



The Backdrop

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL BTC MEMBERS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2018!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

After such a busy year, we will be celebrating on **Saturday 9 December at Stephen Winkler's home at 20 South Street at 6pm.** BYO BBQ food and drinks, with a salad or dessert to share. We hope to see you there. This is a lovely relaxing way to celebrate (nearly) the end of the year. Thank you to Steve and Tanya for opening their home to us.

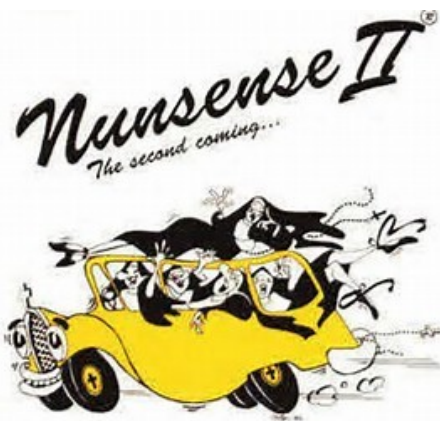


Benalla's Carols by Candlelight, is on this year on **Sunday 17 December.** We are the choir for this community event. It is a great way to end the year together. It is also a good way for people who are interested in joining the company to come along and be involved for the first time.

Rehearsals (Sundays and Wednesdays, 7.30pm at the Hut) have already begun and we have

had an extra practice with the band last night. **It's not too late to join us,** but you really will need to attend every rehearsal from here on out. As you know, this year we are having a major rehearsal with the Benalla Rose City Band and everyone involved must attend. We will be running the whole program with the band and sorting out issues, so if you're going to be involved please put this very important date into your diary now **Tuesday 5 December at 7.45pm at the Benalla P-12 PAC.**





NUNSENSE II: THE SECOND COMING

One of the great things about this show is that it is a real ensemble piece. Yes, there are principal roles, but they're all pretty equal in terms of dialogue and songs, plus with the extra roles, thanks to the large cast version, this show gives lots of opportunities for both males and females. There is lots of singing and dancing for everyone including the chorus and lots of laughs.

The show takes place six weeks after the sisters have staged their first benefit. The sisters are back presenting a "thank-you" show for all the people who supported them in the past. But now, they're a bit slicker, having been "bitten by the theater bug." Things get to off to a rousing start as the sisters sing *Nunsense, the Magic Word*, but before long chaos erupts. Two Franciscans come to claim Sister Mary Amnesia (who has won the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes) as one of their own. At the same time the nuns hear that a talent scout is in the audience to see them strut their stuff. From the riotous bingo game run by Sister Amnesia to the hilarious duet, *What Would Elvis Do?*, to the rousing finale, *There's Only One Way to End Your Prayers and That's to Say Amen!*, this show is hilariously funny

Information Night is Wednesday 31 January at 7.00pm.

Auditions will take place on Sunday 4 February and Monday 5 February.

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, 7 February.

Show dates:

Friday 11 May at 8.00pm

Saturday 12 May at 2.00pm and 8.00pm

Sunday 13 May at 2.00pm

Friday 18 May at 8.00pm

Saturday 19 May at 2.00pm and 8.00pm

Please contact **Emily 0400639536** to get a copy of the script to read and to book an audition time. The audition pack is also available from Emily and is now on the website too.

Please start spreading the word about being involved with this great show.

PRINCIPALS

Reverend Mother Mary Regina (Mother Superior)

Sister Mary Hubert (Mistress of Novices)

Sister Robert Anne (Streetwise nun from Brooklyn)

Sister Mary Paul (Amnesia. Nun who lost her memory)

Sister Mary Leo (Novice who wants to be a ballerina)

SUPPORTING

Father Virgil (Convent Chaplain)

Sister Mary Wilhelm (Convent Nurse)

Sister Julia, Child of God (Convent Cook)

Sister Mary Brendan (A teacher)

Sister Mary Luke (A teacher)

Brother Timothy (Stagehand)

CHORUS

(Nuns, Brothers, Priests, and Students)

CASTING NOTE: Sister Julia, normally played by a woman, can be played by a man impersonating Julia Child.

If you would prefer to work backstage, there is always a place for you. Don't hesitate to contact Emily on 0400639536 about how you can help out. Below is the production team list. If there's any way that you can help out, please let us know.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Production Manager

Production Secretary **Emily Watt**

Production Treasurer

Director **Molly Craig**

Musical Director **Elaine Heywood**

Stage Manager

Assistant to the Director

Set Design

Set Construction

Publicity Team

Props

Costumes

Sound Designer / Operator

Lighting Designer and Operation

Follow Spot Operators

Front of House Coordinator/s

Programme

Show Photography

Sponsorship

Prompt

LOOKING FOR – CAN YOU HELP????

Are you able to help? We have a drummer for our show next year, but no **drum kit**. Do you have or do you know someone that would be prepared to lend us their kit? We would need it from late February thru till late May. If you are able to assist, can you please contact Elaine on 0427 945 652.



THEATRE WORKSHOP

Let Us Entertain You (LUEY) have invited BTC to a joint venture of running a Theatre Craft Workshop on **Saturday and Sunday 21 and 22 April, 2018**. There will be a number of workshops that people will rotate thru on the 1 ½ days, these include, voice, choral, costuming, make-up, lighting and sound, plus one or two still being finalized.

Cost will be \$25 for the workshop. This will be a wonderful way for people to learn new skills as well as to upskill in some areas. More information will be available in the new year, but put the dates in your diary now, for what will be a fantastic opportunity right here in Benalla, with some extremely skilled people.



The company wishes a very happy birthday and year ahead to our following members:

Karen Nicholls

Janine Simmons

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 3 December Legacy Widows Christmas Break-up

Tuesday 5 December at 7.45pm Carols rehearsal with the band at Benalla P-12 College PAC Faithful St

Tuesday 12 December Marangan Lodge Christmas Break-up

Sunday 17 December Carols by Candlelight

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Wednesday 31 January Information Night for Nunsense II at 7.00pm

Sunday 4 February Auditions for Nunsense II

Monday 5 February Auditions for Nunsense II

Wednesday 7 February Rehearsals begin for Nunsense II

Saturday and Sunday 21 and 22 April Theatre Craft Workshop at the Town Hall

11-19 May Performances of Nunsense II