
meet SBW Directors and SBW staff and mingle with  
other SBW Friends and enjoy the Christmas spirit  
with all of us at our new home.

**Tickets - \$35.00**

No tickets issued guest list at door

**Bookings**

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**A Gift for Christmas**

Any friend or business associate will appreciate your unique gift of being a 'Friend' of the SBW Foundation. We will mail the identity card and information directly, or if you prefer, we will send it to you for personal presentation.

Subscriptions are still only **\$11.00 a year** or **\$77.00 for a Life Subscription**

Just phone, or email the name and address with your credit cards details, or post the information with a cheque and we will get the subscription sent off in plenty of time for Christmas .



**ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR**  
by Alan Ayckbourn

Ensemble Theatre 78 McDougall St Kirribilli

Cast includes - Mark Owen-Taylor

A classic comedy of manners, class and kitchen sinks from Britain's master of satire.

Alan Ayckbourn's hilarious, irresistible, dark comedy classic concerning three married couples over three Christmas Eves. The social-climbing Hopcrofts in their gadget filled kitchen; the relationship troubled Jackson's in their neglected fourth floor flat; and the laconic Brewster-Wright's in their Victorian style home. Add a mad dog, a faulty oven and some inappropriate party games and the result is classic Alan Ayckbourn at his best.

No need to miss out! Although the Ensemble quickly sold out of tickets for the scheduled performances, we moved to secure good seats for one of the recently-announced extra performances.

**Saturday - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010 - 5pm**

**Tickets - \$45.00**

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