













in queens park festival



A message from the VICE-CHANCELLOR

USQ welcomes you to Toowoomba's signature garden, Queens Park from 22 February - 6 March for the theatre

extravaganza of the year. The USQ Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival began in March 2004 and we are excited to be working with the community to present our best emerging talents once again.

The USQ Actor training program is one of the oldest in Australia and the Department of Theatre has an enviable record of placing graduate artists and creatives into the Queensland, Australian and international theatre, film and television industries. Showcasing the talents of our students at dusk in such an historical venue is an experience I invite you all to enjoy.

People of all ages and talents from the Toowoomba and surrounding

communities will be involved in the *Platform Performances* at dusk and Shakespeare's fiery and much-loved battle-of-the-sexes comedy, *The Taming of the Shrew*, will follow on the *UDIA Main Stage*. Some of USQ Acting Graduates will also be on show at the *UDIA Main Stage* with the late-night cabaret *Shakespeare's Women* and on the Studio stage, a parody production, *Clown Verona*, for the whole family and all ages to enjoy. This year as we celebrate the festival's contribution to the city and say goodbye for another year, the *L.J.*

Hooker Big Brunch will be in full swing on the final day. A community picnic in the park with entertainment and fun and games will assist in raising funds for USQ's response to the Tsunami Relief appeal.

I sincerely thank the Toowoomba City Council and local businesses for their support. Congratulations to the Directors and the entire production team for their presentation of such a wonderful event.

Tonger

Professor W J Lovegrove Vice-Chancellor & President



A **message** from the **MAYOR** of **TOOWOOMBA**

The production, acting, costuming and presentation of Shakespeare's classic plays in Queens Park by USQ have always been of a high standard. I look forward to a continuation of this excellence at the USQ Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival.

While becoming popular with Toowoomba residents and visitors to our city, the presentation of Shakespearean plays by USQ at a first class outdoor venue has more benefits than a mere entertainment event. Local actors and drama students have an opportunity to hone their skills and gain valuable performing experience in productions which enhance the cultural development of the city.



Toowoomba City Council has a long-term commitment to the Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival and, on behalf of Council, I

congratulate USQ for its tremendous efforts in presenting these quality productions and local businesses, community groups and the many individuals for their continuing support and involvement.

It is due to their tremendous efforts that the people of Toowoomba and visitors to our city have an opportunity to savour a rich cultural experience which is the USQ Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival.

Dianne Thorley Mayor of Toowoomba

A **message** from the **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

Take away our streets, our cars, our buildings and homes our fashions and fads, even take away our friends, and family members - how then do we recognise ourselves? How do we remain in contact with the tastes and smells, the images, the daily activities, the values and the ideals by which we experience ourselves to belong to a larger, more complex, and sustaining whole? Only the stories remain. From earliest childhood we are hungry for stories - the adventures and journeys of others - for it is by those examples we come to realise our place in the world and the pathways of choice that lie before us.

It is the stories of our people; the stories that we own, and that embody the braveries and fears, humours and tragedies that we come to uphold, that directly feed our sense of self worth and of placement in the world. And that is the very inspiration and seed of this festival.

From the community to the professional, from simply watching, to participating, from performance, to fashion to the very food that we share - this festival is a celebration of the people, in all of their wonderful diversity, that make up the community of the Darling Downs, and even wider still, of Australia.

This is not a festival about Shakespeare's plays. It is inspired by Shakespeare - the greatest writer in the English language - not because of his standing in academic and theatrical circles - but because the stories in his plays more completely embody the values that are the strength of our society - they are stories that transcend time and national boundaries - they are stories about people.

Inspired by these works, we are so proud to this year again present the *Platform Performances - The Platties* - a living celebration of the diversity and creativity of our region - a performance feast of creative endeavour and excellence.

The LJ Hooker Big Brunch is also a community event - wherein we do the

simplest of things; we share company and food. Offering a wide range of activities - both participatory and performative it is hoped that by the end of the day we go home knowing a little bit more about each other, and with an increased appreciation for the community in which we live.

In this, our inaugural *LJ Hooker Big Brunch,* we reach out to the devastated regions of South-East Asia to help rebuild their community. Thank you to all those many people who have so enthusiastically thrown their ideas and energies into this endeavour.

And of course, there are the Shakespeare performances. The tango-inspired production of *The Taming of the Shrew*, showcasing our current third year actors, is directed by Leticia Caceres and features stunning set and costume designs by Chris Willems and Carolyn Taylor-Smith.

This year, we have also introduced two exciting new professional companies. *Singlevoice* and *Woomby* are two companies comprised of graduates from the past several years of USQ acting cohorts. It is hoped that the festival will act as a springboard for important and exciting careers.

