

Dear Pinelands Players members

It is hard to believe that we are already comfortably in the second half of the year and that it is time for our second newsletter to you! We have been very busy behind the scenes with a number of activities related to cleaning the Clubhouse, sourcing new directors and shows, as well as getting the ball rolling on our final production for 2024. Read on to hear more about everything we've been getting up to in an attempt to keep ourselves warm through this bitterly cold Cape Town winter!

Clubhouse Cleanup

After the fantastic show that was Legally Blonde, chaos descended on the clubhouse.

The strike on 19 February was a success with many hands making light work and the Artscape Theatre was cleared in no time. Set, clothing and props were moved to Milnerton High School, returned to Tygerberg High School and dropped off at the Clubhouse. After a hectic run and intense strike, a good rest was deserved for all involved. And that's exactly what we all did!

Unfortunately, this meant that boxes (although neatly packed and stacked) were left taking up space in the clubhouse. A few committee meetings happened around them...and watched over by a rather large "Elle" sign. But with our first Subway Sessions drawing closer, a solution needed to be found.

After sorting all the bits and bobs into "toss" and "keep" and through the help of committee member Rob, we managed to store a large amount off site. This meant we were able to clear out our clubhouse and more importantly host our very successful Subway Sessions.

Our next goal is to tackle the attic!!!



Subway Sessions

On Saturday 15 June, in a beautifully clean and decluttered Clubhouse, we held our first Subway Sessions for 2024. For those who don't know, Subway Sessions are informal gatherings at the Clubhouse where new and budding performers get the opportunity to showcase their craft to an audience. This time round, we were lucky enough to have three musical acts performing for us.

The evening was cold, but the audience was kept warm by good music, tasty food, and a convivial atmosphere, all of which led to an incredibly successful evening. Huge thanks must go to Joy Millar, who was instrumental in sourcing the musical acts for the evening (see what we did there?). Keep an eye out for future Subway Sessions coming your way in the future!



Proposal Process

As theatre groups we often get wrapped up in putting on the shows that we think Cape Town audiences want to see and that our members want to be a part of. As much as we love that side of things, it's also important to provide space for budding directors, designers and production managers to grow and test their skills. As a society, we pride ourselves in being a great platform for training and new opportunities.

Legally Blonde was our focus for a long time: COVID, along with a change in committee, meant that we had no set plans for the next few years and it was time to cast the net wide. With this in mind we held an open call for proposals to see how we could help facilitate and transform ideas from our members and others in the community from thought to a fully realised production. We received 6 proposals ranging from large-scale musicals to smaller, more intimate productions, with some throwbacks and some brand new initiatives.

The committee spent time working through the proposals, interrogating each submission in detail. We wanted to know who our audience would be; where would we stage the show; how many people would we be able to get on stage? And then, the big question: where to fit it into the

Pinelands Players calendar? After extensive planning, and some careful juggling, we believe we have a great pipeline of shows that we will be looking towards staging over the next few months and years. We are so excited about Pinelands Players' future offerings, and we're sure you will be too! So, stay tuned over the coming months to see these amazing proposals come to life!



Auditions: Game of Names Season 2

The very first of our new planned productions is the follow-up to the highly successful 2017 dinner theatre-cum-musical game show conceptualised by Kyla Thorburn: Game of Names. Game of Names is coming back for Season 2, and we are holding auditions on Saturday, 31 August at the Clubhouse.

AUDITION NOTICE



A game show, featuring musical hits from movies and TV!

PRODUCTION DATES:

29 November 2024 – 8 December 2024

Rehearsals will start mid-September

Our exciting music revue game show is back! This time, we're celebrating the music of movies and series. A total cast of 12 performers is needed. The show will consist of 10 singers, a team of 5 men against a team of 5 women. The show will be hosted by an MC who is assisted throughout the night by a lovely assistant. We are looking for adult singing and dancing performers of varying ages to fill these roles.

