



The Backdrop

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NUNSENSE II: THE SECOND COMING

Our **Information Night** is next week!! If you are on Facebook, please share out events for the Info Night and for auditions. It's amazing how much further the news goes when you share the posts. Please continue spreading the word about being involved with the show. If you know of anyone who's always talked about wanting to be on stage, well now's the time to give them a not so subtle nudge and get them to come along.

Please come along and find out about the show and how you can be involved. If you don't have the time to be onstage, there are plenty of ways that you can help on the production side. Sometimes we don't know your skills and talents, so don't be afraid to put your hand up to help ☺

The Information Night is a great session because you get to find out about the audition process and what will be expected of you. We know it can be nerve wracking, so finding out what you'll need to do and what the director and musical director are looking for, can be a big help.

At your audition you will need to read, dance and sing with the piano. If you want to sing with a guitar that's fine, but the director and musical director also need to hear you sing with the piano, so if you come on the Info Night you can speak to our pianist about what you'd like to sing. Steve is a great piano player, but don't expect him to know every song in the universe! So if you have the sheet music, then that makes things so much easier for him and better for you!

We are on a very short rehearsal timeline this year. In fact from this week, we are only 15 weeks till the show is on. So rehearsals will be jam packed every night with around 4 or 5 songs to be choreographed as well and dialogue to be blocked!

Information Night is this 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 book an audition time. The audition pack is on our website, so head over and find out lots about the show. You can book your time at the Information Night as well.

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.

We really need to get going on the production side of the show as well. If you would prefer to work backstage, there is always a place for you. If you know of someone who would like to help out in this way, please let us know. Below is the production team list, see how you can help out.

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 **Molly Craig and Wayne Wilson**

Set Construction **Wayne Wilson more help needed!**

Publicity Team **Molly Craig and Emily Watt more help needed!**

Props

Costumes

Sound Designer / Operator **Travas Hope**

Lighting Designer and Operation

Jacqui Berry

Follow Spot Operators

Front of House Coordinator/s

Programme

Show Photography

Sponsorship

David Garrett and Emily Watt – other helpers appreciated!!

Prompt

COMPANY AGM

Our company's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 6 March at 7.30pm** at the Hut. Would you like to nominate for the committee? Do you feel you'd like to get more involved in the way the company runs? You'll find on the last page a nomination form. You must be a financial member to be nominated and must have BTC financial member nominate you.

Complete nomination forms to be handed, or mailed to the secretary and arrive no later than Tuesday 27 February.

Also on this night the President's Award will be presented.



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**. 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 soon, but put the dates in your diary now, for what will be a fantastic opportunity right here in Benalla, to work with some extremely skilled people.

COMING UP...

Coming up later in the year – **Sunday 9 September**, BTC will be undertaking a joint concert with Benalla Rose City Band at the Town Hall. Rehearsals for the singing side of things will begin in mid-July and we also be doing some items with the band as well. So should be a great afternoon. More information in coming months.



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

Adrian Daw

Kathy Holmes

Laurie Webber

Robyn Wilson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Tuesday 27 February Last day for committee nominations to be given to the Secretary

Tuesday 6 March BTC Annual General Meeting 7.30pm at the Hut at 7.30pm

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

11-19 May Performances of Nunsense II

Sunday 9 September Concert with the Benalla Rose City Band



BENALLA THEATRE COMPANY

COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2018

I,..... hereby nominate
.....for the position of
..... on the Benalla Theatre
Company Committee.

By signing, I declare that I am a financial member of the company.

..... (Signed)

I,accept the nomination.

By signing, I declare that I am a financial member of the company.

.....(Signed)

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