



Teenage issues

SIX curious teenagers, two casks of wine, and one dead canary – it makes for an interesting theatrical performance.

JUICE, the latest production by Pop Robot Theatre, features a cast of senior high school students and will be performed at JUTE Theatre, at the Centre of Contemporary Arts, from August 4-6.

The play, by Brisbane-based playwright Stephen Davis, follows Rodney and his friends in their zealous celebration of the end of Year 10.

JUICE explores binge-drinking culture and confronts issues of peer pressure and teenage curiosity.

Pop Robot Theatre is JUTE's emerging company-in-residence for 2011.

The theatre company aims

to confront controversial and contemporary issues.

"The production is expected to delight audiences and open their minds to the talent of Cairns youth," said Pop Robot Theatre artistic director Lauren Hall.

Pop Robot Theatre successfully showcased *Falling Petals*, an award-winning drama by Ben Ellis, during JUTE Theatre's INDIE Season last year.

Established in 2009 by students of Theatre and Creative Industries at James Cook University, Pop Robot Theatre enables young actors, directors and playwrights to work with professional practitioners from the arts community.

"Pop Robot Theatre has chosen to produce *JUICE* in order to give local high school students the opportunity to

be involved in a professional production outside of school," Hall said.

"Most high school students are familiar with *JUICE* by Stephen Davis as it is studied in drama classes. We hope that we can create a production each year that will involve young actors so that we can showcase their talent to the Cairns community."

The production features high school students from Cairns State High School, St Andrew's Catholic College, Gordonvale State High School, Peace Lutheran College and Redlynch State College.

Tickets for *JUICE* are available at the door and are \$10 each for school students \$10 (with a school booking), under 25 and students \$15, and \$20 for adults. Group school bookings can be made by phoning 4050 9444.

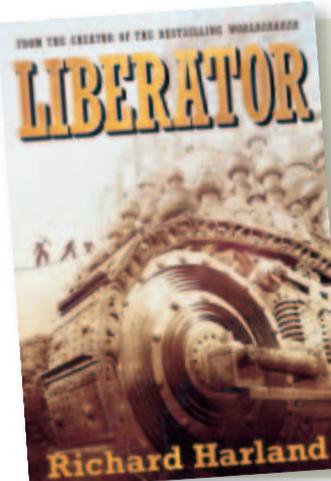
SUN READ

LIBERATOR

RICHARD HARLAND (ALLEN & UNWIN)

When the second part of a series is as well written as *Liberator*, coming in without reading the first is no trouble. Harland's prose brought me up to speed on the revolution within the British Imperial juggernaut Worldshaker – a steam-powered, rolling mountain of iron – while dumping me straight into a plot to destabilise the new balance of power aboard the re-christened *Liberator*. *Liberator* is a fun, young adult title with an uncertain hero and an alternate past filled with coal-fired gadgets written by a creative Australian author.

VERDICT: If moving machine mountains sounds your speed, get this book!
Rob Farquhar



OUT & ABOUT

FAVOURITE PLACE FOR FILMING

IT IS safe to say that Far North Queensland is definitely a favourite for big name film and television productions. So it is no surprise that people of all ages are looking for ways to be involved and gain valuable experience. The Academy of Television recognises this demand and in 2010 launched a new series of workshops designed for the younger age groups. Little Legends is a junior drama course with a difference. Specifically catering to the 9-12 year olds, the focus is on role-playing techniques, team work participation and confidence development. Each unique workshop also allows for students to develop performance technique for the camera. Working with scripts from well-known children's television programs and commercials, each session is a comprehensive and exciting outlet not only for budding stars, but also for little ones that require a confidence boost. Working under the direction of David Armstrong (actor, casting consultant and drama coach) and Gavin Schofield (actor and artist manager) each session provides a fun and dynamic montage of creative development exercises and tasks. The Academy of Television operates in association with Studio Australia Management. Former and current students have been fortunate enough to enter the spotlight with numerous appearances in television shows, films and commercials including *Neighbours*, *Home and Away*, *Sea Patrol*, *Fools Gold*, *Nim's Island*, *The Pacific*, *Totally Wild*, *Getaway*, *Beneath Hill 60* and currently the forthcoming ABC TV series *The Straits*. For workshop inquiries, phone 4059 1141.

TEERING-OFF ON JAZZ CONCERT

THREE hours of hot jazz will kick off the inaugural Jazz on the Green at Oceans Edge in Palm Cove on Saturday. The After Hours Big Band and The Vegas Six Piece Jazz Band will kick off the monthly event which has been organised by residents' group, the Palm Cove Foundation and the Cairns Tropic Jazz Club, from 4pm-7pm on a stage set up on the golf green at the front of the Novotel Palm Cove Resort Conference Centre. Styled after the large jazz ensembles that dominated American music from 1935-1954, The After Hours Big Band has an enormous repertoire sure to get toes tapping on the green. The line-up consists of local school and professional music teachers so you can be assured of a high level of performance. The Vegas Six Piece Jazz Band will deliver popular jazz and vocals from the likes of Rod Stewart and Michael Buble. There is plenty of parking and bring your own chair or blanket. Novotel catering will supply a light barbecue and a bar will be in operation – BYO is allowed. There will be lucky door prizes and in support of the Foundation, a gold coin donation would be appreciated to go towards future events such as this. For more information, contact Palm Cove Foundation president Daryl Franklin on 0409 267 606 or Maggie Moffatt on 0407 242 545.

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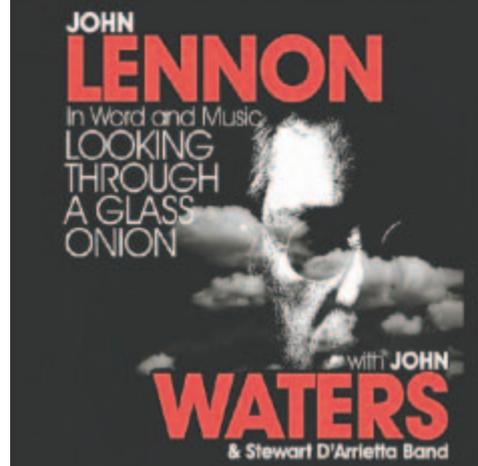
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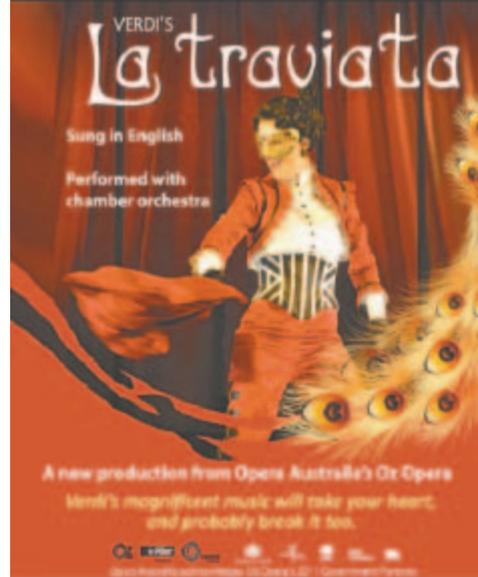
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