Congratulations and thank you to the legion of people who have worked tirelessly to make this festival happen. It takes two things to make for a successful festival. The people who believe in the ideals and goals of the festival, and who put their heart and soul into that belief. And the people who come to enjoy the fruits of their labours.

I know it will be a wonderful meeting under the stars.

Scott Alderdice Head, Theatre Department, USQ

The Taming of the SHREW



Crew

Director Leticia Caceres

Voice/Text Coach Kate Foy

Assistant Director Travis Dowling

Choreographer Shannon Parsons

Fight Director Nikki J Witt

Set Designer Chris Willems

Costume Designer Carolyn Taylor-Smith

Lighting Designer Michael Callaghan

Sound Designer Stephen Brodie

Stage Manager Shaun O'Rourke Deputy Stage Manager Lorinda Smith

Construction Manager Col Wells

Welder Damien Cockburn

Dramaturge Genevieve Walsh

Dramaturge Kirsty Johnson

Head ASM Jess Gillard

ASM Kathryn Lambley

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Sound Crew Ralph Atkinson Stephen Brodie Jennifer Knight

Director's Notes

Lucentio Timothy Dashwood

Petruccio Andrew Barclay

Gremio Daniel Poole

Cast

Hortensio Cameron Hurry

Tranio Samuel Clark

Baptista Rebecca Roberts

Vincentio Natalie Trent

Biondello Hannah Levien

Grumio Melanie Smith

Curtis/Widow/Peasant Ally Stapelton

Katarina/Kate Shideh Faramand

Bianca Ruth Bond The Taming of the Shrew is described as one of Shakespeare's most controversial works, as the notorious 'problem play'. Katarina, the central character is the eldest daughter of Baptista, a rich gentleman of Padua. She inherits the title of the shrew which is a word used to indicate an opinionated, sharp-tongued and fiery tempered woman, from her family and local gentlemen. These personality traits ensure that she will never marry, as no gentleman can tame her.

When I was employed to direct it, the Artistic Director of the Festival explained to me that he was interested to see how a young woman would tackle such a 'problem' given the blaringly politically incorrect theme of taming a woman. I had seen a production of it as a teenager which had deeply upset me, because I had found Katarina's spirit so inspiring, I could not understand how she could possibly submit to Petruccio's will by the end. When it was first performed in 1594 it was a huge hit. Audiences revelled in the how Petruccio tamed Katarina who dared to challenge her role and the institution of marriage.

When I picked up the play again after so many years, I was deeply saddened by what I read. I asked myself: what's funny about a bully who forces an intelligent and dynamic young woman to become a docile wife? What tactics did he use to achieve this? What institutions and political systems are at play endorsing one human being to manipulate and dominate another? There is no question, that William Shakespeare is a genius in that he was able to give voice and form to the politics of his time. But the question is, how much have things changed since this play was first written? In my reading, I believe we can still recognise much of the politics used to oppress Katarina as clearly in 2005 as they were in 1594. This is what to me, makes this play a classic, that at the core we see the battle of the sexes.

I decided that all the "fatherly" roles, Baptista, Vincentio and the Pedant would be played by women and all of Petruccio's servants are to be played by women as sex workers- Petruccio plays a pimp in this production. Because of these changes, the production takes on a more sexual context and highlights the sexual exploitation of women in patriarchal society.

This play reminds us of why the feminist movement is so important: because in an imbalanced system of power, where one human being is authorised to more than an other, that power can be exploited and lead to tragic consequences. I want people to remember that Kate's only crime was wanting to be treated like a human being. This is the crime of women throughout time.

This production is dedicated to all the witches and shrews around the world.

Leticia Caceres

a SEXY Latin American LOVE tussle

22, 23, 24, 25, 26 February, 4 & 5 March 7pm UDIA Main Stage Queens Park Twilight Matinee 5:30pm Sun 27 Feb Ad\$26 Con\$21 Ch\$10.⁵⁰ Fam\$65 Grp20+\$20



CLOWN Verona

"...This is a love story, Juliet! You have to kill yourself."



More tears than all of Shakespeare's tragedies, more laughs than all his funny bits, more calamity than a three wheeled billy-cart. Six absolute idiots embark upon the adventure of telling the story of Romeo and Juliet. And this time they're going to get it right!

