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Stage Door Theatre Reunion

It will be forty years this New Years Eve since the doors to the Stage Door Theatre opened. As some of the original cast and crew are getting along in years they think it would be nice to have a reunion. The organisers of the Stage Door Theatre reunion, Ray and Jenny Dickson, Ron Hamilton, Esme Mullen, Bronwyn Creedy and Lyn Tarring would appreciate help in locating any former cast and crew of the fifty-six seat theatre which is no longer operating.

They are particularly trying to locate Bryan Turner who was well known as a pianist.

If you can help please contact any of the above at mailto:stagedoor.reunion@hotmail.com or write to PO Box 1132, Hyde Park Castletown Q 4812

North Queensland Concerto & Vocal Competition – Results for 2007

Open: Gala Finals Concert

Townsville City Council Prize \$4,000: Matthew Rigby, Brisbane - violin James Cook University Prize \$2,000: Kristine Healy, Brisbane - piccolo Santalucia Property Group Prize \$1000: Claire Herrick, Melbourne - violin Dr Bill Williams OBE Memorial Award remaining finalists \$500: Rebecca Cassidy, Townsville - voice; Katherine Lukey, Melbourne - violin; Graeme Norris, Adelaide - violin Vocal: Parry Nissan Prize Rebecca Cassidy, Townsville - \$500 Helen Schaffer, Mossman - \$300 Siobhan Patrick, Sydney (formerly Townsville) - \$200 Highly Commended: Kate Rafferty, Canberra Piano & Instrumental: Loloma Jewellers Prize Graeme Norris, Adelaide - violin (\$500) Alison Brown, Townsville - violin (\$300) Min Jin Sung, Brisbane - cello (\$200) Highly Commended: Steven Cadell, Cairns - viola; Kristine Healy, Brisbane - piccolo; Robert McMillan, Melbourne - French horn Young Performers Soloists - Townsville & District Music Teachers Association Prize Min Jin Sung, Brisbane - cello Cameron Millar, Townsville - saxophone Angela Xiao, Townsville - Violin School Ensembles - Townsville City Council Prize Townsville Grammar School Saxophone Quartet - \$400 Quattro Dolce, Pimlico SHS - \$300 Townsville Grammar School Recorder Consort - \$200 Pimlico Octet, Pimlico SHS - \$100 Highly Commended: Belgian Gardens SS Senior Quartet Special Awards Presented at Gala Finals Concert Joy Rutledge Prize (\$500): most outstanding musician from North Queensland - Rebecca Cassidy, Townsville - soprano Rev Norton Challenor Prize and Perpetual Trophy (\$200): Most Promising Vocalist - Helen Schaffer, Malanda Frank Carroll Memorial Prize (\$200): most promising pianist - Julia Bowden, Townsville AUSTA (Australian Strings Assn, Nth Qld Branch) Prize (\$200): most promising string Angelene Bourne Prize (\$200): most promising brass/woodwind player - Darren Tannock, Townsville - saxophone Print Music Encouragement Awards (\$50) Victoria Kanowski, Townsville - violin; Melinda Frewen-Lord, Townsville - cello; Ashleigh Rowbottom Townsville - cello; Hayley Farlow, Townsville - piano

The Adjudicator for the Competition was Professor Emeritus Larry Sitsky AM Australian National University, Canberra and the official accompanists were Misa Yamamoto, Melbourne/Adelaide; Christian Gante, Brisbane and Valerie Dickson, Brisbane.

News from the School of Creative Arts (SOCA) James Cook University

It is a very exciting time for the School of Creative Arts at James Cook University. Students are being provided with real life experiences that complement the theory and learning. These activities support the School's stated goals of providing programs that are innovative, flexible and industry relevant. In July 2007, forty students undertook a formal three week study tour to Europe where they were introduced to a wide range of art and cultural experiences which were designed to enhance their studies through

presentations, discussion and other practical activities. They visited three international contemporary art exhibitions, thirteen major galleries and numerous important cultural sites.

In August, students were offered the opportunity of spending three days on the James Cook University Research Station on Orpheus Island. A coral fringed island resort within its own national park, Orpheus Island offers the ultimate in Great Barrier Reef discovery and provided students with an intimate experience in a natural and relaxed setting. The images that have evolved from this field trip are breathtaking and world class.

In the next few weeks the School will share the highlights of the major exhibitions and some of the cultural experiences that students experienced whilst pursuing a 'Grand Tour' of Europe and will display some of their work from Orpheus Island – as seen through the lens of a camera.

 For information: 4781 3170 Roslyn Burgess, Administrative officer, School of Creative Arts, James Cook

 University mailto:roslyn.burgess@icu.edu.au

 Click here

 for information on SOCA courses

Strand Ephemera Salutes its Supporters

Townsville supports a very healthy arts and cultural industry with the majority of its funding sourced from the public sector. While the Townsville City Council is again the major sponsor of *Strand Ephemera*, local businesses have acknowledged the huge popularity and importance of this free public event with a record level of corporate sponsorship.

Strand Ephemera 2007, the biggest Strand Ephemera yet, acknowledges the support of twenty four businesses and organizations and, in particular, the major sponsors from this group: Xstrata, Wilson/Ryan/Grose, Bendigo Bank, and Ergon Energy. A special event for sponsors was held at the Perc Tucker Gallery on August 30th to show appreciation for their valued support.

Anyone interested in supporting this event in the future should contact the Gallery on 4727 9011 For information: 4727 9627 Marg Naylor, Public Programs Co-ordinator, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Strand Ephemera 2007 Artist Awards

Adelaide-based arts writer, Stephanie Radok, and Sydney artist, Chris Fox, deliberated for hours to choose the following three winners from a field of 44 artworks currently displayed on the Strand as part of the biennial sculpture exhibition, *Strand Ephemera*.

- Soundstripe by Nameer Davis won the Ergon Energy Excellence Award of \$3000
- Kerry Stelling took out the Bendigo Bank Distinction Award of \$2000 for her sculpture entitled A Way to Go
- Kalven Lloyd-Smith won the Highly Commended Award, Townsville Art and Framing \$500 and \$100 from The Blue Art Shop for a series of sculptures sited behind Tobruk swimming pool.

The awards were made at the opening ceremony of the exhibition which will run until September 16th.

- The final award, Ferry Property People's Choice, will be decided at the conclusion of Strand Ephemera when votes are counted.
- Members of the public are invited to vote for their favourite artwork in the exhibition.

Voting forms and catalogues are available from the Gallery or at the *Strand Ephemera* information desk in front of the Picnic Bay Lifesaving Clubhouse on the Strand (catalogues sell for \$5 each). For information: http://www.strandephemera.com

Click here for information on Ephemera workshops and walks

Closing Date for Townsville Bulletin Diary Listing in 'The Guide'

The Bulletin has moved the publication day of The Guide to Thursdays.

It incorporates a new tabloid sized TV Guide that will also includes Pay TV. The back of The Guide is a planner (Thursday – Wednesday) which will feature "club music" at the top, and "arts" at the bottom. This will no longer include museums unless they are OPENING a special exhibition in that week. To be listed in the planner <u>mailto:edsec@ngn.newsltd.com.au</u> by 5pm on Tuesdays.

Art in the Park

Friends who meet to enjoy painting and sketching and companionship in the great outdoors. Meet every second Saturday at 10am on location. Paint in watercolour, acrylics, charcoal, pastels, pen and ink, pencil and whatever the whim of the day. Visit various festivals, art galleries and events as social outings. For information: 4723 0601 0408737 021 Heather Byrne (Organiser) <u>mailto:hby51497@bigpond.net.au</u>

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Grants & Scholarships

Townsville Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

Closing date: October 30th For information: 4727 9685 Cultural Development Officer <u>mailto:justine.wilkinson@townsville.gld.gov.au</u>

Thuringowa Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

Closing date: September 30th

Due to the amalgamation of the councils of Thuringowa and Townsville, Thuringowa Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) will not exist after September 30th. There is no certainty about how the Fund will be administered when both councils merge to become Townsville City Council. In light of this uncertainty, the Committee of Thuringowa Council's Regional Arts Development Fund is encouraging all artsworkers, arts practitioners and community and cultural development workers to take advantage of the next funding round. The Thuringowa RADF program offers finance for projects and activities that will benefit the community and cultural development.

This round is for projects and activities beginning after December 1st 2007.

- The following grants are available:
- Developing Regional Skills
- Building Community Cultural Capacity
- Interest-free Arts Loan
- Cultural Tourism for projects and activities of a community art nature that involve any art-form
- Contemporary Collections/Stories for community art projects and activities of a specific theme or idea
 Concept Development
- For more information: http://www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/resident/grants/radf/

Individualised Public Consultation Sessions

Individualised public consultation sessions will be once again offered of a morning and evening on Mondays and Wednesdays or by appointment. It is necessary to book a session to discuss your application so as to maximise your chances of securing the amount of money you require when all applications are assessed. For information: 4773 8603 Mr. Shannon Chadwick Community Development Officer (Arts & Equity) Community and Cultural Development Department

Dalrymple Shire Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

Round 2, 2007 – 08 Closing date: November 16th Meeting date: December 1st For application forms and criteria: 4761 5300 Dalrymple Shire Council mailto:dailymail@dalrymple.gld.gov.au

Breakwater Island Casino Community Benefit Fund Trust

Closing date: October 31st

The Breakwater Trust provides grants to community organisations that provide facilities and services to the community. Funds distributed are mainly for equipment, contributions to building costs and extensions.

For information and application packages: 4721 1453 http://www.biccbf.com.au

Cowboys Community Fund

Applications now being accepted for Round 2

The fund is a perpetual charitable trust for community purposes with the specific objective of improving the quality of youthful lives in North Queensland.

Applications will be judged on their merits by a management committee.

