



**Fab
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The Odd Couple

A Female Version

September 2003

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presents

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Director –
Bruce Carboon

The Odd Couple is Bruce's first foray into directing in Melbourne and his first time working with Fab Nobs Theatre Inc. While in Bendigo, Bruce directed *Zoo Story*, *Death of a Salesman*, *Confusions* and *Agnes of God* for Wyse Players Inc and *Pirates of Penzance* for University Theatre Co.

Bruce also performed in many productions in Bendigo and since moving to Melbourne most recently appeared as 'Captain von Trapp' in *The Sound of Music* with Whitehorse Musical Theatre, 'Lieutenant Handcock' in Heidelberg Theatre Company's production of *Breaker Morant*, 'Clive' in Peridot's *Season's Greetings* and the 'Constable' in *Fiddler on the Roof* and a Priest in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, both with Whitehorse.

He has also done a bit of film and TV work, including *Funky Squad* and *Blue Heelers* and numerous commercials selling many varied products.

Directing remains a passion and Bruce has enjoyed every aspect of putting together *The Odd Couple* and working with such a talented cast.

Suzanne Gedicke – Florence Unger

The Odd Couple marks Suzanne's return to the stage following the birth of her son, William, last year.

She has previously appeared in Malvern Theatre Company's production of *Rumors* as 'Cassie Cooper', in Box Hill Theatre's *And Then There Were None* as 'Vera' and in Waverley Theatre Company's *Ring Round the Moon* as 'Isabella'.

With Whitehorse Musical Theatre, Suzanne performed in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Secret Garden* (as 'Rose Lennox'), *Man of La Mancha* (as 'Antonia') and *The Music Man* (as 'Marion Paroo'). She also played the role of 'Kathy' in CLOC's *Company*.

Prior to moving to Melbourne from Shepparton, Suzanne was in *Cosi* ('Julie'), *Into the Woods* ('Cinderella'), *The Wizard of Oz* ('Dorothy'), *Man of La Mancha* ('Aldonza'), *Twelfth Night* ('Olivia') and 'Audrey' in *Little Shop of Horrors*.



Sallyanne Read – Olive Madison

Sallyanne last appeared as 'Frau Schmidt' in Whitehorse Musical Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music*. She also appeared in *Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours*, *Nine*, *My Fair Lady*, *Sweet Charity*, *Cabaret* and *The Music Man* with WMT. Other shows include *Les Miserables* with Catchment and *Chicago* with CLOC.

She studied drama with Roma Johnson and also studied for three years at the Australian College of Entertainers in the '80s, covering voice production, drama, mime, vocal and dance. She has done extensive voice-over work and appeared in many television shows including *Neighbours*, *The Flying Doctors*, *Prisoner*, *Boulevard of Broken Dreams*, *Ground Zero*, *Nurses*, *Prime Time* and *Who's Baby*.

Sallyanne appeared in numerous productions in Kyneton and Macedon, as 'Eliza' in *My Fair Lady* and 'Tzeitel' in *Fiddler on the Roof*. She also appeared in *Tiger Country* – an Australian premier of a new Australian play.



Brett Whittingham – Jesus Costazuela

Originally from Perth, Brett settled in Melbourne and since then he has performed in numerous productions in a number of venues including *Blood Brothers*, *Love Valour Compassion*, *Welcome to the Moon*, *Love in a Cubicle (Tour)* and *The Philadelphia Story* to name a few. Perth productions include *The Sum of Us*, *Cosi*, *Dead White Males*, *Back to the Ranks*, *Ed the Anti-Christ (Tour)*, *Dangerous Liaisons*, *Stags & Hens* to name another few.

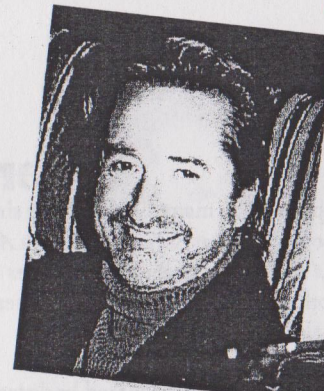
Television credits include *Stingers*, *Blue Heelers* and *The Secret Life of Us* as well as a number of commercials.

Brett's ultimate career goal is to appear in a Chris and Marie Plant Farm commercial, but for now he's had a "hoot" working with the gang of *The Odd Couple*.



Barry Mitchell – Manolo Costazuela

Barry's professional career spans more than 20 years in theatre, jazz, cabaret, comedy, radio and television. He is a graduate of the VCA School of Opera. He sang the lead role of 'Vaudemont' in the Australian Premier of Tchaikovsky's *Iolanta*, 'Levko' in Rimsky-Korsakov's *Maynight* and appeared in many more productions. He also sang the role of the 'Mayor' in Britten's *Albert Herring*. Barry has appeared in the professional productions of *Mame*, *Call Me Madam*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Gilbert & Sullivan Show*, *How to Succeed in Business*, *Mack and Mabel*, *Anything Goes*, *The Music Man* and *A New Brain*. In 2000 Barry performed two seasons of *Prodigal Son* creating the role of 'Harry' for the world premier of this new Australian musical. Barry's television appearances include *Good Morning Australia*, *The Midday Show* and *Hey Hey It's Saturday*. He has also written and performed comedy on the Breakfast Show on Radio 3XY as well as touring schools performing in children's theatre.



