



Stage Whispers

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Jazz Garters

Recent audience and media response to the **Jazz Garters** production proved that Rep's willingness to embrace change was not misplaced. The production often played to full houses and the reviews reflected the audience pleasure in the production.

'A torrent of talent in a fine new Rep tradition', *Canberra Times* Review, 16 June 2009.

'Variety with a capital V has returned to Canberra in *Jazz Garters*, a sparkling new musical revue devised by Canberra Repertory' *City News*, 18-24 June 2009 edition.



Canberra Rep usually likes to keep everyone in suspense before the November announcement of its next year's season. But Rep is so proud of its recent production of **Jazz Garters** that we are breaking the mould and revealing now that a whole new production of **Jazz Garters** will be included in the Winter time slot of the Rep 2010 Season.

Jim McMullen will return to direct the 2010 production, but all the other players and the content are definitely under wraps until the season launch. We don't want to give too much away.

Auditorium Refurbishments

Any of you who have been to see *Amy's View* or *Jazz Garters* will have noticed the change in the auditorium setup and seating.

Thanks to artsACT, Theatre 3 now boasts an auditorium which provides greater access to mobility impaired patrons.

Wheelchair patrons no longer need to brave the cold, wind and rain to enter the theatre via a side door.

Patrons with walking frames can also now access the theatre more readily from the foyer, and we even have a storage alcove on each side to hold frames, wheelchairs or prams during the performances.



Tickets

Some of you will have received new tickets in the mail. This is due to the fact that the refurbishment didn't go quite to plan (isn't that always the way?) and some seat numbers had to be changed.

Seats number 20 and 28 no longer exist and some other subscribers will have received new tickets as we shuffled people along to fit everyone in with one seat missing from each row.

We are only human; however, and have already discovered that some people did not receive tickets or were confused by which tickets to use. So please, when you next come to the theatre, have a little patience with us if we have made a mistake with your seats, and accept our apologies in advance!



Online bookings!

Another exciting change for Rep is that tickets can now be booked online!

Subscriptions and member tickets unfortunately cannot be, but if you have friends or family who want to come and see the show, then web booking is an exciting new option – book at your own convenience!

So visit us at canberrarep.org.au and have a look around at the new features.



Address Change

Those of you who have had mail returned which was correctly addressed will know that we've had ongoing issues with Australia Post not delivering our mail.

To rectify this, we contacted TAMS and asked them what our actual postal address was and it turns out we didn't have one!

Now we do...mail sent to us in the future should be addressed to us at 3 Repertory Lane (as shown right) and it is much more likely to reach us unscathed.



Theatre 3
3 Repertory Lane
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Next Show - Deathtrap



Deathtrap by Ira Levin, directed by Corille Fraser, opens on **24 July**. Production four from Canberra Rep's 2009 Season, **Deathtrap** runs from Thursday to Saturday until 15 August, and will keep you guessing until the very end. This play is a good old fashioned comedy / murder mystery / thriller...take your pick. Lovers of all three genres will be entertained in this production— it is filled with startling revelations.

Presenting a complicated game of murderous, musical chairs packed with insidious hairpin twists and delightful dread. Fraser, with the strong support of the production team, has been busy crafting a Theatrical Classic for your pleasure.

The design team for **Deathtrap** is set designer Anne Kay, costume designer Anne Dickens, lighting designer Chris Ellyard, and sound designer John Gieroszynski; ably supported by the stage manager Dot Russell, set and weapons coordinators led by Russell Brown and their teams of helpers.

The talented cast for this production, are, **Ian Croker** (Sydney), **Kerrie Roberts** (Myra), **Helen Vaughan Roberts** (Helga), **Pat Gallagher** (Porter) and **James O'Connell** (Clifford).

A story where everyone has hidden motives... Who is the hero? Who is the villain?

A plot like quicksilver—each time you think you have it, it slips through your fingers!

The opening text of this tease of a play describes it well...

A thriller in two acts. One set. A juicy murder in Act 1, unexpected development in Act 2...

Come along and find out how it all ends...or does it!

Preview: Thursday 23 July, 8pm
Season: 24 July – 15 August, Thursday – Saturday, 8pm
Matinees: 1, 8 & 15 August, 2pm
Twilight: 2 & 9 August, 4pm

Directors Q&A: Following the Matinee performance on 1 August.

Approximate running time:
2 hours 10 minutes including 20-minute interval.



2010 Season Launch - an invitation

The Rep 2010 Season of Plays will be launched at Theatre 3 on Friday 6 November.

The event will begin at 5.30pm for a 6pm start and will be an exciting start to the 2010 program of plays presented by Canberra Rep.

All subscribers are welcome to attend the launch, so please let us know if you will be able to join in the fun.

All subscribers will be posted a copy of the new brochure the week following the launch - but if you have moved or would like extra copies for your friends and family—please let us know.

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The next edition of stage whisspers

What we've discovered this year, is that between the What's On and Whisspers email bulletins and the website; we've had trouble filling up a quarterly newsletter.

Therefore, the next edition of Stage Whisspers will be out to you during December and will include information on the 2010 Subscription Season.

Watch out in the next edition for promotional ideas that may win you a prize!

About Rep

Canberra Repertory Society has been entertaining Canberra since 1932. Based at Theatre 3 Acton, Rep is one of the oldest continuously operating theatre companies in Australia. Performing six productions each year, Rep also offers

opportunities for people to extend their interest in theatre and to develop their skills through participation in all aspects of theatre production. Theatre 3 also operates as a venue for hire for other local theatre companies.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.canberrarep.org.au