

'GET ON STAGE' CHARITY LUNCH

Friday, 26 March 2010

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WAPD

Workshops in the Arts for People with Disabilities



What is WAPD?

Workshops in the Arts for People with Disabilities (WAPD) has been run by Riverside Theatres for over 14 years – 40 weeks a year, 6 sessions a week for people with severe to mild physical and intellectual disabilities including but not limited to Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Visual Impairment.

One of the most professionally run programs of its type in NSW, the workshops focus on improving and developing skills in movement, drama, dance and singing. The classes are designed to encourage group and individual participation, whilst developing physical well-being, confidence and self esteem. Participants perform an End of Year Concert on the main stage at Parramatta's Riverside Theatre showcasing some of the year's work to an audience of families, friends and interested members of the public.



Why WAPD Needs Your Support

The Workshops are in high demand and Riverside Theatres needs to increase the number of classes, allowing for more participants and lower tutor to participant ratios to provide more personalised and individual tuition. Class sizes currently sit at a maximum of 20 and all are at capacity. For those with higher needs it would be particularly beneficial to lower the class maximum. Ideally, with more funding, Riverside Theatres would be able to employ a third tutor to assist in each class.

There are also plans to extend the program into the development of a regular performance group for more able participants enabling them to explore text based performance and extend their abilities.

Finally, the overwhelming popularity of the recent End of Year Concert highlighted the crucial need for Riverside to instigate a program of permanent accessibility for the main theatre. This would include the installation of ramps to enable easier access for wheelchairs to the lower levels and a longer term plan to install easily removed seating for wheel chair placement.

Riverside Theatres is seeking a minimum financial commitment of \$15,000 to underwrite this highly successful and vital program.



The Gerard O'Dwyer Success Story

Gerard is a WAPD participant

Newcastle filmmaker Genevieve Clay has won Tropfest 2009 with her short film *Be My Brother*, starring Gerard O'Dwyer. Earlier, 24-year-old O'Dwyer received huge applause when he was named best male actor, winning \$3,000 as part of the Nicole Kidman-sponsored award.

Clay took out the top prize at the 17th annual awards in Sydney for her story about a young man with Down Syndrome.

She fought back tears as she accepted the award from actor David Wenham.

"This is incredible. I have worked so hard," Clay told the crowd of 70,000 gathered in Sydney's Domain.

"I want to thank the cast and crew - my beautiful lead actor Gerard O'Dwyer who is best actor. He is incredible and I hope that all you script writers out there who write for *All Saints* and *Home And Away* just write him into your TV series because this guy will make your ratings just soar."

She said *Be My Brother* took almost a year to make and she was quietly confident about its chances of winning.

"Because I had an incredible cast and incredible lead actor I was confident," she said.

Clay said O'Dwyer was the inspiration for the film.

She said she discovered him while she was making a documentary for Down Syndrome NSW.

"He just burst out with a Shakespeare soliloquy on the first day," she said.

"I thought what an incredible young man. I thought, I have got to get this guy on film.

"(The film) is saying that you shouldn't have prejudices - everybody has something to offer. My lead actor demonstrates that."



The "Get on Stage" Charity Lunch – A Much Anticipated Event

In November 2009 a group of local Parramatta businessmen came together to form a fundraising luncheon committee with the intent to raise much needed funding for WAPD.



John Howard

Date: Friday, 26 March 2010
Time: 12pm to 3pm
Venue: Main Stage, Riverside Theatre, Parramatta
MC: Max Gillies
Guest Speaker: John Howard, well known Australian actor



Max Gillies

The three course luncheon to be held on the main stage at Riverside will be a highly anticipated event in the Western Sydney business community. Guests will participate in raffles, a live auction and a silent auction – all in support of this very worthy cause.

Get on Stage Launch

The 'Get on Stage' event was officially launched by the Lord Mayor at the Parramatta Town Hall on 2 February 2010 at 11.30am.



How can your organisation make a difference?

If you wish to help, the committee is seeking raffle prizes, auction items and event sponsors. Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$1,320 (incl. GST) or individual seats at \$146 each (incl. GST).

Special Offer: Each person who purchases a ticket to the Get on Stage Charity Lunch will receive two complimentary tickets to selected shows at Riverside Theatre. *(Maximum value \$118 conditions apply).*



Sponsorship Packages:

Corporate sponsorship of this event is available and will provide your organisation with the following core benefits:

- the opportunity to support a very worthwhile cause for people with special needs living in Parramatta and western Sydney making a real difference to the enhancement of their lifestyle;
- for local businesses, to be seen as a great corporate citizen within your local community;

Gold Sponsorship - \$6,820 inc GST (sold)

- Acknowledgement as event sponsor – 'Get on Stage sponsored by Company A'
- One table of ten at the event
- Pre-lunch drinks with special guest speaker
- Opportunity to purchase additional tables at discounted rate of \$900 + GST for a table of ten
- Four complimentary tickets to selected Riverside shows for each of your guests
- Opportunity for MC/guest speaker to be seated at your table
- Opportunity for staff to volunteer at the lunch
- Opportunity for MD/CEO to speak at the event
- Photo opportunity with guest speaker
- Logo acknowledgement on video screens
- Logo on table menu
- Verbal acknowledgement at the luncheon
- Logo on invitations
- Logo on Riverside website with link to your website
- Logo in event program
- Message in event program
- Signage opportunities at the event
- Acknowledgement in all PR opportunities
- Sponsorship exclusivity in industry category





Silver Sponsorship - \$4,620 inc GST (three available)

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Bronze Sponsorship - \$1,815 inc GST



- Five places at a table at the event
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Further information

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To confirm your participation please send completed form to Liane Morris, Riverside Theatre

Email: lianemorris@westnet.com.au

Sponsor's Details

Company Name: _____ Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Charity Auction

I would like to donate the following goods and/or services for the Charity Auction and/or other fundraising activities (eg. raffle, lucky door prizes, etc):

Sponsorship Levels (please indicate level of sponsorship)

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please make available your company logo for use in the promotion of the 'Get on Stage' Charity Lunch.

The logo should be of high quality (in either EPS, tif or jpeg format)

Email your logo to lianemorris@westnet.com.au by **26 February 2010**.



"Get on Stage" Charity Lunch



Booking Form

To book tickets for the "Get on Stage" Charity Lunch, please complete the form below and fax back to Liane Morris, Riverside Theatre on 02 9683 3267.

Yes I would like to attend the "Get on Stage" Charity Lunch at Riverside Theatre on Friday, 26 March 2010.

I request _____ tickets @ \$146.00 per ticket (incl GST) = \$ _____

I request _____ table/s of 10 @ \$1,320.00 per table (incl GST) = \$ _____

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Name: _____ Position: _____

Company: _____ Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

You will be contacted closer to the event for a list of your attendees.

Payment by cheque Cheques payable to Riverside Theatre

Send C/- Liane Morris
Riverside Theatre
PO Box 3636
Parramatta NSW 2124

Or please debit my credit card

Bankcard Visa Mastercard Amex

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Name on card: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Signature: _____

Important Information - Please read

Cancellation: No refunds will be made under any circumstances unless cancellation is received in writing more than 3 working days prior to the event. Substitute delegates are welcome. Tax Invoice: Upon payment, this booking form becomes a tax invoice.

All Forum details are correct at time of printing. Forums may be subject to change.

For further information contact Liane Morris, lianemorris@westnet.com.au