

May 2022

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

# PLAYERS POWDERINGS

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*Your Community Theatre*





# The PLAYERS THEATRE Inc.

A riotous romp through **Gilbert & Sullivan** favourites

and

## **TRIAL BY JURY**



**Director: Lance Thompson**  
**Musical Director: Cate Storen**

**May 14 - 29**

**Friday & Saturday 8pm. Sunday 2pm.**

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1 hour prior to the show

# *From the President's Desk*

Hi Everybody,

Wow, almost the end of April and a third of the year gone. But what a jam packed third it's been, having navigated our way around the many obstacles of COVID (lockdowns, masks and close contacts) Oliver finally hit the stage. And, going by the feedback we received, it was well worth the wait. Congratulations to Dan P. and the rest of the Oliver team for getting our re-opening off to such a flying start. We also managed to fit in the Players first open day and our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Both of which, despite the numbers being particularly affected by COVID (including, unfortunately, yours truly), were well attended and a credit to our Community Engagement Team who worked hard getting both events off the ground.

It was particularly pleasing to see so many of our special guests in attendance at our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday evening; our local representatives Leslie Williams MP (who is also our patron of long standing) and Mr. Pat Conaghan along with a number of our life members and past presidents. In other news, ... progress is being made on the re-lease of our land front. The lands department have now completed their site audit and concluded that the council are indeed in illegal occupation of the demountable buildings located on the back of our leased land, at the rear of the theatre. Once their occupation is resolved (That being the only non-compliance with the terms of our lease), renewal of the lease should hopefully move forward to final assessment and completion. Both the Lands department and The Players are currently working to remove the council from the rear of our site.

As to what is coming up, our information day for our upcoming comedy "Chemical Imbalance", our AGM (back in it's regular time slot in June) and of course our next blockbuster production Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial By Jury".

After making our way through some choppy seas with Trial By Jury (unfortunately the original Director and Musical director withdrawing from the show), the new production team have been able to build on the excellent foundations already put in place to produce a really fun, light hearted, musically rewarding production full of many of the toe tapping Gilbert and Sullivan tunes beloved by many.

The show opens in just under two weeks so we encourage everyone to get the word out and get your bookings in for a fun musical "G & S" romp. So, there we have it, the leaves may be falling but the Players have Spring in their step.

Cheers All

*Lance*







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The first meeting of the Port Macquarie Players was on 9th May 1962, in the home science room of the Port Macquarie High School. The first production was *Sailor Beware*, followed by *Trial By Jury* in 1963. Since then we have consistently produced several shows every year, first with church halls, the old Civic Centre and other local venues. Eventually work began on our very own theatre with council approval in 1975 and federal grants under the R.E.D. scheme. Red tape and politics delayed the completion until 4th May 1984 with the opening night of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*.





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Written By  
Lauren Wilson

By Arrangement With Hal Leonard

Directed By  
Guenter Bieniasch

A  
Dark Comic  
Twist



# CHEMICAL IMBALANCE

A Jekyll and Hyde Play

INFORMATION DAY

14<sup>th</sup> of May  
10am  
Players Theatre

AUDITIONS

28<sup>th</sup> of May  
10am  
Players Theatre





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Director  
Daniel Parlevliet

Musical Director  
Ben Simon

Choreographer  
Sarah Askill

Vocal Director  
Shontelle Roberts

LIONEL BARTS

# OLIVER!

February 25<sup>th</sup> - March 20<sup>th</sup>

2022

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Sun 2pm

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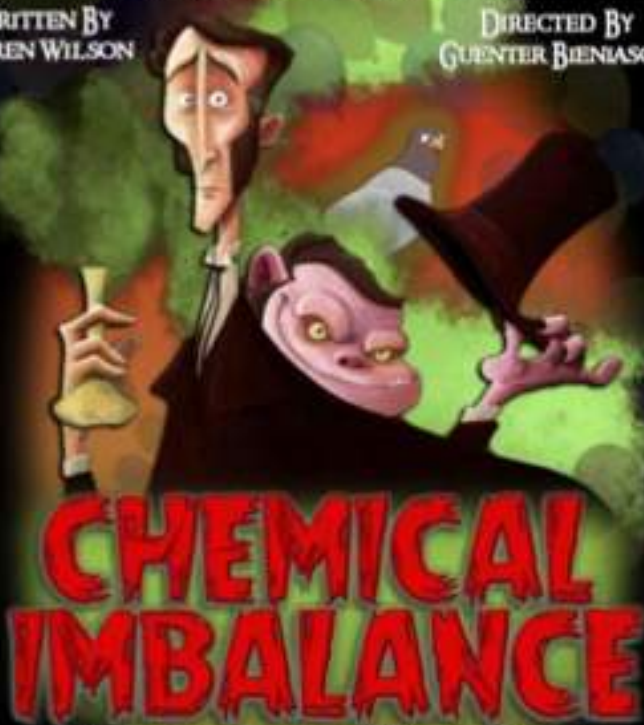
## Season 2022



BY ARRANGEMENT WITH HAL BEARD

WRITTEN BY  
LAUREN WILSON

DIRECTED BY  
GUENTER BIENASCH



# CHEMICAL IMBALANCE

A JEKYLL AND HYDE PLAY

AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>

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Revised by New Line Productions by Thomas M. Kelly

Director  
Hamish Keddie

Music by Matthew Sklar Book by Chad Beguelin and Tim Herlihy Lyrics by Chad Beguelin

# PARTY LIKE IT'S 1985!



October 28<sup>th</sup> - November 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

