

Special Gems



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Dear Friend,

Season One at Peridot Theatre is the brilliant *39 Steps*, opening on the 3rd and closes on the 18th of February.

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have *The 39 Steps*, a fast paced whodunnit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This award-winning treat is packed with non-stop laughs, madcap chases involving trains, planes and bridges, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good, old-fashioned romance. A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, *The 39 Steps* amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure!

Adapted by Patrick Barlow, From the novel by John Buchan, From the film by Alfred Hitchcock.

Directed by Bob Bramble.

Peridot advises that this show contains gunshots, strobe lights and smoke machines.

February 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th at 8pm.

Matinees - Sunday 5th and Saturday 11th at 2.15pm.

Twilight - Sunday 12th at 4pm.

Our next bit of exciting Peridot news is that we are once again hosting the challenging, exciting and rewarding Play in a Day. Bringing together actors, writers and directors, this is a fantastic opportunity for networking and skills development. This year, PIAD will be held from the 3rd to the 4th of March 2017 at the Unicorn Theatre. One performance only – Sat 4th of March, 2017, 8pm.

About Play in a Day: Also known as “Challenge 24,” PIAD was first hosted by the Waverly Theatre Company in 2001. HATS and Mitcham Theatre Groups conducted similar events between 2004 and 2007. The Sherbrooke Theatre Company hosted PIAD each year since 2008 and jointly with with Peridot in 2016. This year it will be held under the auspices of Peridot Theatre Inc at the Unicorn Theatre at Mount Waverley Secondary College. Twenty four hours later, at 8pm Saturday 4th March, the curtain opens! It's a thrilling ride, because none of the shows will have ever been seen before (nor may they ever be seen again)!

Here's How It Works: The event begins at 7.30pm on Friday 3rd March, at The Unicorn Theatre Lechte Road Mount Waverley. It attracts approximately 40+ people from all walks of life, all of whom successfully applied to be a part of PIAD. Most have never met before, and the range of skills and experience varies from the polished performer to the total novice. A random ballot is held, and teams of 6 to 7 people are formed, consisting of a writer, a director and 4 or 5 actors – their collective goal to write, direct and perform six short 10-12 minute plays, all connected by a theme. In years past, the themes have included the Ten Commandments, the four Seasons, Seven Deadly Sins, Obsessions, Deadlines, Celebrity and Faith, Hope & Charity, Fairy Tales, just to name a few. After a short time getting to know each other, the teams toss around all manner of ideas to stir the creative juices of the writer. By 10pm, the teams disperse to allow the writer to start writing their innovative masterpiece. Most write throughout the night. The next morning (Saturday 4th March) at 7am, the directors meet with their respective writers to discuss their scripts, and then at 8am, the actors gather and rehearsals commence.

Expression of Interest: Participation is STRICTLY LIMITED to 42 people – six writers, six directors and 30 actors. You are strongly recommended to apply as soon as possible. If you are selected to participate, you will be required to pay an entry fee of \$30 which will ensure that you are covered by Peridot Theatre Inc's insurance whilst rehearsing and performing. It also covers the cost of food and beverages to nourish you throughout the 24 hour event. The entry fee MUST be paid by 17th

February 2017 (14 days) prior to the event to confirm your registration – further details will follow upon your successful application.

Who Can Be Involved? Anyone with a passion for having fun, working with others and putting on a performance is invited to express their interest to join Play In A Day. While there are no age limits, all participants tend to be aged 15 years or older, and most are adults aged 20 to 60 years.

How to apply to register: Please email the following informatio to sbamoon@tpg.com.au. Or, send a hard copy to: S. Moon 3 Austin Place, Templestowe Vic 3106

Applications open from 20th January 2017.

Applications close: 17th February 2017.

Applicant Contact Details:

Name

Male/Female

Date of Birth

Postal Address

Email Address

Mobile Phone / Home Phone

Have you participated in Play In A Day before? Yes / No

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