

Constantiaberg Cue

Newsletter June 2011



News of Constantiaberg Theatre Players

Are you the weakest link?

Diarise this date right now: **Wednesday, 20 July 2011, 19:30**. It's a members' evening you won't want to miss. We're inviting all the societies to an evening of fun and laughs, hosted by Constantiaberg Theatre Players. Come and participate in our version of The Weakest Link. Come on your own. Come as a couple. Come as a team. Come to participate or come to watch. Just be at the Bergvliet Guide Hall on the night. Reservations are essential, so please let us know if you're coming so that we can cater accordingly – e-mail me at wes@mseed.co.za or call 073 286 9871.

Getting better all the time

Darling, you were wonderful! Oh, how many times has that phrase rolled off our tongues or caressed our ears, when actually the opposite was true?

We theatrical types are a creative bunch of people, and with such creativity comes a naturally high level of sensitivity to criticism. We love great reviews, but a bad review can really ruin one's day/week/month/year/decade (tick where appropriate).

Yet there is a definite need for honest, well-balanced and constructive opinions. Sure, often they're too personal and sometimes even misguided – but to err is human and we must be prepared to accept the good with the not-so-good. That's how we learn to improve. The alternative is to be doomed to repeat the same mistakes again and again.

So give credit where it is due and don't shy away from constructive criticism, as long as it's fair and balanced and you are being sensitive and sensible. The goal must be for continuous improvement of productions, giving audiences a good night out and a good reason to return for more.

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who
mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.
Dr Seuss

A really good AGM

What a wonderful turnout we had for the Constantiaberg AGM. The weather was cold, the glühwein was warm and the company was hot. Barry stood down as vice-chairman (thanks for your valuable contribution over the last year, Barry) and all the other members of our hard-working committee were re-elected.

New committee members were elected – *welcome* to Gizelle Willows, Shelley Lombard and Wayne Ronné. It's great to have you on board! And I'm also back on the committee. As Depeche Mode sang in the early '80s, I just can't get enough. See the end of the newsletter for the full list of committee members.

No matter what they tell you, you don't have to stay within the lines.
Molly Mahoney (Natalie Portman) in *Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium*

For your diary

- 01–09 July ***Macbeth*** (spin, spin, spin, spit, curse)
Actually the superstition only holds when you're inside the theatre, so no need for spinning, spitting or cursing here – unless you happen to be reading this aloud in the theatre, of course. Shakespeare's *Macbeth* will be directed by Clifford Graham and co-directed by Brenda Gray for Claremont Dramatic Society, performed at the Masque Theatre.
- 04–09 July **School holiday entertainment**
Bring your kids to see the African fairytale, *River of Life*, at the Masque during the school holidays. All shows at 11:00 and tickets are R30 each.
- 20 July **The Weakest Link**
Experience a magnificent members' evening! Rub shoulders with the rich and famous at the Bergvliet Guide Hall at 19:30. Join in the fun in our unique version of *The Weakest Link*. Laughs guaranteed!
- 22–30 July **A comedy with a very long title**
Muizenberg Dramatic Society presents (inhale) *The Haunted through Lounge and recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle* by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr, directed by Miranda Lewis. It promises to be hilarious.
- 07 August **Back by popular demand for one show only!**
Rock 'n Rouge returns to the Masque for one show only. With this singular sensation you can forget the rest. This brand-new show, full of show-stopping numbers from well-known musicals, is one not to be missed.

Not even the best magician can produce a rabbit out of a hat, if there is not already a rabbit in the hat.
Boris Lermontov (Anton Walbrook) in *The Red Shoes*

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I've got to break through the iron wall of what I can feel and what I can express.
Vincent van Gogh (Kirk Douglas) in *Lust For Life*

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Wayne Ronné who celebrates the anniversary of the day of his birth on **18 June**.

July birthdays include Di Thom on 11 and Wendy Goddard on 23 July. *Congratulations*, and we hope you have a ball.

If we've missed your birthday, it probably means that we don't have your date of birth. We're pretty certain that you have one, so please contact your committee to rectify. You may leave out the year if you so wish.

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something is more important than fear.
Eduard Renaldi (Rene Auberjonois) in *The Princess Diaries*

Bye-bye for now

We hope to see you at our members' evening on t20 July. It's going to be historic. Bring yourself. Bring a friend. Bring members of other societies. And remember to RSVP as soon as possible.

See you there.

Regards
Wesley

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