Fri & Sat 8pm

Sun 2pm

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# TRIAL BY JURY

14<sup>TH</sup> TO 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY



# Cast Announcement

Usher: Bruce Dawson  
Defendant: Daniel Parlevliet  
Learned Judge: Chris Francis  
Counsel for the Plaintiff: Paul Wild  
Plaintiff: Emma Highlands  
Foreman of the Jury: John Hincks

## Ensemble

### Press

Georgia O'Keefe, Judy Henry,  
Tracey Stedman,  
Bev Star, Cheryl Styles,  
Bianca Churcher,  
Janet Dawson, Natalie McDonald,  
Avril Kelsall

### Jury

David Pfeiffer, Steve Harris,  
Paul Bishop, Nick Kable,  
Cindy Brennan, Sue Morvan



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# Archives

## PHOTOS WANTED

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IF YOU HAVE ANY THAT YOU COULD SHARE,  
OR IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY THAT WE COULD SCAN,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PLAYERS THEATRE SECRETARY  
OR THE ARCHIVES CO-ORDINATOR PAUL BISHOP (0448 121212)

### **1990s**

1993	BORED GAMES (MUS.)	LANCE THOMPSON
1995	CABARET (MUS.)	JAMES HANNAH
1996	THE CRUCIBLE	LANCE THOMPSON
1996	HELLO DOLLY (MUS.)	JAMES HANNAH
1997	OKLAHOMA (MUS.)	JAMES HANNAH
1998	THE BOYFRIEND (MUS.)	JAMES HANNAH

### **2000s**

2000	HABEUS CORPUS	MARGARET COULON
2002	FAREWELL BRISBANE LADIES	PETER DRANSFIELD
2004	DICK WHITTINGTON (PANT.)	EILEEN KERR
2004	THE ODD COUPLE (FEMALE)	LANCE THOMPSON
2008	WIND IN THE WILLOWS (PANT)	EILEEN KERR

### **2010s**

2012	JERRY'S GIRLS (MUS.)	SUE MORVAN
2013	THE BUTLER DID IT	LANCE THOMPSON
2017	SHOWTIME AT THE MOVIES	BARB SHERRIN
2018	SHOWTIME ONE NIGHT ONLY	BARB SHERRIN

ANY OTHER CAST OR CREW PHOTOS OF OTHER SHOWS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU



## PLAYERS THEATRE ARCHIVES – VIDEOS WANTED

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SHOW</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
1996	THE CRUCIBLE	LANCE THOMPSON
1996	TOM JONES	EILEEN KERR
1997	THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST	EILEEN KERR
1997	WIFE BEGINS AT FORTY	BARBARA BARRY
1997	SEASON'S GREETINGS	JAN COOK
1998	THE BOYFRIEND	JAMES HANNAH
1999	ANNIE	PETER DRANSFIELD
1999	ON THE RAZZLE	EILEEN KERR
1999	PLAZA SUITE	EILEEN KERR
2002	BRILLIANT LIES	JENNY GOULD
2002	OBJECTION OVERRULED	VICKII BYRAM
2004	THE ODD COUPLE (FEMALE VERSION)	LANCE THOMPSON
2005	AGNES OF GOD	PETER DRANSFIELD
2005	GUYS AND DOLLS	DENNIS KNUDSEN
2005	THE KING AND I	PATRICIA KNUDSEN
2005	MASQUERADE ON BROADWAY	DIANE HELGESEN
2005	MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM	DI LESLIE
2005	THE REAL THING	LANCE THOMPSON
2006	CALAMITY JANE	DENNIS KNUDSEN
2006	CRIMES OF THE HEART	VICKII BYRAM
2007	ARSENIC AND OLD LACE	VICKII BYRAM
2007	WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY	DI GILLIES
2007	STEPPING OUT	PETER DRANSFIELD
2008	GARY'S HOUSE	HAMISH KEDDIE
2008	ALADDIN	EILEEN KERR
2008	HELLO DOLLY!	VICKII BYRAM
2008	LAST TANGO IN PORT MACQUARIE	PATRICIA BAKER
2009	ANNIE	DENNIS KNUDSEN



## **PROGRAMMES WANTED**

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<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>PRODUCTION</u></b>
1958	WORM'S EYE VIEW
1959	ONE WILD OAT
1963	FIVE FINGER EXERCISE
1964	UNHAND ME SQUIRE
1974	SLEEPING BEAUTY (PANTOMIME)
1976	WELCOME HOME JACKO
1991	MURDER AT CHECKPOINT MANOR
1998	MY FAIR LADY (NOT 1989 OR 2006)
1999	KEY FOR TWO
2000	IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY
2004	DICK WHITTINGTON & HIS MAGIC CAT



# Members Event



**STAR WARS DAY™**  
**MAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BE WITH YOU**



# MERCHANDISE



Can be ordered via

Our Website: <https://www.playerstheatre.org.au/shop>



# Save the Date

Chemical Imbalance  
Information Session

14<sup>th</sup> May 10am

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Trial By Jury

14<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May

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Chemical Imbalance  
Auditions

28<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 3pm

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The Wedding Singer  
Information Session

4<sup>th</sup> June 10am

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The Players Theatre  
AGM

16<sup>th</sup> June 7pm

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The Wedding Singer  
Auditions

18<sup>th</sup> June

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*See you there*



# 2021 Committee

## Executive

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**President - Lance Thompson**  
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## General Committee

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Guenter Bieniasch

**Technical Services Co-ordinator**  
Sarah Askell

**Front Of House Co-ordinator**  
Amie Frank

**Community Liaison Co-ordinator**  
Kirsten Keddie

**Production Co-ordinator**  
Steve Harris

**Member Services Co-ordinator**  
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