For information: http://www.cowboys.com.au/Cowboys Community Fund.asp

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Japan Foundation Support for New Visual Artists

Closing date: September 17th

A new program from the Japan Foundation supporting emerging visual artists and curators with grants of up to \$4,000. Proposals are now sought for visual art works – fine art, craft, film, new media, or other visual art - which clearly demonstrate a strong Japanese influence. The program aims to provide a platform for local artists to contribute to the dialogue between Australia and Japan through artistic expression. Successful applicants will be required to coordinate a solo/group exhibition or event as part of a collective project, which will run for the duration of 2008, following a launch in February.

For information: Chisato Nakayama, Program Coordinator. (02) 8239 0055 <u>mailto:chisato@ipf.org.au</u> <u>http://www.jpf.org.au</u>

Foundation for Young Australians – For Your Eyes Only

Closing date: September 17th

A new creative grant opportunity for young people aged 12 – 15 years to celebrate the strengths of their community by submitting a creative image celebrating their community through their eyes. Successful applicants will nominate a community group working with young people in their community (for example a school, youth group or sporting group) to receive a donation. This donation would then be used by the community group to further its work by either purchasing much needed equipment or adding funds to an existing program. For information: (03) 9670 5436 http://www.youngaustralians.org

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Closing dates: September 30th, December 31st, March 31st; June 30th

The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund provides grants to Queensland based not-for-profit community groups to deliver services and activities to Queensland communities. One-off grants of up to \$30,000 are allocated to non-profit organisations to help them provide services or activities that benefit the community. These grants are not intended to replace existing sources of support for organisations. There are four funding rounds each year.

For information and application package: 3247 4284 <u>http://www.gcbf.gld.gov.au</u>

Australian Film Commission – Funding Rounds

Industry and Cultural Development Events and Activities Fund Closing date: October 2nd National Touring Exhibition Fund Closing date: October 2nd Indigenous Unit Documentary Development Closing date: October 24th Drama Development Closing date: October 26th For information on these and funding for *Film Development and Travel* visit: <u>http://www.afc.gov.au</u> and follow the links.

Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund (IRADF)

Closing date: ongoing

Department of Education and the Arts including the State Library of Queensland provides financial assistance to projects that involve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural retention and/or broadening community awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture. For information:

http://www.gld.gov.au/grants/grantdetails.action?grantId=8ae5936c063948ea010639496fb20089

Australia Council for the Arts Grants

Australia Council grants are available in the following areas – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts (ATSIA), Community Partnerships, Inter Arts, Dance, Literature, Major Performing Arts, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts.

Closing dates vary according to the grant on offer <u>http://www.ozco.gov.au/grantFinder.aspx</u>

Australia Council for the Arts – Inter Arts Grants

Residencies

Closing date: October 15th

The Inter-Arts Office offers grants for artist-initiated residencies as well as one residency at the Banff Centre for the Arts in Canada.

http://www.ozco.gov.au/ia residencies

For information and application details for Inter-Arts and other artform grants: (02) 9215 9166 or toll free 1800 226 912 <u>http://www.ozco.gov.au</u>

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Monash University Indigenous Scholarships

Closing dates: October 31st Monash University is offering several scholarships for Indigenous Australians for 2008. For information: <u>http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/scholarships/opportunities/indigenous-excellence/index.html</u>

Regional Arts Fund Regional Quick Response Grants

Ongoing

Regional Quick Response Grants offer assistance up to \$1,500 to individuals or organisations for projects that demonstrate a community benefit and are unable to source funds elsewhere. Applications for this program can be received at any time and an answer given to its success or otherwise will be given within 48 hours. The Quick Response Grant Scheme operates during the months of February to November each year.

For information: http://www.gac.org.au/htm/RegionalQuickResponseGrant.asp

Ian Potter Foundation

A private philanthropic foundation for charitable purposes in Australia – including support for the arts. For information: <u>http://www.ianpotter.org.au</u>

Small Scale Project Grants

Ongoing

The Graham F. Smith Peace Trust Inc. provides grants up to \$1500 to help individuals and organisations for art projects which address the aims of the Trust – promoting peace, justice, and care for the environment. For guidelines and application forms: <u>mailto:info@artspeacetrust.org</u> <u>http://www.artspeacetrust.org</u>

Fosters Community Grants

An important program within the *Fosters in the Community* framework, complementing the grass roots nature of its employee-driven community contributions and Foster's community sponsorship initiatives. The program supports projects in three main focus areas: wellness, culture and the environment. For information, selection criteria and application forms:

http://www.fosters.com.au/about/fosterscommunitygrants.htm

Regional Production Fund – ABC Radio

Ongoing

Provides funding for content to assist regional media and artistic talent and foster a regional media production industry for radio and digital platforms. Projects range from documentary features or series, music segments, drama, comedy, serials, short stories through to history, poetry, discussion programs or creative and community events.

For information: mailto:rpf@your.abc.net.au http://www.abc.net.au/radio/rpf/default.htm

Start Thinking Now for Queensland's 150th Celebrations Community Funding Program

The Queensland Government will provide funding across the State in celebration of Queensland's 150th birthday in 2009. A \$4 million community funding program, which will provide grants of between \$2,000 and \$10,000 over three rounds has been created.

All communities are urged to consider projects they would like to undertake to mark Queensland's 150th birthday and apply for rounds two and three of this scheme.

Nominations for the second round of grants will open in February 2008, with the third and final round opening in June 2008.

For information: http://www.q150.qld.gov.au

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Townsville Young Artists Awards 2007 - Entries Now Open

Closing date: September 20th

Townsville City Council established the awards in 1994 to support and develop the artistic talent of young people in this community.

Young Townsville artists from pre-school through to final year of secondary school are encouraged to enter the 2007 Young Artists Awards. Young people can enter individually or as part of a school group. Cash prizes are offered for each section and a selection of works will be exhibited at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery.

For information and entry forms: 4772 9011 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Australian Poetry Slam 07 – Townsville Heats

September 21st at 6pm at Perc Tucker Gallery – hosted by *Ghostboy* The search is on for Queensland's best spoken word poet. Anyone is welcome to grab the microphone and speak, scream, howl, whisper or sing their original poem to a live audience. Entry to heats is free for both performers and audience members. Heat winners will compete at the finals at the State Library of Queensland in Brisbane on October 27th. Queensland's finalist will then compete at the national titles in Sydney in December. Prizes to be won! Accolades to be had! Sign-up is thirty minutes before each heat. Free workshops available before the *Slam* – bookings are essential. For information: 4727 8310 Aitkenvale Library <u>http://www.slg.gov.au/slam</u> Click here for on *Slam* workshops

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2007 Premier's Multicultural Photographic Awards

Closing date: November 14th

The 2007 Premier's Multicultural Photographic Awards opened in August. In 2006 the awards attracted 608 entries from across the State.

For information: 3224 5690 mailto:info@multicultural.qld.gov.au

http://www.multicultural.qld.gov.au/be involved/awards/premier%27s multicultural photographic awards/ind ex.php

2007 Allens Arthur Robinson Lloyd Rees Memorial Youth Art Award

Closing date: October 2nd National award for artists aged 18 – 28 For information: <u>http://www.centrehouse.org.au/lloyd%20Rees.htm</u>

35th Alice Prize

Closing date: October 24th An annual competition for contemporary art in any medium offering an acquisitive prize of \$15,000 plus a four week residency (including airfare) in Alice Springs. There is also a non-acquisitive, \$1,000 prize for the Tammy Kingsley Award for popular choice. Exhibition dates: May 2nd to June 15th 2008. For information: (08) 8953 7090 http://www.aliceprize.com

Inner City Life Literary Competition

Closing date: November 23rd

A writing competition for adults on the theme of *Inner City Life* organised by the NSW Writers' Centre, sponsored by Gleebooks and the Village Voice, and open to anyone from anywhere. Categories:

- short story maximum 500 words
- poetry maximum 20 lines

For information: (02) 9555 9757 or mailto:nswwc@nswwriterscentre.com.au

http://www.nswwriterscentre.org.au/html/s02 article/article view.asp?id=512&nav cat id=196&nav top id= 73&dsb=870

Noosa Arts Theatre Inc – One Act Playwriting Competition

Closing date: November 30th

For entry forms, rules and guidelines: http://www.noosaartstheatre.org.au/competitions.aspx

IP Picks 2008 National Writing Competition

Closing date: December 1st (entries open October 1st) IP Picks 2007 National Writing Competition seeks entries of unpublished manuscripts in the following categories:

- **Best Fiction** .
- **Best Creative Non-Fiction**
- Best Poetry and .
- Best First Book

The winners are guaranteed royalty publication by one of IP's three imprints. For information, entry form and conditions: http://www.ipoz.biz/ip/ip_picks.htm

2008 Kathleen Mitchell Award

Closing date: February 22nd 2008 Established by the will of the late Kathleen Adele Mitchell who directed the Award to encourage 'the advancement, improvement and betterment of Australian literature, to improve the educational style of the authors and to provide them with additional amounts and thus enable them to improve their literary efforts'. First established in 1996, it is a biennial award with prize money of \$7,500. (02) 9326 5507 Cauz Group Pty mailto:trustawards@cauzgroup.com.au

http://www.trust.com.au/Content.aspx?topicID=214

The Max Afford Playwrights' Award

Closing date: July 4th 2008

This Award was established to promote interest in Australian drama and to encourage the writing of plays in Australia, to help and give incentive to young writers of plays for either stage, TV or films. The Award is an initiative of the late Thelma May Afford in memory of her husband, Max Afford. Prizemoney includes a \$7,500 cash prize. Australian National Playwrights' Conference following the announcement of the winner. For information; (02) 9326 5507 Cauz Group Pty mailto:trustawards@cauzgroup.com.au http://www.trust.com.au/Content.aspx?topicID=214

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Strand Ephemera – Vote for Your Favourite Piece of Art

Click here for details

Townsville Little Theatre – Auditions for 'Dilemma'

September 23rd 2 – 2.30pm PCYC Castle Hill

Written by Ian Austin and directed by Anne Coombe Dílemma is a suspense-filled, cat-and-mouse mystery thriller that grows page by page towards a thrilling and unexpected climax. Cast required:

- Donald mid 20s, slightly insecure and nervy, tends to cross Ts and dot Is
- Lynda his wife, similar age, marginally a more stable character .
- Mrs Ludke an elderly neighbour, quiet-mannered but with an edge, speaks with a slight foreign accent •
- The Man in his 40s, foreign accent .

