

Gems



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Dear Friends,

Summer has come to an end, and if you're like most of us, you're glad that summer was mild, just like the previous one. May we be blessed with more mild summers to come.

Rehearsals for *To Kill A Mockingbird* have begun, and we are excited to keep you up to date with our progress. See below!

Peridot's Lyrebird Winners

Peridot was nominated for 31 Lyrebird Awards for our 2023 seasons. Congratulations to the winners!

Best Youth Performer in a Drama:

Sienna D'Amico, *#BacchaeToo*

Best Performer in a Supporting Male Role - Drama:

Mason Frost, *Night Must Fall*, Peridot Theatre

Best One Act Play:

Schmattes

Highly Commended Performance in a One Act Play:

Blake Stringer, *Schmattes*

Judges Awards - Presented by Cath Garrett to Peridot Theatre Company for using women's personal stories to bring ancient text into a contemporary world:

Joe Dias & Elise D'Amico, *#BacchaeToo*

Announcing the cast of To Kill A Mockingbird

Please welcome our wonderful cast of 18:

Jean Louise Finch	Emma Wood
Scout Finch	Layla Langroo
Jem Finch	Michael Roskam
Dill	Lucian Hendricks
Atticus Finch	Andrew Mcalice
Calpurnia	Lauretta Tindi
Maudie Atkinson	Monica Greenwood
Stephanie Crawford	Gail Brackley
Mrs Dubose	Mandy Murray
Nathan Radley	Ian Tweeddale
Boo Radley	Ian Tweeddale
Sheriff Heck Tate	Ryan Butler
Judge Taylor	Stephen Keen
Mr Gilmer	Mick Miksad
Reverend Sykes	Angelo Snell
Mayella Ewell	Milla Pearl Sievers
Bob Ewell	Brian Edmond
Walter Cunningham	Josh Hayes
Tom Robinson	Ahmed Hilowle

November 2024: 1984

Adapted by Robert Owens, Wilton E. Hall Jr., and William A. Miles Jr. from George Orwell's dystopian novel.

Directed by Sharon Maine & Joe Dias.

"Big Brother is Watching You" - a phrase etched in history. Orwell's prophetic novel remains a poignant commentary on surveillance, authoritarianism, and the fragility

of truth. This play captures the essence of Orwell's powerful message, urging audiences to question the boundaries of authority and the consequences of blind conformity. Set in a society ruled by the Party and its omnipresent leader, Big Brother, *1984* follows Winston Smith's struggle against oppressive surveillance and thought control. Winston navigates a world where truth is subjective and rebellion is perilous. His clandestine love affair with Julia becomes an act of resistance, challenging the regime's manipulation of truth and individual autonomy. *1984* is a stark exploration of the consequences of unchecked power and the fragility of individual freedom in the face of an all-seeing regime.

For tickets, see our Website for updates.

Vale Malcolm Sussman



Peridot Theatre Company was saddened to hear of the recent passing of Malcolm Sussman.

Malcolm was a brilliant actor and director, he was passionate about theatre, and his experience and knowledge made him a wonderful mentor for those wishing to learn their craft. He was highly regarded by all within our theatrical community.

Many of our audience members will recall his performance in Peridot's production of *The War of the Worlds*. Malcolm was simply outstanding, and this was acknowledged by our in-house adjudicators in naming him Best Male Actor in our 2022 Peri Awards. This award was one of the many that he received throughout his lifetime.

He will be sadly missed by us all and we send our sincere sympathy to his son Kaspar, his family and to members of the 1812 Theatre Company.

What's On

The Last Quiz Night On Earth

WARRANTYTE THEATRE COMPANY

5 Apr 2024 - 20 Apr 2024

The Fire Raisers

THE 1812 THEATRE LTD.

4 Apr 2024 - 27 Apr 2024

Berlin

THE BASIN THEATRE GROUP INC.

18 Apr 2024 - 28 Apr 2024

The Memory Of Water

WILLIAMSTOWN LITTLE THEATRE
INC.

17 Apr 2024 - 4 May 2024

