

# ATOD NEWSLETTER

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## AUSTRALIAN THEATRE OF THE DEAF

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**W**ELL, 1997 is shaping up to be a BIG year for us as we prepare for our national tour. Not only will our actors play in almost every state throughout Australia, but are lucky enough to go to New Zealand as well.

Bookings for our three shows: "Jukebox", "Show & Tell", and the brand new "The Sign Is Right!" have gone through the roof, and we even have schools on a waiting list.

## PRINTACALL

**O**UR 1996 major sponsor, Printacall, has become a GOLD SPONSOR of Australian Theatre of the Deaf for the next three years.

In fact they are sponsoring the Membership club, which is going to help us plan lots of exciting functions and events. So we want to pass a big **THANKYOU** to Printacall for their continuing support and commitment to Australian Theatre of the Deaf.

So, if you are looking to update your TTY, or know someone who needs one, get onto Printacall now!

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Speaking of Sponsorship, if you would like to sponsor (or know someone who might like to sponsor) Australian Theatre of the Deaf, just give Harry a call at the office to see how you can go about this.

## DOB IN A NEW MEMBER!

**W**E want to increase our membership so we can offer better services and more functions.

This is how you can help and at the same time save lots of money!

If you are a current member and you introduce a new member, you get your 1998 membership for half price...

If you introduce three new members, you get your 1998 membership free!

All you need to do is get a new member to fill in one of our new application forms and write your name on the back of the form.



## A SAD FAREWELL, AND A BIG WELCOME...

**R**OBERT FARMER, as you probably know has left us so he can fulfil his lifelong dream to travel the world. We wish him all the best for the future.

We have a new member of the ATOD team - Alex Jones.

Alex originally hails from Michigan, but has been living in New York where he has been attending New York University for an acting degree. Alex spent most of his time involved with the theatrical interpreting community, Deaf community and acting community, and is honoured to be working with ATOD.

## XMAS BREAK

**T**HIS year's Xmas break proved to be quite adventurous for the ATOD team...

Mike flew off to America to visit family and bring back Alex, Gillian disappeared to the wild outback to go camping and Harry took a holiday in Fiji.

Pam went to a health farm (where she was spotted with a cask of wine); Caroline, Medina and Robert were sporty enough to perform at the 12th Australian Deaf Games in Canberra; while Nina was seen living the high life in Melbourne!

## DEAF DRAMA WEEKEND

**F**OLLOWING the success of last year's Deaf Drama Weekends, we are going to hold our first workshop for the year on the 22nd and 23rd of March. The Deaf Drama Weekend will be held at Richmond, and will be for 8 years olds to 12 year olds.

The cost is \$145, and this covers food and accommodation for two days, tuition, and all workshop materials. Children will learn visual games, learn to juggle, sign sing and have lots of fun! To book, simply call Pam at the office, and she will send an application form. We advise to book early, as the workshops are extremely popular.

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

**W**E were asked by the organisers of Clean Up Australia to take part in their launch, so Mike and Nina got together and presented a sign singing segment as part of the launch at Darling Harbour.

This was received very well and it was great being involved in such an important event!

## COMMUNITY SHOWS

**W**E have set a week aside from Monday 21st July to Friday 25th to perform our brand new community show throughout Sydney. The new 90 minute show will take a cabaret format and contain songs, skits and lots of Deaf humour.

Let us know if you want an evening show in your area.





## THE SIGN IS RIGHT!

**T**HE actors are currently rehearsing a brand new show called "The Sign Is Right!".

Devised, designed and directed by Tony Strachan (who has directed for ATOD before), "The Sign Is Right" is based on a game show formula where the host and presenters will lead the audience through a series of skits and games.

Audience members will get a chance to become contestants, and we are sure "The Sign Is Right!" will go down in our Hall of Fame as one of our most popular schools shows.

## A PREVIEW

**W**HILE we are talking about it, members and guests will be given the first opportunity to see "The Sign Is Right!" with a special sneak preview to be held on:

**THURSDAY**  
**20th MARCH**  
**6 P.M.**  
**AT THE**  
**ALEXANDRIA**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**73 GARDEN STREET,**  
**ALEXANDRIA.**



This is a members only function, so put this in your diary and call us now to reserve your place. Don't forget, it's free!

## ASIA TRIP

**M**IKE and Pam are off to Vietnam later this year. Mike has been asked to direct a new production called "The Request Of Spring" for the Vietnamese

Traditional Performing Arts Centre. Mike and Pam will then be off to lead workshops and rehearsals for the Hong Kong Theatre of the Deaf.



## ASIA TRIP (cont.)

This is the first time we know of that a Deaf director has been asked to direct for a hearing company.

They will be away approximately 10 weeks, while Gillian and Harry will be holding the fort back at the office.



## DUBBO & MUDGEY TOUR

**T**EACHERS of the Deaf, Deaf students and parents welcomed the ATOD team with a BBQ during our very successful tour to Dubbo and Mudgee last November.

Not only did the actors perform Jukebox and Show & Tell in schools, but received a tremendous reception with Hands & Tales in the evening.



## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TOURS

**T**HIS year school bookings have been taken over by a company called "School Performance Tours", who have done a terrific job in selling our shows.

Our three school shows for 1997 are: "Jukebox", "The Sign Is Right!" and "Show & Tell".

If you are interested in a booking for your school, you can contact School Performance Tours on:

Ph: (02) 9319 7475

Fax: (02) 9318 0081

Toll Free: 1800 221 509

## WHO'S WHO FOR 1997?

Mike Canfield: Artistic Director  
Gillian Minervini: General Manager  
Harry Koponen: Sponsorship & Development Co-ordinator  
Pam Spicer: Interpreter/ Administrative Assistant  
Rosemary Cameron: Finance Officer  
Caroline Conlan: Actor/Liaison Officer  
Medina Sumovic: Actor  
Nina Mishriky: Actor  
Alex Jones: Actor

## 1997 TOUR

**A**S mentioned, 1997 is a BIG year. These are some of the places our actors will be travelling:

North Coast	March
Northern Territory & Western Australia	April, May & June
Sydney and the Blue Mountains	July
ACT, Southwest NSW and Victoria	August
Sydney	September
New Zealand	October
West NSW, Victoria and South Australia	November
Sydney	December

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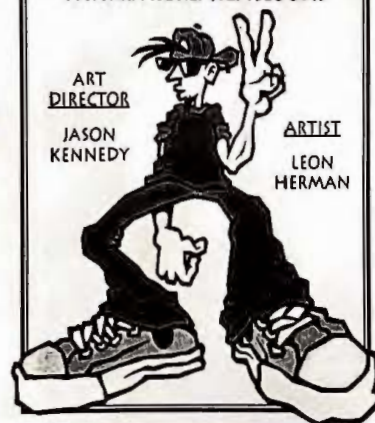
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