Performance Dates: November 14th to 17th St Margaret Mary's Theatre For information: 0427 149 111 Anne Coombe

Townsville Little Theatre - Front of House Volunteers Required

Volunteers are still required for the Fairytales & Magic Gone Wrong season which is being held at St Maragret Mary's Theatre from September 12th to 15th

Please contact Barbara Robertson on 4725 0225, after 5.30pm.

New Scrabble Club – Call for Members

Members of the new scrabble club will meet at the Townsville Aero Club, Viscount Drive, Garbutt on alternate Tuesday evenings from 5 - 8pm. There is free parking available at the premises. The next meeting will be held on September 25th. For information: 4775 4888 or 0438 476 002 Larissa Huxley

New Band - Expressions of Interest Invited

Richard Ryall of the band Syrup of Figs is looking to form a new Poques style band. Anyone interested in being part of this initiative should contact Richard on 4723 9810 mailto:syrupoffigs@aapt.net.au

Opportunity for Musos to Get Together

Anyone interested in performing acoustic, choral or ensemble music on Sundays at around 11am in the Perfumed Gardens behind the Old Magistrate's Courthouse should contact Mark and Fran Bancroft at mailto:franban@aapt.net.au

This project is backed by Townsville City Council and the Music Centre North Queensland.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery – Call for Volunteers

The Gallery has a team of wonderful volunteers which assists with functions, installations, education tours and openings. If you are dedicated to the arts and interested in joining the Gallery's team of volunteers assistance is required for the reception desk, 4 hour shifts during the week. Volunteers are vital to the running of the Gallery. For information and to express your interest: 4727 9011

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Young Entrepreneurs Success (YES) Mentoring Program – Call for Applications

Closing date: September 17th

Young Entrepreneurs Success (YES) is a newly developed group mentoring program designed to support innovation in business, particularly within the creative sectors. In an effort to realise individual business potential, selected Australian entrepreneurs are invited to work with expert mentors in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane & Adelaide, via a series of group mentoring sessions.

Cost: 80% of participants' fees will be subsidised, the remaining \$150 per session fee is payable prior to commencement.

For information and application forms: http://yes.creativeeconomy.com.au

2008 Adelaide Fringe - Call for Artists

Registrations close: October 19th Fringe dates: February 22nd – March 16th 2008 Each year over 2200 artists take nearly 500 events of every art-form imaginable to Adelaide for the Fringe. Anyone can register using the simple online registration system. For information: http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/

ATOM Film Writers Wanted

No deadline The Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) are always looking for writers for their publications Metro Magazine and Screen Education Magazine. All writers are paid for their articles. For information: mailto:assistanteditor@atom.org.au http://www.metromagazine.com.au

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Activities Associated with Strand Ephemera Wilson/Ryan/Grose (WRG) Guided Art Tours

Explore the art works of Strand Ephemera 2007 in the muted tones of twilight each evening with guided tours. Tours are free and depart from the Strand Ephemera Information desk. Meet at Picnic Bay Lifesaving Clubhouse, the Strand at the following times:

September 12th at 6pm September 13th at 6pm September 14th at 6pm September 15th at 6pm

Free Art Workshops

September 13th 4 - 6pm Create your own printed flag with Strand Ephemera artist Michelle Hall. Collaborate with Michelle on the Strand in a series of free drop-in workshops. All are welcome to attend. Picnic Bay Lifesaving Clubhouse, the Strand Feast on Art: Community Art Day September 16th 2 – 5pm

Featuring live music, dance performances by Dance Xtensions, and art workshops. Relax in the outdoor ambience of the Strand headland - take a picnic, chat and enjoy an array of fun activities. Meet some of the artists from the exhibition.

Cost: free

Burke St Headland, Picnic Bay Lifesaving Clubhouse

School Holiday Activities

The Community Information Centre compiles a list of school holiday activities throughout Townsville and Thuringowa.

For this information phone 4771 4230 or drop in to the CIC Office, 1st Floor Northtown, Flinders Mall opposite the City Library

Libraries - School Holiday Activities

For information: Aitkenvale Library 4727 8310 Knowledge Centre (City) 4727 9666 Thuringowa Library 4773 8811

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery School Holidays Activities

For information: 4727 9011

Pinnacles Gallery School Holiday Program

September 25th 11am – 1.30pm Future Domes

For ages 8+

Join artist Leah McManus to create 'snow' domes filled with miniature landscapes of the future. Finish the day by adding your bit to The Cubic Structural Evolution Project, 2004, the giant city of lego currently evolving in Pinnacles Gallery.

Cost: \$10 Bookings essential

September 25th 2.30 - 3.30pm

Behind the Scenes of the Thuringowa Helicopter Project

See Alwin Reamillo, the Gallery's world famous artist-in-residence, at work in his studio creating a full-size helicopter with crab shells, and then create your own miniature helicopter sculpture.

Cost: free Bookings essential

September 26th 11am - 1.30pm

Grow Your Own Art

For ages 6+

Learn about artists around the world who have made artworks that grow and change over time, then create your own 3D crystal artworks and grass sculptures. Finish the day by adding your bit to the cubic structural evolution project, 2004, the giant city of lego currently evolving in Pinnacles Gallery.

Cost: \$10 Bookings essential

September 26th 2.30 - 2.30pm,

Behind the Scenes of the Thuringowa Helicopter Project

All ages

See Alwin Reamillo, our world famous artist in residence, at work in his studio creating a full-size helicopter from crab shells, and then create your own miniature helicopter sculpture.

Cost: free Bookings essential September 27th 11am - 1.30pm

Piñata Party

Ages 8+

It may still be a bit too cold for a pool party, but it's always a great time for a *Piñata Party*! Join Marlene Escoto from Honduras, South America, to create your own piñata filled with art supplies and Iollies. Cost: \$10 Bookings essential

September 27th 2.30 – 3.30pm

Behind the Scenes of the Thuringowa Helicopter Project

All ages

See Alwin Reamillo, the Galley's world famous artist in residence, at work in his studio creating a full-size helicopter from crab shells, and then create your own miniature helicopter sculpture.

Cost: free Bookings essential September 28th 2pm – 3.30pm

Lego Robotics

Ages 10+

Create some futuristic vehicles with lego robotics and program them to move through a maze. Presented together with CSIRO North Qld Science Education Centre.

Finish the day by adding your bit to *The Cubic Structural Evolution Project, 2004*, the giant city of lego currently evolving in Pinnacles Gallery. Cost: \$15 Bookings essential

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James Cook University Creative Arts Courses

James Cook University's School of Creative Arts (SOCA) offers the following programs:

- Certificate courses
- Diploma of Creative Arts
- Bachelor of Creative Industries
- Bachelor of New Media Arts
- Graduate Diploma of Creative Arts
- Master of Creative Arts
- Master of Music
- PhD

For information: 4781 3166 <u>mailto:creativearts@jcu.edu.au</u> http://www.jcu.edu.au/soca/

Umbrella Studio Seeks Participants for September Exhibition

Umbrella Studio seeks participants to contribute to a collaborative new media work, about the community. For the best outcomes the work requires the participation of locals. A 'map' of a part of Townsville will be created that reflects the concerns and interests of the community.

The creation of the work will provide an opportunity to learn about:

- art practices that involve walks, new media, photography and engagement with space and place
 community and public spaces through playful interventions or 'walks'.
- community and public spaces through playful interventions or 'Walks' An artist's talk is scheduled for September 16th from 12 noon to 1pm.

For more information: 4772 7817 Umbrella Studio mailto:info@umbrella.org.au

Life drawing

Saturdays 10am - 12noon

Room 108 Building D, JCU

All welcome. Easels, drawing boards and model provided. No formal tuition, just peer support if asked for. Western campus JCU Douglas (Through main JCU gates then turn right into Buchan St (first major street, about 100 metres from gate, go to stop sign (a few hundred yards down, oval is on your right), turn left and then Building D is the second on the left.

Cost: \$10 per session

For information: Gerald Soworka 0401 429 021 mailto:canetoadhunter@hotmail.com

Art in the Park

Click here for details

Writers in Townsville

Meet each Wednesday night at 7:30pm Venue: Riverside Community Hall, Riverside Gardens. For information: Phil 4773 4223 <u>Click here</u> for information on *Writers' Retreat*

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New Salsa Classes in Town – Chocolate Salsa: La Salsa de Cuba

Raul de la Paz, a professional dancer from Cuba, is offering classes for beginners to advanced.

Monday & Wednesdays at YWCA

Salsa Cubana Beginners: 6.30 - 7.15pm

Salsa Cubana Intermediate: 7.15 - 8pm

Salsa Cubana Advanced: 8 - 8.45

Rumba Cubana (Mon) / Bachata (Wed): 8.45 - 9.30pm

Knowledge Centre Book Club

Library members are invited to join this club which meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 12noon -1pm at the Knowledge Centre.

The Library Service provides the books, free of cost, each month.

