



# Clyde Theatre Group

Bringing you live theatre

March 2017



This years' OSTAS award ceremony held in Dunedin recently, was an opportunity for people to glam up and celebrate a year of theatre

productions in Otago and Southland.

Congratulations to all the award winners.

CTG was the proud recipient of awards in the " Best leading female in a play or revue" and "Best Set design" categories for our production of "Noises Off" by Michael Frayn.

Catherine Brown, for whom this was only her third venture onto the stage since high school, was delighted with the award but quick to point out the huge support given by the director, Joy Ramsay, for casting her in such a fabulous role, the cast, for their willingness to share their experience, the production team, without whom the play would never have happened and the Clyde Theatre Group for welcoming her into their fold.

In accepting the award for best Set Design Damianne Wells, "Noises Off " stage manager, paid tribute to the work of Joy Ramsay and Jim McDonough in designing and building such a complex set. She explained that the space CTG work in is a half sized stage with a very low ceiling and that the two storied set needed to turn around completely. For those who missed the show the set broke into three pieces that "turned like a man and a woman coming together in a beautiful Vienna waltz." Safety was paramount for our team and each night the brakes, stops and chains needed undone and redone at every change which was three times every night.

"Cinderella Meets the Mother in Law" by Judith Prior, cast in January with rehearsals beginning in February has CTG taking a break from our traditional dramas.

Clyde Theatre Group presents  
*Cinderella Meets the Mother in Law*  
By Judith Prior  
In arrangement with David Spicer Productions Pty Ltd  
Directed by Janice Millis

Clyde Memorial Hall  
Fraser Street  
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**1-7 April 2017**

7.30pm start

Tickets \$30

Coffee & cake provided

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This show has some singing woven into the script bringing a new challenge to the cast. These thespians have really embraced "Cinderella Meets the Mother in Law" and after a month are mostly script down. Obviously a hoot of a show as there is much laughter coming from other members of the cast and crew.

Singing practice  
Claire Mulholland  
Joy Rodgers  
Jude Horrell  
Carla Creighton





### Directors' Workshop

CTG looks for opportunities to upskill the talents of thespians in all aspects of theatre - on or off stage role. A chance conversation between Joy Ramsay CTG president and Jonathon Hendry, the Artistic Director currently based at the Fortune Theatre in Dunedin, led to a proposal for a Directors workshop to be held in Clyde. Funding was sought and thanks to a CLASS grant the workshop took place over the weekend of 3-5 March with 7 people attending. Jonathon has a wide range of experiences in both acting and directing including being a Shakespeare's Globe Artistic Fellow in 2003. He has led many successful workshops for both professional and non professional organisations.



**A Combined Theatre Groups' Meeting** was held last month in Cromwell in the Fine Thyme Theatre Company club rooms. This group is made up of representatives from all the theatre groups in our area and get together on a regular basis to share information and help each other where possible. Some of the discussions at this meeting focussed on compiling an event calendar noting not only local productions but those of visiting groups, health & safety obligations, changes to constitutions and the fun bit—what shows could be in the offing.

The next meeting will be held in Clyde on May 17th.

### Snaps from the Directors Workshop

There will be a report about the workshop in our next newsletter.



Jonathon Hendry, Barry Gibbons, Kylie Hodkinson



Damianne Wells



Kelly Keenan, Joy Ramsay, Barry Gibbons



Kelly, Barry, Damianne



John Barham, Jonathan Hendry



Kelly Keenan