See Facebook or email us at pinelandsplayers@gmail.com for more information

What's on with other societies?

The community theatre world is buzzing at the moment, so check out this list of what's currently going on at theatres around Cape Town!

Milnerton Players:



A comedy of terrors is a gender-bending, quick-changing, laugh-out-loud reimagining of the gothic classic, perfect for audiences of all blood types.

Opens 16 August with a 4 week run every Friday and Saturday with a final show on Sunday, 8 September.

Book your tickets from Quicket:

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/268135-dracula-a-comedy-of-terrors/?ref=events-list#/>



A solo show with incredible interpretations of well-known artists, from Hozier and Mac DeMarco to Queen and Marvin Gaye. James Carl Smith joins us again, with his breathtaking vocals and eclectic instrumentalism on the piano and guitar.

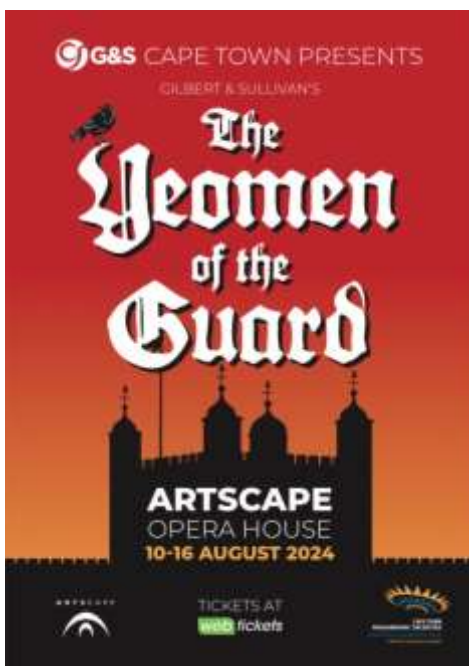
Date: Friday, 27 September.

Time: 19h30

Book your tickets from Quicket:

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/268034-the-pianos-got-soul/?ref=events-list#/>

G&S Cape Town:



"Yeomen" is set in the Tower of London in the 16th Century. It is G & S's most dramatic opera which has a believable story line with well-drawn characters. Intrigue, comedy and a "tragic" ending make up the dramatic plot. This opera contains Sullivan's most profound and beautiful music. Being in English, it is easy to understand and to follow the storyline. All in all, it is a very fine example of English Romantic Opera.

Book your tickets from Webtickets:

<https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/Event.aspx?itemid=1547064829>

Cape Town Theatre Company:



CAPE TOWN
THEATRE COMPANY

Cape Town Theatre Company invites you to **save the date!**

- **Auditions** will be held for our end-of-year productions between 23 and 25 August. Keep an eye on our social pages for more information.
- Join us on 8 September for a **wine-tasting** with a side of entertainment. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of connecting with your fellow theatre lovers, while you explore a selection of delicious wines. Snack platters will also be available. Tickets on sale soon – make sure to book your spot.

For more info, follow us on social media or contact info@capetowntheatrecompany.org to join our mailing list.
See you there!

 Cape Town Theatre Company 

Masque Theatre:



The Masque is proud to present Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile! From award-winning director Barbara Basel, this classic Christie is sure to set the stage alight. It has all the twists and turns that this iconic author and playwright is known for - a beautiful heiress on her honeymoon, the working class man she married, a foreigner with a grudge, the jealous ex-fiancé who can't stop following her ex, a man who isn't who or what he claims to be, a religious man who knows more than he lets on, and a lady's maid who had to have seen more than she claims. All of them are thrown together, caught on a luxury paddle steamer as it makes its way up the Nile.

Who could the murderer be? It has to be one of them! Or maybe it was the ship's steward...

Book your tickets - <https://qkt.io/MurderNile>



**Save the date for a
magical Christmas
gathering!**

**Join Pinelands Players on
Saturday, 14 December
for a holly jolly Christmas
event you won't want to
miss!**