The following books are part of the current reading selection:

- Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks
- On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan
- Romulus. My Father by Raimond Gaita (autobiography)
- Mao's Last Dancer by Li Cinxu (autobiography)
- French Lieutenant's Woman by John Fowles

For information: 4727 9660 Branch Manager, Knowledge Centre

Australian Poetry Slam Workshops 2007

September 20th 10am – 12noon (youth) & 3.30 – 5pm (adults) Two free Slam (Australian Poetry Slam 07) workshops will be held in the Aitkenvale Meeting Room to help every budding performance poet hit the Slam stage armed with freshly sharpened words and an understanding of live performance devices.

The workshops will be presented by David "Ghostboy" Stavanger.

Each workshop will cover:

- Writing poetry for the stage
- Performance techniques .
- Understanding poetry slam

Presented by State Library of Queensland and Townsville Public Libraries

Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room

Plces are limited to 30 so booking early is advised for all participants. No writing or performing experience is required to attend.

For information: 4727 8310 Aitkenvale Library Click here for information on Australian Poetry Slam 07 heats

Michael Keiran Harvey Residency

September 30th to October 7th

During this week Michael will be in residence at the Old Magistrates Court where, in collaboration with local ornithologists and photographers, he will prepare for a concert during which music, photographic images and talks about bird song will be presented. Michael Keiran Harvey's residency is a fantastic opportunity for the community to work with an outstanding Australian musician. Do take advantage of this extraordinary addition to the North Queensland musical landscape for 2007.

A co-presentation between the Music Centre North Queensland and the Townsville City Council Old Magistrate's Courthouse - sessions each day at different times

For information and bookings: 4721 1771 or 0419 026 895 Dr Michael Whiticker Music Centre North Queensland http://www.musiccentreng.com

Click here for information on Michael Keiran Harvey's Concerts 1 & 2

Calm Abiding Buddhist Meditation Retreat

September 28th to 30th

A rich weekend of Calm Abiding Meditation, Manjushri Empowerment and Teachings on Parting from the Four Attachments with Lama Choedak Rinpoche, a Tibetan-born meditation master will be held at Paluma in fully catered (vegetarian) dormitory accommodation.

More and more people are looking for a well defined path and a holistic philosophy of right living which gives them the power of intelligence developed through meditation practices. Lama Choedak Rinpoche will carefully guide participants into each meditation session so that even complete beginners will go home with a set of self-transformation tools.

Cost: \$220/\$200

For information: 4773 4223 Phil <u>mailto:pheang@bigpond.net.au</u> <u>Public Talks</u> will be held on Magnetic Island on September 27th and at James Cook University on September 28th For information: 4758 1190 Sharn

La Luna Workshops

Workshops in drama and film making for young people aged 5 – 26. Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa For bookings and information on fees etc: 4773 6377 <u>mailto:director@lalunang.com</u>

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Writers in Townsville Society Inc Writers' Retreat

October 1st to 4th

For beginners or advanced writers over 18 years of age

Offering practical workshops on:

- developing characters short story writing writing an historical fantasy novel
- writing and performing rhyming poetry.

The retreat will offer individual appraisals of works in progress, allow work on individual writing projects and give participants the opportunity to take time out to enjoy the ambience of the wood fire and the rainforest. Join award winning author Sandy Curtis and Australian champion bush poet Melanie Hall at Gumburu Education Centre Paluma.

Cost: \$160 includes food, transport from Townsville, accommodation and workshops.

Places are limited - book now to avoid disappointment

For information: 4773 4223 Phil Heang mailto:pheang@bigpond.net.au

Supported by the Regional Arts Fund, an Australian Government initiative delivered in partnership with the Qld Government and the Regional Arts Development Fund, a Queensland Government and Thuringowa City Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

NIDA Screen Acting Workshop 16 yrs+

October 2nd to 5th 10am - 5pm

Discover your individual screen presence. Rehearse and perform scenes from contemporary film and television and gain confidence in acting boldly but honestly for the camera. Previous acting experience recommended.

Townsville Grammar School, 45 Paxton Street, Townsville

Cost: \$395

Presented by: NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Art)

Contact: Lucy Shepherd, 02 9697 7626 or mailto:open@nida.edu.au

http://www.nida.edu.au/NidaCustomisation/CourseList.aspx?TYP=227

NIDA Acting Techniques 12 yrs+

October 2nd to 5th 10am - 5pm

Identify and experience the essentials of acting. Develop skills in voice, movement, improvisation and characterisation. Respond to scripts, relate to others effectively, and prepare to act with ease and skill. Townsville Grammar School, 45 Paxton Street, Townsville

Cost: \$395

Presented by: NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Art) Contact: Lucy Shepherd (02) 9697 7626 or <u>mailto:open@nida.edu.au</u> http://www.nida.edu.au/NidaCustomisation/CourseList.aspx?TYP=227

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Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts

The Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) is a Registered Training Organisation developing and training Indigenous performing artists in acting, singing, dance and music. It is funded by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and the Department of Employment and Training and also acknowledges funding from the Department of Education, Science and Training. ACPA delivers accredited training with qualifications in Certificate III, IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in the Performing Arts. ACPA caters for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally sensitive and supportive environment. For information: <u>http://www.acpa.net.au/</u>

The 2007 Conference of the Music Council of Australia

September 23rd & 24th To be held in the Dixson Room, State Library of NSW, Shakespeare Place, Sydney For information: (03) 9507 2315 <u>http://www.mca.org.au/</u>

AFTRS Features, Interviews and Podcasts Course

October 27th & 30th and November 1st, 3rd & 4th

A practical 'hands-on' course designed to open up the exciting new world of podcasting for radio interviewers and features producers. Aims to give participants an understanding of how to devise, create, and publish podcasts. Participants will learn the theory behind features, interviews and online broadcasting to inspire them to take this format to a higher level. They will learn podcasting software, and use Pro Tools to create a podcast. Cost: \$600 (payable in advance upon successful course application) Closing Date: October 12th To apply: <u>http://mvregistration.aftrs.edu.au/sr.cfm?v=e647w1</u>

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) State Conference "Taking it to the Tropics"

November 13th to 16th

Cairns and Kuranda

The State Conference aims to bring the new RADF Guidelines (2007) to life. The conference will stimulate innovative regional arts projects, celebrate and reward volunteers and RADF Committees and address governance and management issues of the RADF Program by providing opportunities for delegates to network with regional colleagues and peers; update skills and knowledge of contemporary art practice and policy matters; discuss matters relating to the implementation of the RADF Program at a local level; explore possible regional partnerships and initiatives; and showcase their council and/or work to a broad audience. Cost: \$350, or \$300 for Early Bird (before October 10th)

Registration now open

For information: 4727 9680 or mailto:justine.wilkinson@townsville.gld.gov.au .

Queensland Multicultural Summit 2007

November 19th & 20th

The Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland (ECCQ) is hosting the Queensland Multicultural Summit 2007 at the State Library of Queensland, South Bank, Brisbane. The summit is designed to equip management with the insight to maximises opportunities presented by Queensland's culturally diverse community.

It will feature presentations by keynote speakers Philippe Legrain, writer, commentator and author of *Immigrants, Your Country Needs Them,* and Jason Yat-Sen Li, an inspirational young man from Beijing. Seating is limited to 300.

For information: 3844 9166 Barry Low on mailto:events@eccq.com.au http://www.multicultural.qld.gov.au/be involved/conferences/index.php

7th Annual JUTE Playwrights' Conference – Cairns

December 7th to 9th

This conference will bring together key theatre-makers from across the Australian theatre sector to engage with regional playwrights and theatre-makers. It will have a regional focus in a national context and will ensure that the work of regional playwrights is exposed to the broader theatre sector.

JUTE Theatre is situated in Cairns and provides access to the performing arts for communities of the far north.

Costs: \$270 full registration, \$250 student/unemployed registration, \$60 Dinner & Keynote Speaker Accommodation: \$35 – \$120 per night For information: <u>http://www.jute.com.au/conference.html</u>

The 32nd International Conference in the History of Art, Crossing Cultures: Conflict, Migration and Convergence

January 13th to 18th

The 32nd Congress of the International Committee of Art History, hosted by the University of Melbourne, is anticipated to attract over 1,000 art historians, academics, visual artists and staff from the most important museums and art galleries around the globe. It will provide a unique international forum for vital debate and a rare opportunity for delegates to hear from leading authorities in Art History.

The theme of the conference is global and the scope is broad. For this Congress, the definition of art is broadly conceived so as to include traditional media, painting, sculpture, architecture and the crafts, as well as design, film, visual performance and new media. The conference will also include what is expected to be the largest ever global book fair on the subject, a public lecture series and an exciting social program. For information: http://www.cihamelbourne2008.com.au

Aesopic Voices: Reframing Truth in Twentieth-Century Folklore, Fairy Tales and Fables An international conference hosted by the University of Melbourne

February 21st to 23rd 2008

For information: http://www.culture-communication.unimelb.edu.au/aesopic-conference

2008 Art at the Heart Conference

October 3rd to 5th 2008

The sixth biennial national Regional Arts Australia Conference will be held in Alice Springs in October 2008. For more information: (08) 8999 8981 or 1800 678 237 (Toll Free), Arts NT mailto:arts.office@nt.gov.au http://www.artattheheart.com.au/

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Websites

http://www.promotecraft.com.au

A 'one-stop' site presenting the work and experiences of a wide range of Australian craft practitioners. It offers searches by medium, artist or style and each practitioner is presented across four pages to include biographies, images of works, production, exhibition and teaching histories.

http://www.myerfoundation.org.au

For information on Myer Family Philanthropy

http://www.metroarts.com.au/

Metro Arts delivers professional development for artists to achieve sustainable creative practice by providing a combination of artistic programs, business skilling and facilities in a dynamic community environment.

http://telemanng.bigpondhosting.com/TE/

New website for the Telemann Ensemble (North Queensland)

http://www.ausdance.org.au/

Ausdance (Australian Dance Council) is Australia's professional dance advocacy organisation for dancers, choreographers, directors and educators.

http://www.flyingarts.org.au/

Flying Arts is an innovative arts organisation that provides professional development workshops and exhibiting opportunities for regional and remote visual artists and communities. Flying Arts also offers accredited online training and special residencies for artists of all ages, including youth.

http://www.ciprecinct.qut.com/

QUT (Queensland University of Technology) Creative Industries Precinct

http://www.regionalarts.com.au/raa1/inside/default.asp?pageid=29

Regional Arts Australia is the key national body representing the broad and complex interests and concerns of those working with and for the arts in regional, rural and remote Australia. <u>Click here</u> for information on the sixth biennial RAA Conference.