Belinda Fraser –

Rence

The Odd Couple sees Belinda return to the Factory Theatre for the third time. Belinda's most recent performances include *Tabitha* ('Mary Trellington') with Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre in 2003; *The Box*, a series of comedy skits with Potato Theatre in 2001; *Hotel Sorrento* ('Pipa Moynihan') with the Fabulous Nobodys Theatre Company in 2001; and *Speaking in Tongues* ('Sonja' and 'Sarah') with the Fabulous Nobodys Theatre Company in 2000 - which earned her a Lyrebird Best Female Support Actor in a Drama nomination. In 2001, she was given the opportunity to direct *Poster of the Cosmos* with Potato Theatre as part of the Emerald One Act Play Festival. Belinda has also performed in a number of musicals with Williamstown Light Opera, and the Fabulous Nobodys, including *Hello Dolly* (ensemble), *The Boyfriend* ('Hortense'); and *Guys and Dolls* (ensemble). She holds a performing arts degree from Deakin University.



Sue Bailey –

Mickey

Sue is enjoying a return to the Fab Nob Factory after a two-year absence. Her last appearance as 'Hilary' in Fabulous Nobody's *Hotel Sorrento* in 2000 earned her a Lyrebird nomination for Best Actress.

A seasoned performer and dance teacher, with a passion for street Latin, Sue's other theatrical roles include 'Mimi' in *Guys & Dolls*, *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* and 'Mrs Merkle' in *Bye Bye Birdie*. She also performed in Whitehorse Musical Theatre's production of *Sweet Charity* in 1999. Sue has also sung at local carols by candlelight and various variety shows.

Sue is thrilled to be back "home" with the Fab Nobs and is having a ball as Mickey the cop.

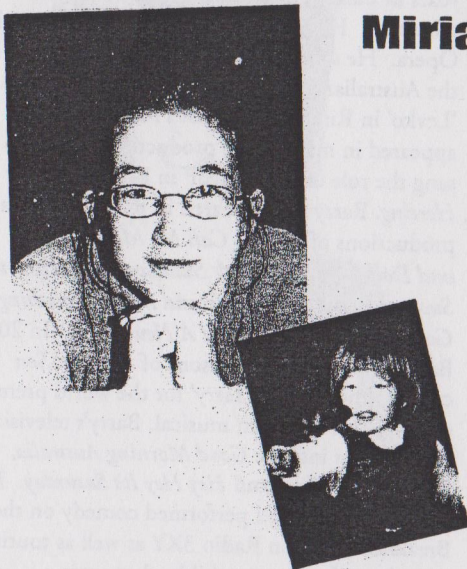


Miriam Carr -

Vera

Miriam has appeared in many ballet recitals since 1995. She also appeared as 'Cheshire Cat' in *Alice in Wonderland* and as one of the three witches in *MacBeth* - both with the Victorian Youth Theatre in 1994. She also sang with her church choir.

While at high school, Miriam worked backstage on some school productions and *The Odd Couple* is Miriam's first appearance in a play and her first appearance with Fab Nobs and she is enjoying the experience immensely.



Meredith Lawrence –

Silvie

Meredith's main focus for the last 10 years has been her involvement with the 'retired' Fabulous Nobodys. Meredith has also worked in a variety of production roles including Co-Choreographer for the award winning *Pirates of Penzance*. Over the last 10 years (or so!) Recently Meredith has directed and wrote three pantomimes - *Sleeping Beauty*, *Rapunzel* and *The Toybox Toys Christmas Party*. She has now taken the pantomimes to the Starlight room at the Royal Children's hospital.

Meredith was last seen as a GO-GO Dancer in our last production of 'Slice of Saturday Night'



Cast (in order of appearance)

Sylvie..... Meredith Lawrence
Mickey Sue Bailey
Renee Belinda Fraser
Vera..... Miriam Carr
Olive Madison Sallyanne Read
Florence Unger..... Suzanne Gedicke
Manolo Costazuela..... Barry Mitchell
Jesus Costazuela Brett Whittingham



Synopsis of Scenes

Time:

The 1980's

Place:

Olive Madison's Riverside Drive apartment.

