

## Waiting for Gateaux – The Afterword

Aaah the roar of the crowd – the smell of the greasepaint! There is nothing to compare to the thrill of bringing the magic of theatre to life on stage and there is certainly nothing better than being part of a familiar, loved and very appreciated theatre whanau. Due to previous work commitments I have been away from CTG for 8 years but a change of job this year has freed me up to be back on stage with my great mates!

We've all been through a lot together in life and in theatre. We got publicly naked on stage for Calendar Girls and abused each other over a cask of disgusting wine in a tramping hut in Social Climbers. We've laughed and we've cried together and I have missed these crazy people so I have loved every moment of playing Sophie (the bitch) earlier this year in Waiting for Gateaux. In the scene where Sophie gets her payback a mobile phone is flung at terminal velocity and not always accurately in terms of stage geography..... This would ordinarily involve some prolonged searching some nights which took me some time and usually involved my being on hands and knees and negotiating the legs of our audience.

A fine tradition of Clyde Theatre Group on closing night is the "C.A.T.S Awards" – short for Clyde Awards for Theatre Stars. So I am the very proud recipient of the award for "Best scrabbling about in the audience looking for a phone". (BOLLOCKS!!! – as Sophie would say)!!

Maz xx



L-R Frankie Boyte, Marianne Maslin, Jackie Smith, Rick Mogensen, Kelsey Connell

## Norfolk Island Round Two!

Kia ora koutou club members, we have some exciting news! But since you live in Central you probably already know. Here it goes. The Norfolk Amateur Theatrical Society is gearing up for the highly anticipated 25th Theatre Festival on Norfolk Island. Our very own Clyde Theatre Group will be part of this delightful competition! It's time to get excited! This festival is all about celebrating amateur theatre and the amazing talents within our community, and we couldn't be prouder to represent the club on this grand stage. Mark Langham's hilarious production of "The Bench" will take centre stage, featuring our talented quartet—Joy, Kylee, Michael, and Chris—who will bring this rambunctiously laughable quip of a play to life.

The play is about Alice (Joy) on a bench, who just likes to sit and watch the world go by. She is interrupted by the incorrigible and laughably aloof Barry (Michael) and his naughty dog, Rusty (Chris). But, Barry is not the only character to nuisance the lovely Alice. The sinister, utterly lost and ultimately benevolent Cressida (Kylee) tries to take a bit more wisdom than she bargained for, as she spews her very demoralising story all over the unprepared, yet always prepared Alice.

We are excited to represent our wee group at Norfolk Island for the 25th Theatre Festival. We are pumped to showcase a little talent and represent the Clyde Theatre Group in style. Stay tuned for the glorious parade in our honour after we bring home the most improved trophy. If you'd like to help support our crew with some of the costs, please get in touch. We're grateful for our community and appreciate all your support.

Kylee, Joy, Michael, and Chris.

To enter our fundraising raffle for the chance to win a Countdown voucher and support our trip, click [here!](#)

## Mark your diaries!

We are doing a fundraising performance of *The Bench* on Friday 15 September at 7pm in the Clyde Hall. Come along and see what we'll be performing on Norfolk Island! Entry by donation.

## Introducing our new Patron, Blaise Barham!

Blaise has a long association with the group, with his late father John being a beloved member of the group for many years, and we love seeing him and his family enjoying our shows. Blaise brings a wealth of theatre knowledge to the role, having acted in and directed many shows. Earlier this year Blaise ran a character workshop ahead of our production of *Waiting for Gateaux* where he was able to support the actors to think about their characters background. We are so thrilled to have him as our patron.



## AGM 2023

Come along to the Clyde Hall at 4pm on Sunday 27th August and hear what the group is planning for its next venture in the theatre world.