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Publications

Re-visioning Arts and Cultural Policy by Jennifer Craik

In this monograph, Jennifer Craik undertakes a critical and historical analysis of the main imperatives of arts and cultural policy in Australia. The monograph examines options for governments to respond to public debate about involvement in enhancing, fostering and shaping the artistic and cultural production and consumption of their jurisdictions.

Jennifer Craik is Professor of Communication and Cultural Studies, School of Creative Communication at the University of Canberra and Adjunct Professor of Fashion and Textiles at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

For information: http://epress.anu.edu.au/anzsog/revisioning/pdf_instructions.html

Date Claimers

Link to the Community Information Centre's <u>Events Calendar</u> on Townsville City Council's Website for additional events

Please advise the Community Information Centre if you find errors in, or have additions or changes to, these events.

October/November

The Yungaburra Folk Festival

October 25th to 28th www.yungaburrafolkfestival.org or Festival Hotline 0448 017 877

I Want to be in a Jane Austen Novel

October 31st to November 3rd Townsville Little Theatre For information: Karen Vane 0407 161 706 *Missy Higgins* November 18th

December

Elton John December 4th 24 Days of Christmas December 1st to 24th Stable on the Strand December 19th to 23rd Woodford Folk Festival December 27th to January 1st http://www.woodfordfolkfestival.com/main/index.php

2008

National Folk Festival, Canberra March 20th to 24th http://www.folkfestival.asn.au/pages/festival.html North Queensland Recorder Society Residential Workshop May 16th to 18th For recorder and other early music players Gumburu, Paluma For information: Margaret Caley mailto:posm24@bigpond.com Australian Festival of Chamber Music July 4th to 13th For information: 4771 4144 http://www.afcm.com.au North Queensland Concerto and Vocal Competition July 13th to 18th Closing date for entries: May 28th For information: mailto:ngconcerto@hotmail.com http://www.ngconcerto.org Cultural Fest 2008 August 16th to 20th For information: 4772 4800 Migrant Resource Centre World Youth Day Outdoor Mass Conducted by Pope Benedict XV1 July 20th Great Tropical Jazz Party Magnetic Island September 12th to 14th

Arts/Cultural Calendar

Dance

dancenorth Australia

School of Arts Theatre, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets 4772 2549 Marketing Officer mailto:tricia@dancenorth.com http://www.dancenorth.com.au

September 20th to 22nd 8pm Mesecina Nightcafe 07

The final production of the year, *nightcafe* returns with a different theme. This exhilarating collaboration between Doch Gypsy Orchestra, 1RAR Band and dancenorth melds the high physicality and athleticism with the rawness, passion and lyricism of gypsy music. With a healthy dose of audience participation and humour, *nightcafe* is a perfect evening to celebrate with the dancenorth company for the final production in Townsville for 2007.

Bombay Rock Nightclub, 719 Flinders Street, Townsville Cost: \$27/\$24, child \$10

Extensions Youth Dance Company

School of Arts Theatre, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets 0418 755 833 Bookings: 4772 2549 mailto:kylie@xtensions.org.au

October 17th to 20th Collective Branches – Stories & Snapshots Riverway Arts Centre <u>Click here</u> for details

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Exhibitions

A Little White Space

The Brewery 252 Flinders Street For information: 0403 930 572 Irwin

September 13th to October 6th

Nocturne of the China Tiger: a tribute to B-grade Horror Films Installation and short film by Jeanette Hutchinson <u>Opening event</u>: September 13th @ 6:30PM For information: 0416 980 572 Jeanette Huthinson

Click here for information on A Little White Space - Really Short Film Festival

Art on Kings

Shop 6/203 Kings Road Pimlico 4725 0250 <u>mailto:tas@beyond.net.au</u> Gallery hours: 9am to 4pm (Monday to Friday) and 9am to 2pm (Saturday and Sunday)

The Gallery, which is administered by The Townsville Art Society Inc, welcomes enquiries from budding artists, art lovers and supporters. 150 member artists display their works at the Gallery and paintings are changed monthly. Artists are able to hold their own exhibitions.

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Burdekin Plum Tree Gallery

In partnership with **Zaro's Cultural Gallery** 86 Eighth Avenue, Home Hill Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 5pm 4782 2067

Burdekin Art Society

4782 6889

Castling Street Heritage Centre

5 Castling Street West End
4771 5873
Opening hours: Wednesdays 10am – 2pm; Saturdays and Sunday 1 – 4pm
Visit Townsville's past – the only museum in North Queensland with three examples of Queenslander style houses.
Worker's dwelling (1884) – a simple cottage, fully restored and furnished
Currajong (1888) – 'grand' villa residence, fully restored and furnished
Farmhouse (1921) – example of an early house occupied by North Queensland farmers

Flinders Gallery

693 Flinders Street, Townsville 4771 2222 Gallery hours: Monday to Friday 10am – 5pm; Sat 9.30am – 2pm Permanent and changing exhibitions by Gallery artists

September Exhibition and Sale

Changes are afoot at Flinders Gallery. To mark this the Gallery is holding a September spring sale of artworks by the gallery artists as well as having huge discounts on handcrafted oriental and tribal rugs. This is a great opportunity to stock up on some original anniversary and Christmas gifts.

To October 3rd

Mixed exhibition of work by the 28 gallery artists including new work by artist sculptor, Roland Nancarrow, and fine handcrafted glass by Victoria Nelson and Dragonglass studio.

October 5th to 31st

Peripheral Glimpses: England and France

An exhibition of new paintings and prints by widely acclaimed Townsville artist, James Brown. **Opening**: October 5th at 7 pm

Gallery Hinchinbrook

76 Townsville Rd, Ingham 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday; 10am –12noon Saturday 4776 4646 Joanne Cassady <u>mailto:jcassady@hinchinbrook.gov.au</u>

lesha Stewart Gallery

Ceramic Sculpture Artist 62 Ross River Road Mundingburra (opposite Mundingburra State School) Phone 4775 1225 or 0409 265 407 fax 4775 1226 <u>mailto:mail@iesha.com.au</u> <u>http://www.ieshastewartgallery.com.au</u>

September 14th to 28th

lesha Stewart - Ceramic Artist - Marine Sculptures Exhibition

Featuring vibrant and characteristic ceramic sculptures of marine fishes of the Great Barrier Reef and other wild and wacky creatures of the sea.

Bookings are now being accepted to attend the free wine and cheese launch night on September 14th. Book online or by phone.

Knowledge Centre – City Library

Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Mall, Townsville CBD 4727 9666 <u>Click here</u> for information on Knowledge Centre Book Club Back to Top

Maritime Museum

42 – 68 Palmer St South Townsville 4721 5251 Open Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm; Saturday and Sunday 12noon – 4pm

September 13th to 20th

Youth Works 2007 An exhibition of artworks by young people from Cleveland Youth Detention Centre in partnership with Cleveland Education and Training Centre. All proceeds from the sale of artworks will be paid into the trust account of the young person.

Museum of Tropical Queensland

Flinders Street East,Townsville Open daily 9.30am – 5pm http://www.mtg.qld.gov.au For information: 4726 0600

The museum holds its *Discover More* talks on the second Tuesday of each month from 12noon – 1pm. Contact the museum for details.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Flinders Mall, Townsville

4727 9011 mailto:ptrg@townsville.gld.gov.au

http://www.townsville.gld.gov.au/community/perctucker

Visit the Gallery Shop for a gift created by a local artist.

The Gallery is available for hire for special events. Its central location and unique ambience makes it an ideal venue for distinctive cocktail parties, intimate dinners, launches and presentations.

To September 16th

The Education Ministers Awards for Excellence in Art

Held annually since 1990, the awards have helped raise community awareness about the degree of sophistication in concepts, diversity of technical competence, and the high standard of arts programs in Queensland secondary schools. They encourage students to achieve high standards and promote visual arts in schools and their wider community.

To September 16th

Strand Ephemera 2007

The Perc Tucker Gallery's fourth outdoor sculpture exhibition artworks along the 2km Strand Esplanade. Artworks include interactive pieces, installations hanging from palm trees, sand sculptures, and works made from natural and recycled materials. Thanks to the support of the Australia Council, the exhibition will also include five invited leading contemporary artists from around Australia. Accompanying the exhibition will be a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy including artwork tours, performances, artists' talks, a community art day and the Xstrata education program for local schools.

Click here for information on Ephemera walks and workshops

To September 16th

Strand Ephemera Maquette Exhibition

Many of the artists involved in *Strand Ephemera* produce models, or maquettes, as the preliminary designs for the large scale sculptures. These works have their own charm and provide insight into the artistic process.

Over 20 maquettes are on show, including a miniature version of the outrigger crew by Graeme Buckley, Elizabeth Poole's boat patterns made from copper pipe, jeweller Kerry Stelling's directional signs, a selection of nests by Fibres and Fabrics and a small croc by Anna Mango, Steven and Sharon Crowe, a reference to north Queensland's burgeoning croc population.

The maquettes, and their larger versions, are for sale.

For information: 4727 9627 Marg Naylor

September 18th to October 7th Deep Down Things

An intriguing collection of recent works by local artist Emmanuel McCarthy.

