

LILYDALE ATHENAEUM THEATRE COMPANY



BACKSTAGE

Newsletter

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SPOTLIGHT ON... VOLUNTEER SET BUILDER... PETER Z

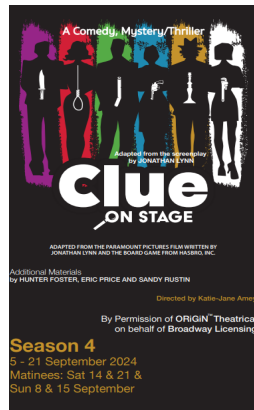
The process of getting a show on the stage is quite long and involved.

The set is designed, the set building team order the timber, screws & paint and work from the 'to-scale' drawings, then a call out to the set building Volunteers is made and a deadline to complete the build is fixed. It can take from three weeks to six weeks to erect, paint and decorate a set... no set is ever the same!

One of our valued set builder Volunteers is **Peter Z**. Peter has been part of the valuable set building team for two years now.

Peter's background is an interesting one: born in Denmark, his family migrated to Australia when he was months old. The family of six settled in Forest Hill where his parents instilled in their children self reliance, independence and responsibility. All the children were taught cooking, washing, ironing & mending clothes. It was when Peter learned to fly Gliders that he learned the value of teamwork and participating in a club. Skills that were highly useful for his future endeavours. Peter's first job was as a 'copy boy' in the Channel O Newsroom then followed, after finishing school, working at the MMBW and Bureau of Meteorology. For 19 years Peter was in the Army Defence Force Reserve too! Retiring in 2022, Peter planned to pursue his hobby of building models but soon decided he needed something more. As a patron of the LATC he saw an opportunity to volunteer with the set building team. He has enjoyed working with Luc and the team, listening to how they problem solve and improving his own techniques...it's a very satisfying retirement pastime.

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Did you have a fabulous time at **SUITE SURRENDER?** Did you laugh so hard you couldn't breathe? Well **CLUE On Stage** is bound to have the same affect on you! **Katie-Jane Amey**, the director of **COSI** (2022) and the side-splitting **SHAKE-SPEARE** (2023), brings **CLUE On Stage** to life on

our stage. For those of you acquainted with the board game CLUEDO, this play will be very familiar: Professor Plum, Miss Scarlett, Mrs Peacock, etc. all grace our stage.

Six guests are invited to a dinner party thrown by an anonymous host. Colonel Mustard, Mrs White, etc. soon discover they have all fallen victim to the same blackmailer. Each is presented with a weapon and must either pay the blackmail money or kill the innocent butler. It is a madcap, slapstick evening full of murder, mystery, and laughs.

If you are up for a **rollicking evening of fun DON'T MISS OUT**, book your tickets now, this one is selling out FAST, FAST FAST!

Online www.lilydaleatc.com, in person at the Box Office or over the phone—9735 1777 - **you will be sorry if you miss this one.**

SUBSCRIPTION TICKETS 2025

Keep an eye on your inbox or letter box for the launch date of the **SUBSCRIPTION TICKETS 2025** when we ANNOUNCE the 2025 Season. You will need to get in quick to reserve your seats for next year's five shows!

LAUNCH DATE COMING SOON!

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SUITE SURRENDER by Michael McKeever, Directed by Bob Bramble

REVIEWS FROM OUR AUDIENCE:

Conspicuously the performance of 'Suite Surrender' last Saturday matinee was exceptional. A joyful, humorous and captivating production which was thoroughly celebrated by the entire audience. The director assembled a cast that were exemplary in the roles they characterised, and he nailed the script and timing of the actor's performances to meld into a genuinely enchanting experience for the audience. I commend all the production personnel as well as the staff at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre for their hospitality, generous beverages and conscientious efforts behind the scenes to fulfill this production. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo! What a delightful and memorable experience. We are so grateful - *Keiran and Arlene*

An excellent performance ! Plenty of belly laughs, thanks to perfect comedic timing from the cast. Bravo!-*Tina*

One of the very best shows here at the Athenaeum – *Bev*

Wonderful funny show. Very well acted. Loved the sets and costumes – *Jan*

The best laugh I have had in a long time. Fabulous acting! – *Marguerite*

SUITE SURRENDER – I HAVE NOT LAUGHED SO MUCH IN YEARS! THANK YOU SO MUCH! – *John*

The performance was brilliant and great fun. The comedic timing was perfect. Thanks for a great show – *Jenni*



Above: Cast & Crew of SUITE SURRENDER

UNDER 30s SUPER DISCOUNT PRICES

Have you heard... we've just introduced **Under 30's special ticket prices** on the last Wednesday's performance *for the rest of the year*. **At \$22** how can you go wrong!

Is there someone in your life who loves theatre and is under 30? Tell them about the offer—**CLUE On Stage** (Wed 18 September) and **LITTLE WOMEN** (Wed 27 November)

THE WINNER OF THE BOTTLE OF ROB DOLAN SPARKLING WINE FOR WRITING A 'REVIEW' OF 'SUITE SURRENDER' IS.....

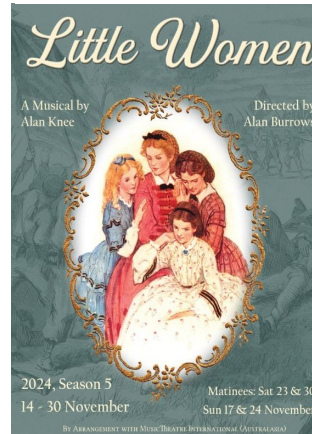
MARGUERITE.... congratulations!!



Write a review when you next attend one of our shows and you'll have a chance of winning a bottle of sparkling wine from Rob Dolan Wines... just like Marguerite did!

Marguerite collecting her prize from Lucy at the Box Office

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LITTLE WOMEN

The Broadway Musical

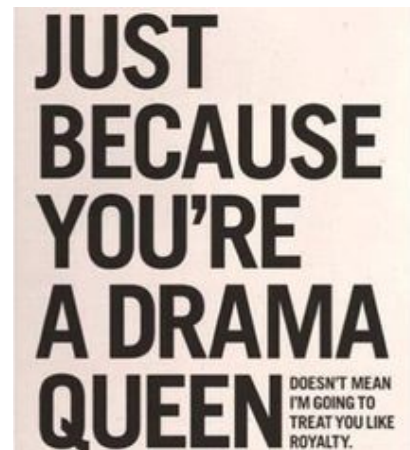
Thursday 14 November to Saturday 30 November 2024

LITTLE WOMEN, the Broadway Musical by **Allan Knee**, directed by **Alan Burrows**, is coming this November.

Louisa May Alcott's beloved story of the March sisters is brought to vivid musical life on stage. This musical was first on Broadway in 2005 and has been playing worldwide constantly ever since.

Is your **work Christmas party** a bit predictable? Be inspired this year and book your team in for meal at a local restaurant and **then come see our show— November** - Tickets for Groups of 10+ are **only \$23 each**.

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