Crew

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Costume Design Carolyn Taylor-Smith

Company Management Michelle Coughran

Stage Manager Steve Leadbetter Cast Feeka

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the world's GREATEST LOVE STORY performed by the world's biggest idiots 25 & 26 February, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 March 7pm Studio Stage Queens Park Twilight Matinee 5:30pm Sun 27 Feb

7pm Studio Stage Queens Park Twilight Matinee 5:30pm Sun 27 Feb Ad\$15 Con\$12 Ch\$7.50 Fam\$40 Grp20+\$10

Shakespeare's WOMEN

Crew

Writer/Creator Joanna Butler

Writer/Creator Sarah McCoy

Assistant Director Amy Ingram

Assistant Director /Choreographer Nelle Lee

Accompanist Catherine Lynagh

Stage Manager /Wardrobe Assistant Tonia Pawlyszyn

Choreographer Callum Mansfield

Fight Director Nikki-J Witt

Cast

Joanna Butler Witch 1 Ophelia Desdemona Barbie Portia Titania Iras Goneril

Lavinia Juliet Ken Viola Phebe Peaseblossom Charmian Queen Margaret

Sarah McCoy Witch 3

Lady Anne Katharina Kermit Lady Olivia Cleopatra Lady Macbeth

Joshua North William Shakespeare Romeo



The witches from the Shakespearean tragedy MacBeth have spent their entire existence devoted to killing swine, meeting in terrible weather and speaking iambic pentameter. Fed up with their lives, they decide to conjure up their creator to give him a stern talking to about the way he's treated the women in his plays.

A confused, slightly irritated William Shakespeare is forced to defend himself when the three witches accuse him of abuse of his female characters. His somewhat conceited attitude infuriates them, and they compel him to take another look through his plays from their perspective.

The witches, who are shape shifters, transform themselves into the famous Shakespearean heroines. From the helpless innocents they call the women of woe, through to the shrews, the gender confused, and the prima donnas, each time they attempt to convince their creator of the grief, ridicule and contempt he has caused them.

When all their efforts fail, the witches decide to bring out the big guns - the villainesses. Surely they will not fail to make an impression...

an all-sung HILARIOUS EXPLORATION of Shakespeare's greatest heroines 25 & 26 February, 2, 3, 4 & 5 March age Queens Park Twilight Matinee 5.30pm Sun 27 Feb 10pm UDIA Main Stage Queens Park

Ad\$15 Grp20+\$10

Judy Hainsworth Witch 2

The **Platform PERFORMANCES**

The Platform Performances aim to combine community talent with Shakespeare's words under a mantle of a seasonal/elemental theme. The agenda of the Platties is to showcase diversity and uniqueness.

Crew

Director James Marland

Choreographer Shannon Parsons

Assistant Director /Music Designer Dale Keys

Assistant Director /Dramaturge Jaye O'Keeffe

Community Liaison Elly Michelle Clough

Stage Manger Lenine Millard



Join Indiana Jones on a whirlwind adventure to Ancient Rome. Learn the history of the fall of Pompeii beneath the ash of Mt. Vesuvius.



It is the future and all water is under the control of the H_{20} mafia led by the terrible Humpty Liquid, otherwise known as Mr. Big.



A myth of epic proportions erupts as a young Persephone is taken into darkness by Hades, god of the underworld.



Based upon Alfred Lord Tennyson's The Lady of Shalott, this medieval tale depicts a tale of autumn love at all costs.



The sun god Ra tells a twisted tale of ancient Egypt, when a royal family's turmoil rules the land.



Fantastical meets fun in this melding of tales and superstitions of the moon.



Meet Madame Pomfret - Tarot reader, astrologist, Gemini, and ethereal extraordinaire. Witness hilarious star signs, and some unexpected visits from those long gone.



a multi-discipline SPECTACULAR of the extra-ordinary 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26 February, 4 & 5 March 6:30pm UDIA Main Stage Queens Park Twilight Matinee 5pm Sun 27 Feb Ad\$3 ChFREE



Be transported into the mystical world of fire by Shakespeare's sorcerer, Prospero. In this enchanting tale, learn of the sun, the phoenix, St. George, and Chinese dragons.

The LJ Hooker Big Brunch Tsunami Appeal

Building community... celebrating diversity... teaching and learning... saying thank you... reaching out... helping victims of the Asian Tsunami...

This is our community picnic in the park! Join in the games, enjoy the entertainment, have brunch - have fun!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE that's the theme of our *L J Hooker Big Brunch*! We've got workshops, we've got music, we've got clowns and we've got some of the silliest and most exciting games you will ever play.



L.J. HOOKER®

a magic carpet or a digital camera

You could win a \$2000 hand-woven Persian rug (150x103cm) donated by the Baha'i community of Toowoomba

> or a digital camera valued at \$598 donated by The Good Guys

> > tickets \$2, or 3 for \$5

TICKETS AVAILABLE at - Festival refreshment stall - Grand Central Shopping Centre - USQ Box Office (A block)

Prizes drawn at *The LJ Hooker Big Brunch Tsunami Appeal* Proceeds support victims of the Asian tsunami Chair Robert Ketton

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Thanks to the hundreds of community members who have dedicated their time and effort to this event!