September 18th to October 7th

Manbarra Dreaming An exhibition by Allan Palm Island

September 19th to October 7th Upon Reflection – Installations by Michelle Hall

Thirty-three skirts made from textiles and mixed media. Each skirt reveals a dominant theme on the artists' life as she travels within the marginalised and often disadvantaged sections of society. <u>Floor Talk</u>: September 23rd at 11am <u>Opening</u>: September 28th at 7pm

To October 7th *Enneagram: Portraits Beyond Personality – Donna Beningfield* <u>Niche Gallery Opening</u> by Barbara Cheshire: September 16th at 11am <u>Floor Talk</u> conducted by Margaret Trevethan and Donna Beningfield: September 30th at 11am

To October 7th

Little Dwellings – Assemblages, Constructions and their Backgrounds Recent work by innovative sculptor, Ben Trupperbaumer, who is known internationally for his major public art commissions. This exhibition draws on memories of a busy time in Ben's life between the ages of 8 & 13.

October 10th to 21st

Townsville Young Artist Awards Townsville City Council's annual art competition for children from pre-school through to Year 12. **Opening**: October 10th at 5.30pm

October 10th to 21st

IPA Youth Exhibition A group of young local emerging artists have been invited to create an exhibition of new work. <u>Opening</u>: October 10th at 6.30om

October 12th to 28th

Townsville Art Society Annual Awards North Queensland's most prestigious awards exhibition for local artists. **Opening:** October 12th at 7pm

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Pinnacles Gallery

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central 4817 Hours: Wednesday – Friday: 11am - 7pm Saturday: 11am – 6pm Sunday: 11am – 2pm 4773 8871 Fax 4723 0282 <u>mailto:pinnacles@thuringowa.qld.gov.au</u> http://riverway.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/explore/gallery/index

To October 7th

Interactive Evolution:

An array of interactive artworks and activities exploring the processes of evolution and human creation. For the first time outside of Queensland Art Gallery, *The Cubic Structural Evolution Project 2004*, will unfold. The cubic structural evolution project 2004 is an interactive art work from the Queensland Art Gallery's Collection by major international artist Olafur Eliasson. Comprising more than 300kg of white lego blocks, the work asks viewers to use the lego to create a cityscape. Designed for children but with appeal for all ages, the work becomes an ever-evolving metropolis limited only by the imagination of its participants. Once you have added your bit to *the Cubic Structural Evolution Project 2004* you can interact with several other interactive activities developed by Pinnacles Gallery including a giant maze and a global string installation.

Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre (TATSICC)

Reef HQ Building Flinders Street East 4772 7679 Visual Arts Manager <u>mailto:vamngr@bigpond.net.au</u> Opening hours: 9.30am – 5pm daily TATSICC is available for group and school bookings as well as corporate and private functions and cultural workshops. For more information: 4772 7679 **Fine Arts Gallery** – Appreciate works by local and regional artists. **Retail Area** – A range of interesting, quality hand-made items for sale.

Townsville Museum

Cnr Hugh & Palmerston Sts Currajong (access via Barbeler St – behind ambulance station) 4775 7838

Townsville Water Colour Group

For information: 4729 0270

September 15th to 16th 10am - 4.30pm

Under a Different Mango Tree

The Under the Mango Tree Clothes Line Exhibition of unframed watercolour paintings was something of an 18 year institution at the Mundingburra home of artist Del Baldock, a founding member of the Townsville Watercolour Group. Sadly, Del passed away last year, but the Townsville Watercolour Group continues the tradition of its annual exhibition under a different mango tree.

This year it will be held at Mosart Gallery, 14 Anderson Street Railway Estate.

Over 150 works will be hung on clotheslines around the gallery garden. All will be matted, have backing board, and be ready for framing in the style to suit your decorating preference. Here is an opportunity to come and meet the artists, have a cup of tea and see a broad range of styles, techniques and subjects, including works by some of Townsville's finest watercolourists.

Artists exhibiting include Val Claussen, Sally Grattidge, Irene Senent, Eddie Omelaniuk, Norma Twyne, Pam Christenson, Pat Nelson, Helen Radford, Jan Whebell, Lyn Mott, Bronwyn Horvath and Geoff Maidens. You will be sure to find that unique Christmas gift or a priceless bargain to decorate your home or office. For information: 4729 0270 Sally Grattidge

Umbrella Studio

482 Flinders St West Townsville 4810 4772 7817 mailto:info@umbrella.org.au http://www.umbrella.org.au

September 14th to October 7th Mapping Public Spaces

Greg Giannis will invite the participation of the local community to create a representation or 'map' of a locale. Participants will walk and photograph the locale with a mobile phone. The montage of images collected, creates a 'map' that will emerge over the duration of the exhibition and be exhibited in the Main Space gallery.

For information and to register expressions of interest please contact: mailto:greg.giannis@vu.edu.au

Access Space

September 14th to October 7th

Layer upon Layer

Sharon Crowe, Susan Thompson and Nadejda Knight present works ranging from traditional paintings to mixed media works

Window Space

September 14th to October 7th

A group of nine artists will install three dimensional art works onto the front window, the awning and the foot paths extending the gallery onto the street.

Studio Downstairs

September 14th to October 7th

The newest Umbrella exhibition space will be transformed by print makers from James Cook University Visual Arts

Wendy MacDonald

mailto:wmc94520@bigpond.net.au

October 11th 2007 – February 11th 2008 Dappled Light

A sole exhibition by Wendy MacDonald depicting North and Far North Queensland to be held at the Melbourne Hilton Hotel at Tullamarine Airport.

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Festivals & Special Events

Townsville Eisteddfod

- September 13th to 29th
- Dance
- Highland and Irish Dancing
- Literary
- Visual Arts
- Speech and Drama
- Instrumental and Vocal

For information: 4724 1653 <u>mailto:enquiries@townsvilleeisteddfod.org.au</u> or mailto:secretary@townsvilleeisteddfod.org.au <u>http://www.townsvilleeisteddfod.org.au</u>

Great Tropical Jazz Party on Magnetic Island

September 14th to September 16th Click here for details

Thuringowa Festival of Learning

September 23rd to 30th

The Festival is a showcase of opportunities for the mind, body and soul, covering all the formal and informal learning opportunities available in the Twin Cities.

The Festival will kick off with the *Day of Discovery* on September 23rd. Displays and demonstrations will be on offer for young and old, covering a wide range of activities and opportunities. No matter what your interests are, there will be something for you!

The Festival will include a week long program of workshops at various locations around Thuringowa. Tours of Thuringowa, bird watching, children's activities, and workshops covering a range of topics from art to history are just some of the exciting programs on offer this year.

For information: 4773 841 Customer Service Centre, Thuringowa City Council http://www.thuringowa.gld.gov.au/thuringowa/info/calendar/major_events/festival_learning/index

Antiques and Collectables Fair

September 22nd Presented by the St Vincent de Paul Society Townsville Showgrounds For information: 4771 4077

Magnetic Island Festival Weekend

Saturday 29th 5pm – 9pm Workshop *Skills of Playing Together as a Group or Ensemble* at Bungalow Bay, Horseshoe Bay Sunday 30th Sunday Festival Day – free

- 9am 9pm Cultural Festival (mainly music)
- 9am 4pm Arts and Craft Market

5pm – 9pm Big Salsa Dance on Horseshoe Beach Foreshore Park

For information and bookings: 4778 5530 Andrew Dajksi

Maraka Festival October 7th to 28th Maraka is the Hinchinbrook Shire's longest running festival and has been held annually over two weeks in October for almost 50 years. Rotary Park, Ingham Cost: free Presented by the Ingham Maraka Festival Association Inc For information: 4777 1037 Pat Lynch http://www.hinchinbrook.old.gov.au/events/2007/CalendarofEvents2007.shtml

Book Fair 2007

October 12th (10am – 6pm), 13th & 14th (8am – 4pm) Townsville's largest pre-loved book sale with all proceeds to go to the Townsville Hospital Foundation. Townsville Showgrounds Main Pavilion Cost: free For information: 4796 1337 Simone Ryan Manager Townsville Hospital Foundation mailto:thfoundation@org.au

Greek Festival

October 13th & 14th Join the local Greek community to celebrate Greek culture and hospitality at the Annual Greek Festival to be held at Riverway Thuringowa. The big line-up of Greek entertainment includes traditional Greek music and dancing, authentic Greek food, imported Greek beer and wine. For information: 4775 1924

Strand Night Markets

To December 7th On the first Friday of each month from 5 – 9.30pm Strand Park Presented by the Townsville City Council For information: 4727 9678 Lyn Nicholson, Market Co-ordinator

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<u>State</u>

Great Australian Corroboree - Cardwell

October 13th & 14th

A celebration of Girringun culture and traditions presented by members of the tribal groups Bandjin, Djiru, Girramay, Gugu Badhun, Gulnay, Jirrbal, Nywaigi, Warrgamay and Warungnu whose traditional country broadly encompasses Mission Beach to Rollingstone North of Townsville, North West to Herberton & Ravenshoe, South West to the Valley of Lagoons and Greenvale and offshore Islands waters surrounding Hinchinbrook, Gould, Brooke, Family, Dunk Islands and the people of Palm Island are also included in this area.

The Corroboree will feature a major art exhibition (all art for sale), film tent – best of indigenous films, main stage singers, dancers and bands, workshops, basket-weaving, painting, Indigenous revealed children's games, bush tucker and medicine garden, language tent workshops, all signs in language, artist totem creations, library with Indigenous books on sale and for review, spear and boomerang throwing, and a wide variety of choices of traditional cultural foods eg kangaroo burgers, crocodile stew, witchetty grubs etc. Presented by the Girringun Aboriginal Corporation

For information: 4066 8300 mailto:admin@girringun.com.au

http://www.greataustraliancorroboree.com.au

Please note: The Corroboree will be preceded by the 2nd National Indigenous Land and Sea Conference which will be held from October 9th to 12th

For conference information: 4066 8300 mailto:conference@girringun.com.au

October 14th

2007 Queensland Multicultural Festival

Roma Street Parkland, Brisbane

http://www.multiculturalfestival.qld.gov.au

Film

Townsville Cinema Group

mailto:info@cinemagroup.org.au <u>http://www.cinemagroup.org.au</u> for the 2007 program For information: 4779 2815 Bruce Gibson-Wilde Screenings at Warrina Cineplex.