ACT ONE

A hot summer's night

ACT TWO

Scene 1: Two weeks later, about 11:00pm

Scene 2: A few days later, about 8:00pm

Scene 3: The next evening, about 7:30pm

Production Team

Director Bruce Carboon
 Director' Assistant Sarah Cliff
 Stage Manager Rodney Hird
 Set Co-ordinator Rodney Hird
 Costume Co-ordinator Leane Gooding
 Lighting Operation Travis McGrath
 Properties Sarah Cliff
 Publicity/Advertising Leane Gooding
 Ticker Secretary Anne King
 Photography/Publicity Belinda Fraser
 Program Sacha Gough, Leane Gooding

Set Construction/Crew:

Rod Hird, PatrickMatthews, Bruce Carboon, Tony King, Chris Shute,
 Dean Castle, Peter Barclay, Duane Robertson

Front of House:

Roslyn Quinn, Megan Coe, Di Pope, Bernie Shute, Mark Dooley, Nicole
 Brown

Bar Manager: Tony Shute

Terry Gooding, Matt Thomas, Wes Minster



**Did you like the prints that were a part of the set?
 Buy a raffle ticket and you could well be the proud owner.
 Tickets will be sold throughout the production season, and the
 raffle will be drawn at our Trivia Night on the 24th October.**

Bookings for the Trivia Night - Call Megan on 9878 5866

The Fab Nobs are always looking for new members to become a part of our local community group. Whether you would like to be involved in acting, singing, backstage, production, or even coffee and tea making we are keen to hear from you.

We are also very keen to hear from businesses who are interested in sponsorship. The Fab Nobs have recently been assisted by local business – Ray White Real Estate, Phoenix Estate Agents, Bowens Hardware.

Please call Leane Gooding on 9723 5326 if you would like assist us.

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Glossary

The Gipper: George Gipps was one of the greatest football players of all time. Before he died at the age of 24, he asked his coach to tell the team to "Win one for the Gipper".

Gloria Steinem: 1960's feminist

Dubonnet: French wine-based appetitif

Stella D'Oro cookies: Brand of specialty baked goods which are America's No. 1 favourite for dunking

Bengay: Pain relieving ointment (a la Dencorub)

Russian blinis: Russian pancakes

Shashlik Caucasian: Skewered lamb

Ralston: Hot breakfast wheat cereal manufactured since the early 1900's

Paine Webber: Finance/Investment company

Adlai Stevenson: Politician and diplomat who was the Democrat representative running for President of the US. He died in 1965 – he was not attractive

Capon: A young rooster that has been castrated –deliciously plump and tender

Arthur Treacher's: Popular take-away and delivered fish and chips

Caballero: Spanish word for 'gentleman'

Stouffer's: Company specializing in frozen foods

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President's Report

The Odd Couple was a wonderful choice to have as our very first play for Fab Nobs, a fun show with a fabulous cast, I'm sure you will enjoy the experience.

I would like to thank a very hard working team associated with The Odd Couple. Bruce has been an inspiration to us all, he has not only directed a fantastic play but has encouraged us all to enjoy the process. Never without a smile on his face (except for when his car died) he has made working in a freezing cold factory with a leaking roof a pleasure and we at Fab Nobs thank him. Also a huge big thank you to Sarah Cliff and Rod Hird.

We have had a very eventful year with 'A Slice of Saturday Night' being a sell out show and a huge success both financially and artistically and now with 'A Funny thing happened on the way to the Forum' in production and about to be staged in November we are flat chat. The committee have been extremely busy sourcing sponsorships, grants, running fund raisers and generally making Fab Nobs work – THANK YOU!

Our shows for 2004 have just been decided and we are very excited to announce that we are going to stage 'Nunsense' in April 2004 and 'Forbidden Planet' in November 2004 both at the Fab Factory.

Come and join us for 'Forum' in November when you will be able to see another very talented cast directed by Shaun Kingma, musically directed by Chis Shute and choreographed by Meriki Comito.

Sit back, drink up and we hope you enjoy the play we have for you tonight.

Cheers,
Leane Gooding
President

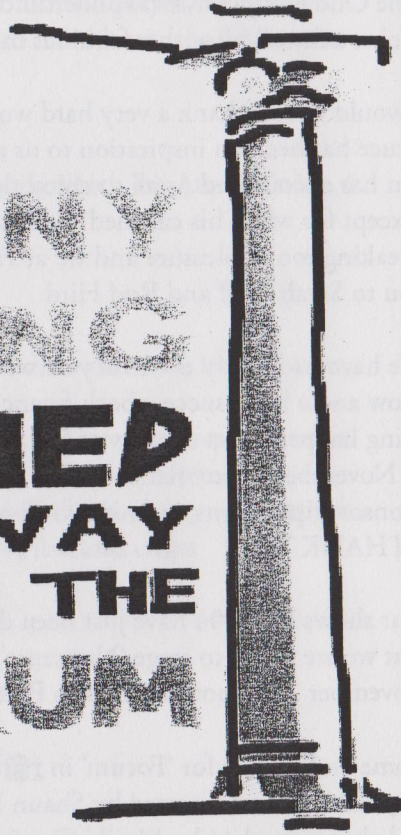
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