Free entertainment in the PARK for the WHOLE FAMILY

Sunday 6 March 10am-3pm Queens Park

Be there!

At a **GLANCE**

		february						
		mon	tues	wed	thurs	fri	sat	sun
starts		21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Platform
5:00pm	UDIA Main Stage							Performances
5:30pm	Studio Stage							Clown Verona
5:30pm	UDIA Main Stage							Taming of the Shrew
6:30pm	UDIA Main Stage	Platform Performances						
7:00pm	UDIA Main Stage	The Taming of the Shrew						
7:00pm	Studio Stage	\square	\cap			Clown Verona		
10:00pm	UDIA Main Stage					Shakespeare's Women Cabaret		
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7:00pm	Studio Stage		Clown Verona					
10:00pm	UDIA Main Stage		Shakespeare's Women Cabaret					



Pack a picnic, bring a comfortable blanket and prepare yourself for the visual fiesta of the *USQ Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival* taking place in Toowoomba's signature garden park.

This year patrons can enjoy light refreshments from the onsite *Café Verona* while *The Spotted Calf Tavern* will provide all your alcoholic accompaniments. No BYO alcohol.

Here are some suggestions for a hamper that you could bring along to the Festival.



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Technical Manager Oliver Hartwig

Designer Chris Willems

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2005 **SEASON**

Date	Event	Venue	Time
FEB 23-13 Mar	Silence: Imprisoned Reality	USQ Arts Gallery	9am-5pm Mon-Fri
MAR 9	Twilight Clarinet & Piano Recital	USQ Arts Theatre	5.30pm
17 & 18	Revolution of the Mouth	USQ Arts Theatre	7.30pm
16 Mar-17 Apr	Exposures	USQ Arts Gallery	9am-5pm Mon-Fri
23	Twilight Vocal Recital	USQ Arts Theatre	5.30pm
APR 11-13 & 15-17	Children's Theatre Week East of the Sun, West of the Moon	USQ Arts Theatre	10am/1pm/6pm
20 Apr-15 May	To There and Back Again	USQ Arts Gallery	9am-5pm Mon-Fri
27	Twilight Violin Recital	USQ Arts Theatre	5.30pm
MAY 7	Peter Rorke Recital	USQ Arts Theatre	7.30pm
9-15	Children's Music Week	USQ Arts Theatre	10am/1pm
18 May-15 Jun	Slugs & Bugs Moths & Sloths	USQ Arts Gallery	9am-5pm Mon-Fri
22	To Die For (orchestral)	USQ Arts Theatre	3pm
JUN 6-11 & 15-19	The Three Sisters	USQ Arts Theatre	7.30pm/11am/2pm
12	Rachmaninov Too	ТВА	3pm
JULY 20-28 Aug	Ashes to Ashes	USQ Arts Gallery	9am-5pm Mon-Fri
23 & 24	Bold n Brassy	USQ Arts Theatre	7.30pm/3pm
27	Twilight Piano Recital	USQ Arts Theatre	5.30pm
AUG 10	Twilight Choral Recital	St Luke's Church	5.30pm
15-20 & 24-28	A Theatre Classic	USQ Arts Theatre	7.30pm/11am/2pm
20	Concerto Concert	USQ Concert Hall	7.30pm
31	Twilight Ensemble Recital	USQ Arts Theatre	5.30pm
SEP 31-2 Oct	Visions from the South and Capital Textiles	USQ Arts Gallery	9am-5pm Mon-Fri
4	Brass n Wind	USQ Arts Theatre	3pm
11	Joyce Campbell Lloyd Scholarship Concert	USQ Arts Theatre	3pm
OCT 5-2 Nov	Xchange	USQ Arts Gallery	9am-5pm Mon-Fri
5-15	Opera	USQ Arts Theatre	7.30pm/3pm
16	Popularity Plus (orchestral)	USQ Arts Theatre	3pm
17-22	Black Box Shakespeare	USQ Concert Hall	11am/7.30pm
27 & 28	Theatre Showcase	USQ Arts Theatre	7.30pm
30	Children in Wonderland	USQ Arts Theatre	3pm
NOV 23-18 Dec	Collection Selection Exhibition	USQ Arts Gallery	9am-5pm Mon-Fri
DEC 9,10, 16 & 17	Theatre Restaurant	USQ Refectory	7pm
Dec	Graduart	TRAG	10am-4pm Tue-Sat, 1-4pm Sun



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- to cooperate in the development of professional arts activity in the region.



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