September 13th 7.15pm

Last Train to Freo

Thriller set inside a suburban train to Fremantle. Australia 200g (MA) 49 UP The latest instalment in the documentary Up series from director Michael Apted. UK 2005 (M)

September 27th

Broken Wings

An Israeli family tries to cope with the abrupt death of the husband. 'An emotional roller coaster.' Israel 2002 (M)

As it is in Heaven

After a breakdown, a famous conductor returns to his childhood village. 'A movie that you keep thinking about.' Sweden 2004 (M)

October 11th

The Leopard

Luchino Visconti's 1963, three hour epic with Burt Lancaster. Occupies full evening.

October 25th; November 8th & 22nd - bonus screenings - details to be advised.

A Little White Space

The Brewery, 252 Flinders Mall, Townsville For information: 0403 930 572 Irwin

September 12th & 13th Screenings from 7:30PM

A Little White Space – Really Short Film Festival

Features films by local, inter-state and international short-filmmakers courtesy of the Australian Film Commission & A Little White Space

To be opened by film-maker John Robertson on September $11^{\rm th}\,$ at 7pm Free entry

This event coincides with the launch of *Nocturne of the China Tiger: a tribute to B-grade horror films* – an installation and short film exhibition by Jeanette Hutchinson

Some of the AFC Films will include:

Amelia Rose Towers

This multi-award winning Australian short film is distinctly theatrical with its soundtrack of rap and its parade of surrealist images. Amelia Rose Towers, whose initials spell ART, faces an adversary who spells MAN, and offers us fragmented glimpses of her own fragile identity. 10 minutes Australia 1992

Darra Dogs

Childhood memories of dogs in the Brisbane suburbs of Darra are evoked through coloured cell and pencil drawn animation as the filmmaker explains his feelings about dogs to his four-year-old daughter. 10 minutes Australia 1993 (Animation)

Desire

A series of classic film noir tropes are cleverly strung together in a riveting 10 minute story. Winner Best Direction New Vision Films Award and Australian Cinematographers Society Award, St Kilda Film Festival, 1993. Australia 1992

Pianoforte: Pussy Pumps Up

Two animated films by Antoinette Starkiewicz. *Pianoforte* follows an ambitious young pianist from childhood to the baroque world of the nightclub. 17 minutes Australia 1984 (Animation)

The House of Names

John Smith is convinced that changing his name will change his life.

His journey takes him to the heart of bureaucracy, and what he finds is not only a new identity but a common soul. 4 minutes Australia 2003

Noise

A group of local residents are kept awake all night by a loud car alarm. Soon a large group of them venture onto the street, congregate and attempt to destroy the object of their discontent. Where are the owners of this vehicle? In a cafe nearby discussing collective action! 8 minutes Australia 2000

Flowergirl

After spending a carefree year living and surfing with Japanese friends at Bondi Beach, Sydney, Daisuke must return to Osaka to work in his father's butcher shop. His secret love for his flatmate Hanna and her response is revealed in the bittersweet video recordings he makes before he leaves. 19 minutes Australia/Japan 1999

Entr'acte (15 minutes 1924) *The Seashell and the Clergyman* (27 minutes 1928) *Un Chien Andalou* (15 minutes 1924) *Avante Garde* – a compilation of three surrealist classics featuring the early works of Antonin Artaud, Rene Clair, Francis Picabia, Germaine Dulac, Luis Bunuel and Salvador Dali. France and Spain

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Music

JAZZ

Sundays with a View

Sundays 12noon – 10pm Picnic Bay Life Saving Club, The Strand Lunch and dinner available For information: Picnic Bay SLSC 4724 4211

NQ Jazz Club

The North Qld Jazz Club puts on regular sessions at the German Club on 2nd & 4th Sundays each month from 5.30 to 9.30pm German Club, Aitken Street, Aitkenvale For information: 4723 2417 or 0413 456 542 Marie Gibson (Publicity Officer)

Barrier Reef Orchestra

0403 190 848 Kathleen Ryan Bookings: 4773 8889 <u>http://riverway.thuringowa.qld.gov.au</u> Riverway Arts Centre

Full Moon Drum Circle

September 27th The *Full Moon Drum Circle* is facilitated by the Rhythm Connection and supported by Townsville City Council. Gregory Street Amphitheatre – weather permitting For information: Alex 0414 803 666 <u>http://therhythmconnection.com</u>

Magnetic Jazz Association

4778 5918 mailto:magneticjazz@hotkey.net.au http://www.cichappell.com/jazzparty

September 14th to September 16th Great Tropical Jazz Party on Magnetic Island Magnetic International Resort, Mandalay Avenue, Nelly Bay Presented by: Magnetic Jazz Association Inc For information: 4778 5918 Marilyn

Music Centre North Queensland

4721 1771 0419 026 895 Dr Michael Whiticker http://www.musiccentreng.com

September 28th 8pm

Michael Keiran Harvey in Concert 1

Michael Keiran Harvey presents a classical piano recital of music by Bach, Beethoven and Rachmaninov – a co-presentation between the Music Centre North Queensland and the City of Thuringowa. Riverway Arts Centre Cost: \$25/\$20 or \$22/\$18 for MCNQ members

September 29th 8pm Michael Keiran Harvey in Concert 2

Micahael Keiran Harvey presents a 20th Century piano recital. It will feature Australian composers, as Michael is very proud of home-grown work and supports it on all of his overseas tours – a co-presentation between the Music Centre North Queensland and the City of Thuringowa. Old Magistrate's Courthouse Cnr Sturt and Stokes Streets Cost: \$15/\$12 or \$12/\$8 for MCNQ members

The North Queensland Irish Association (NQIA).

P.O. Box 503, Castletown QLD 4812

Irish Music Jam Sessions

September 15th, October 13th, November 10th, December 15th The Metropole Pub, Palmer Street, South Townsville 3 – 5pm

Townsville Choral & Orchestral Society

4779 2495 or 0418 781 766 Choral Society Hall 485 Sturt Street Townsville

Click here for information on the Theatre Restaurant

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Music Club

Bellevue Hotel, Allen Street, South Townsville 8 – 11pm Club meets on alternate Thursdays: September 20th, October 4th & 18th, November 1st,15th & 29th, December 13th (Christmas party and break up) Closing dates for future newsletters: third Wednesday of each month For information: <u>mailto:secretary@tsvfolkclub.org</u> <u>http://www.tsvfolkclub.org</u>

October 30th

Zigzag Tickets will be available at the door – Bellevue Hotel Cost: \$10

Wattle'n'Gum Bush Band

Bush dance: September 14th All Souls School, Charters Towers Please note: The Band is still accepting bookings for 2007. For information: John Patrick <u>mailto:jpa00535@bigpond.net.au</u>

Radio

Kulture Vulture – Radio Arts Programme

Kulture Vulture is an interesting, diverse and informative program produced by lain McDougall and presented by Trevor Keeling on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 - 8pm on *triple*^t 103.9, Townsville's community radio.

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It Was the Year It Was - a weekly nostalgia feature in which a year is selected at random and interesting snippets taken from movies, theatre, pop culture, and hatches and despatches both worldwide and locally. This is followed by a magazine-style presentation of upcoming events for the week ahead in the local area - includes a ten minute chat segment between Trevor and Iain on these events and interviews with local arts personalities.

If you are involved in the local art scene and are available for interview or would like your event showcased on *triple* ^t please contact lain McDougall at <u>mailto:artscoord@optusnet.com.au</u>

Theatre

Burdekin Theatre

4783 9880 mailto:burdekin.theatre@burdekin.gld.gov.au

Charters Towers Players Inc

0427 871768 Allan Georgee

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La Luna Youth Arts

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa 4773 6377 mailto:director@lalunang.com

La Luna Youth Arts – Party Rite or not at all

See Riverway Arts Centre below for details

North Qld Opera & Music Theatre (NQOMT)

4728 5681 or 4771 2520 mailto:enquiries@www.ngomt.org.au

Click here for information on Shout

Riverway Arts Centre

20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa For information and bookings: 4773 8889 <u>http://riverway.thuringowa.gld.gov.au/about</u>

La Luna Youth Arts – Party Rite or not at all

A multi-media production suitable for young people aged 15+

Thanks to a partnership with the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Services (ATODS), Queensland Health, and financial assistance from the Thuringowa Crime Prevention Partnership and Townsville City Council City Safe Program, La Luna Youth Arts is re-staging their hugely successful production about young people and their partying habits.

Young people, armed with facts, will make informed choices. Last year over 500 young people in grades 10, 11 & 12 saw this production about how young people can and should be partying in a safe and responsible manner. La Luna received an overwhelmingly positive response from these audience members about the what they learned during the production and how they felt the production affected their future partying habits. Teachers also responded positively to the teachers' notes that were provided. These notes armed teachers with activities that could be conducted in class-rooms to continue the exploration of issues raised within the production; issues such as drug and alcohol usage, sexual activity, peer and social pressure and emergency contacts and procedures.

School performances:

September 13th (11.30am & 1.30pm); September 14th (9.30am & 1.30pm) Cost: \$5 per student – staff free Public performances:

September 13th (4.30pm); September 15th (3.30pm & 8pm) Cost: \$16/\$12, school students \$10, families (2+2) \$45 For information: 4773 6377 Hilary Martin or Arminelle Fleming <u>mailto:director@lalunang.com</u> A *Peer to Peer* production.

