

GLOBE THEATRE
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NEWSLETTER: August 2007

Next Production

***The Road To Mecca* by Athol Fugard**

"If I made an angel, I'd have it pointing to the East. I'd misdirect all the good Christian souls around here and put them on the road to Mecca."

The Road To Mecca tells the essentially true story of Miss Helen, an elderly woman who lived in obscurity in the small, conservative community of New Bethesda, close to the harsh landscape of the Great Karoo in South Africa. Here, after the death of her husband, she was inspired to undertake her true life's work, which was to transform her home and the yard surrounding it into art, using cement, beer bottles, broken mirrors, gaudy paint, old motor-car headlamps, assorted junk and an extraordinary imagination. She sculpted owls, wise men, camels, peacocks, a half-cock half-man, mermaids, creatures of all kinds, and filled her house with light and colour and glitter ground from broken glass. This was her "Mecca", a place that challenged the narrow views of her neighbours.

Now, Miss Helen must face the possibility that she can no longer preserve her all-important independence of mind and body in the face of outside efforts to 'take care of her.' Competed over by two friends from opposing 'camps', whose desire to do the best for her leads to strongly conflicting views of what that might be, can there be any resolution to an irresolvable situation? ***The Road To Mecca*** is a play of debate and heart and dignity and passion, and of a glorious vision that transcends the ordinariness of our lives.

"Light just one little candle in here, let in the light from just one little star, and the dancing starts."

Director: Lisa Warrington
Cast: Louise Petherbridge, Terry MacTavish, John Watson
Dates: August 30th to September 8th (except Monday 3rd)
Times: 8pm every day except Sunday (2pm)
Ticket prices:
\$15 general public; \$12 students/seniors/other unwaged
\$10 Globe members; parties of 10 or more
Opening night special:
\$8 all general public; \$6 Globe members
Bookings:
Phone Globe Theatre 4773274,
Web www.globetheatre.org.nz or door sales.

Help wanted - candles and posters

Large numbers of candles must be lit during this production as part of the action. Already, during rehearsals, the cast have burned their way through very many dollars worth and our treasurer (who, as set designer/builder is regularly on set) is getting very twitchy. He would be most grateful if any of you who may have a few unwanted candle ends or half burned tea lights could drop them off at his business, Art Zone. 57 Hanover St.

At the same time, we would all be very grateful if you would pick up one or more posters for distribution. We get the best possible deal from our regular printer, Southern Film, who give us 50 A3, 200 A4 and 400 A5 coloured posters for nothing every month so we really hate to see any left over. Even if you all just took one or two to put up in your work or leisure places, it would help enormously.

Productions planned for remainder of year

***Cry* by Nigel Ensor. October 25th to November 3rd**

This has now been cast so thanks to all who turned up for audition. Initial rehearsals have begun and we are already looking out for someone to help with back stage details, props especially, of which there are a lot, according to Nigel. All expressions of interest will be most gratefully received!

***Glide Time* by Roger Hall Start date December 6th, close date to be announced**

Auditions for this will be held in a few weeks and will notified via newsletter, ODT and Globe website. We will need cast and crew of course for this play, which is considered by many to have kick-started the revival of New Zealand theatre almost 30 years ago

AGM/ Annual report

We (I) have been remiss in not notifying you of the outcome of this year's AGM. The following people were elected to the Committee:

Brian Kilkelly (chair/president), Andy Cook (treasurer), Rosemary Beresford (secretary), Neal Barber, Brian Beresford, Kaaren Dooher, Emily Duncan, Don Knewstubb Andrew Morrison, Roslyn Nijenhuis, Jeffrey Vaughan, (committee members)

The audited, Annual Report is available and may be viewed by those who wish to have a copy either by contacting the secretary or calling into Art Zone, where a copy is kept for viewing.

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