September 14th 8pm ARJ Barker

Arj Barker returns to Australia, armed with some new classics and some classic classics, to present one funny hour. Barker, who won the coveted Perrier Best Newcomer Award in 1997, has firmly established himself as one of the golden boys on the international comedy circuit. For years, he has been honing his craft at comedy festivals and clubs all around the world. He has made numerous appearances on late night talk shows, including the Letterman and Conan O'Brian shows, as well as starring in his own half hour special on HBO produced by Comedy Central.

Arj is a regular favourite on Aussie TV too. He has appeared on Spicks & Specs, The Glasshouse, and most recently, Thank God You're Here.

Arj has performed numerous seasons at *Edinburgh Fringe*, plus starred in Montreal's *Just For Laughs Festival* and Amsterdam's *English Speaking Comedy Festival*. In 2004, Arj completed a six month Off-Broadway season of *The Marijuana-Logue*', a show he wrote with friends. He is now working on the book of the same name which is due to be published this year.

Cost: \$34.90/\$31.90; student \$31.90; group 10+ \$31.90pp

Presented by Mary Tobin & A-List Entertainment

Contact: Riverway Arts Centre Box Office - 4773 8889

September 23rd

Day of Discovery

Marks the beginning of Thuringowa's Festival of Learning.

For information: Thuringowa City Council's Customer Service Centre: 4773 8411 Click here for details on the Festival.

October 9th 8pm *Ring Around the Moon Tour* Presented by James Blundell with special guests Kirsty Lee Ackers, Jetty Road and Travis Collins Performance Space Cost: \$23; children under 15 \$16

October 17th to 19th (8pm) & 20th (6.30pm) *Collective Branches – Stories & Snapshots Stories and Snapshots* takes the choreographers back in time to when they realised dance and performing was part of their makeup. Presented by Extensions Youth Dance Company.

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Stage Door Theatre

4778 5448 5 Hayles Ave, Arcadia mailto:info@stagedoortheatre.com.au http://www.stag

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Comedy Dinner and Show

- September 14th to October 13th
 Phantoms of the Operetta
- October 19th to November 10th Hollywood Stars on Parade

Townsville Choral Society

Choral Society Hall, 485 Sturt Street, City 4779 2495 or 0418 781 766 mailto:rpease@bigpond.net.au

October 5th/6th; 12th/13th; 19th/20th & 26th/27th

Theatre Restaurant Traditional, popular and hilarious – directed by Zoe Neal and compered by Rod Wilson Choral Society Hall 485 Sturt St Cost: \$35 includes dinner and show – bar service available For information and bookings: 4773 3931 (after 6pm) Julie Dell <u>mailto:ijdell@westnet.com.au</u>

Townsville Civic Theatre

41 Boundary St Townsville 4810 4727 9797 TicketShop mailto:civic.theatre@townsville.qld.gov.au http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au

September 12th 8pm *Paul Kelly* Cost: \$49.50 Presented by Night Owl Entertainment

September 30th 8pm Rhythms of Ireland

Following the highly-successful and critically acclaimed sell-out world tour, and box-office hit of European Fringe Festivals, Ireland's most celebrated and elite company of dancers and musicians, *Rhythms of Ireland*, will premiere their awe-inspiring and innovative production to Australian audiences live on stage. This is an exhilarating show of traditional song and dance, and is the most exciting Irish dance and music production at the present time.

Anthony Street, lead male dancer of *Lord of the Dance* 2007, and David Moore, lead male dancer of *Riverdance* 2005-2006, lead a cast of 14 dancers who have performed with International Productions which ensures a standard of excellence and quality in performance. Choregraphed by four times World Irish

Dance Champion, star of *Riverdance* and *Lord of the Dance*, Michael Donnellan. Music direction is by five times Ireland champion Martin O'Connell and Thomas Johnson, accompanied by a live band of six of Irelands finest musicians from world renowned productions *Ragus the Show* and *Riverdance*. Cost: \$59.90/\$49.90, FOTT \$49.90, school student/child \$44.90, family (2ad+2ch) \$187.80 Presented by Retfar Entertainment

October 2nd 8pm

Clive James – Out on His Own

Clive James returns to Townsville with his hit one-man show Out on His Own, which wowed the UK and Europe.

Clutching a copy of *Cultural Amnesia*, his new book that talks about everything, Clive James comes on stage and talks about everything except the book. Last year in the British Isles he toured a one-man show in which he talked about everything except what was in his fourth book of memoirs, *North Face of Soho*.

In this new show for Australia, he will so dramatically increase his range of irrelevant comment that quite a lot of it might even turn out to be relevant.

There will be no dancing girls, except in his imagination but since anything he imagines has a way of cropping up in the minds of the audience as soon as he evokes it verbally, perhaps there will be dancing girls after all.

Cost: \$69/\$49, child/school student \$49, group 8+ \$59 Presented by Jon Nicholls Productions

October 3rd 11am with complimentary morning tea at 10am

Morning Melodies – The Merry Widow

Jane O'Toole returns after her hugely-popular 2006 Morning Melodies performance in A Waltz Through Vienna.

In her new performance, the audience will be transported to Vienna with highlights of the popular operetta *The Merry Widow*. Enjoy favourites such as *Velia, Love Unspoken* and *I'm off to Chez Maxime*. Cost: adult \$12, group 10+ \$9.50

Presented by the Townsville City Council

October 10th to 13th (8pm) 14th (6pm) plus a 2pm matinee on Saturday 13th Shout – The Legend of the Wild One!

The Townsville Bulletin and NQOMT (North Queensland Opera and Music Theatre) present *Shout*, the electrifying musical based on the life of Australia's own rock legend Johnny O'Keefe. Written by John-Michael Howson, David Mitchell and Melvyn Morrow (*Dusty*), *Shout* celebrates the Legend of The Wild One, Johnny O'Keefe, who started a revolution in the Australian entertainment business.

Shout explodes to life on the Townsville stage with spectacular dance routines featuring over thirty hit songs including She's My Baby, Wild One, Right Now, Sing Sing Sing, She Wears My Ring, Save the Last Dance, So Tough and the title song Shout together with Chapel of Love, Crazy, Purple People Eater, Bye Bye Baby, I'm Gonna Knock On Your Door and many more. Directed by Michelle Higgins

Cost: \$35/\$30, group 10+ \$30, school student \$20, school groups enquire at TicketShop

Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre

4771 4000 http://www.tecc.net.au

September 14th

The Guide – Live!

An All Ages event presented by Townsville Bulletin featuring *Gyroscope*, *The Herd*, *The Cops* and leading Sydney DJs *Riot in Belgium*.

October 8th & 9th Across the Great Divide National Tour with Silverchair & Powderfinger Presented by John Watson Management, Secret Service & Village Sounds Cost: \$92.10 per person

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Townsville Little Theatre

4724 3112 http://www.townsvillelittletheatre.org.au

September 12th to 15th

The Last Dance of the Plum Sisters

The night of the big dance is fast approaching; a shot at happiness, romance, a better life. But will the manhungry Prudence and Felicia sisters of the title – be left alone when the music stops?

Set in regional Australia, this one act play is, in part, a modern take on Cinderella. Not unlike the ABC series of *Kath & Kim*, it shines a delightful ocker light on a number of Australian archetypes...

A Cut in the Rates

Will the lady from the Town Hall find out why the occupants of an unobtrusive abode haven't been paying their rates? Will the unexplained finally be explained?

St Margaret Mary's Theatre, Crowle Street, Hyde Park

Cost: \$15/10; secondary students \$8

For information: mailto:theatre.lover@townsvillelittletheatre.org.au

http://www.townsvillelittletheatre.org.au/currentproduction.html

Social Play Reading

A social play-reading will be held on October 13th at 7.30pm at the Castle Hill PCYC. Please take a plate of food to share. The play reading will be a good resource for directors, as they will be able to ascertain how well a play reads. Other participants can enjoy the fun social atmosphere and read listen to some great plays.

<u>Click here</u> for auditions for *Dilemma* <u>Click here</u> for front of house volunteers for September 12th to 15th season

Tropic Sun Theatre

4721 5433 mailto:admin@tropicsun.com.au

http://www.tropicsun.com.au

September 15th 7pm His and Hers

On the basic structure of the life drawing session, the audience is invited into the usually private world of a "life class". The audience/spectators walk around to the accompaniment of a harp, viewing the canvasses - the work in progress - of six leading professional Townsville artists. During the breaks a quirky jazz band, gets the toes a tapping and the hips a' swaying. There is a chance to buy the art work on the spot and, indeed, to have a go at drawing oneself.

Please note: full frontal nudity, recommended 18+

Old Magistrates Court Building - Townsville cnr Stokes & Sturt St Cost: \$10

September 19th, 21st & 22nd (8pm) 20th (11.30am & 8pm) & 23rd (5pm)

Constance Drinkwater and the Final Days of Somerset

This new Australian melodrama is set in a dark, exotic and supernatural version of Far North Queensland at the end of the nineteenth century. The story tells of Lady Constance Drinkwater's struggle to hold her settlement *Somerset* together against the mounting dangers that threaten to engulf her world. A real melodrama, not at all like the mock melodramas seen more regularly, this piece is brilliant new Australian writing.

Old Magistrates Court Building, Cnr Stokes & Sturt Streets Cost: \$28/\$21, groups 10+ \$21, school students \$9, Dress Circle \$18, dinner is available at \$28

October 17th to 20th (8pm) & 21st (5pm)

Oedipus

Not without humour, the famously notorious story of Oedipus will be rendered through haunting imagery, physical statements and evocative sound-scapes that span the centuries across cultural differences and overcoming language barriers

Old Magistrates Court Building, Cnr Stokes & Sturt Streets Cost: \$28/\$21; groups 10+ \$21; school students \$9; Dress Circle \$18 Dinner: \$28

World Theatre

Charters Towers 4787 8472

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