

Creepy and kooky Addams Family sing up a storm

Stirling Theatre Saturday, September 4th, 2021

MAGNIFICENTLY macabre and darkly humorous, *The Addams Family* Broadway musical is ready to spook up the stage at Stirling Theatre.

Written by Marshall Brickman, Rick Elice and Andrew Lippa, the story uses characters created by Charles Addams – but now Wednesday is all grown up and has fallen in love with a sweet young man from a respectable family.

She confides in her father Gomez and begs him not to tell her mother, which means Gomez must do something he's never done before: keep a secret from his beloved Morticia.

"Wednesday's family tries to act normal when her boyfriend's parents come for dinner," director Fran Gordon said.

"The Addams family's ancestors are called upon to try and help the young couple achieve a love match.

"One of the biggest challenges with this show is trying to create all the areas in the house and graveyard on such a small stage."

Involved in theatre for many years, Fran's first acting experiences were in Merredin where she worked as a teacher.

She became involved with Stirling Theatre in 1986, first working behind the scenes before stepping up to the stage in *The Cell*.

Fran has since appeared in numerous plays and musicals and directed *A Better You* before moving onto youth musicals – recent productions have included *Mulan* and *Charlotte's Web*.

She also has extensive experience with costumes and won a Finley Award for the wardrobe featured in *Brigadoon*.

"I saw the full version of *The Addams Family* a few years ago and thought it would be a fun show to do with young people," she said.

"I am a retired school teacher and used to love doing drama and musicals with my classes.

"Now I really love working with kids and presenting youth musicals."

The Addams Family plays at 8pm September 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, October 1 and 2; 2pm September 19 and 6.30pm September 26. Tickets \$22, \$20 concession – book at www.trybooking.com/BNVUL.

Stirling Theatre is on Morris Place, Innaloo.

CAPTIONS

addams1: Logan Bin Bakar, left, Perri Hinton, Megan Lilley, Jacob Miles, Billy Hewett, Walter Gittens and Keely Crugnale in *The Addams Family*.

addams2: Lurch (Logan Bin Bakar, left), Morticia (Perri Hinton) and Gomez (Jacob Miles).

Contact Profile

Stirling Theatre

Stirling Theatre is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to promote and encourage drama and allied arts within the City of Stirling for cultural, educational and recreational purposes. The community theatre group based in the Innaloo Community Centre near Perth, Western Australia.

The group has been in existence since 1970 and prides itself on the quality of its productions, endeavouring to produce five or six seasons a year. Stirling Theatre also promotes youth theatre activities through workshops, youth musicals and one-act play seasons. It also offers opportunities for community groups to fundraise through charity nights held during a season.

Our history

Stirling Theatre began in 1970 with the amalgamation of Northbridge Repertory and The Intimate Players.

Our original home was in the Old Perth Roads Board on Main Street, Osborne Park, but we were soon moved to the Progress Hall in Gildercliffe Street, Scarborough. Our membership increased gradually and, in 1978, we were given the old Health Administrations Office in the City of Stirling precinct. After much renovation, this became the much-loved Stirling Theatre. Here we stayed, growing in strength and reputation, until Christmas 2000 when we were forced to move. The City of Stirling then gave us the use of the Innaloo Community Centre and equipped us with a new purpose-built stage, greenroom and bio-box, auditorium chairs and evaporative air-conditioning. The job was finished with the installation of theatre lights, sound equipment and stage curtains. We were also given sole use of the office and a storeroom, which became our props room, and a double-meeting room that was used to create a large wardrobe area.

We have been fortunate to receive valuable assistance from Lotterywest on two occasions. In the early days at the community centre, funding was made available for necessary lighting and sound equipment and, in 2008, we received another grant that enabled us to install retractable raked seating. The theatre now comfortably seats 118 people. There is wheelchair access and two seats reserved for wheelchairs in row A. There is also an accessible toilet. Stirling Theatre is happy to welcome all patrons with disability.

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addams3: Gomez (Jacob Miles, left) and Morticia (Perri Hinton) share couple goals in *The Addams Family*.

addams4: Lucas (Sean Smith, left) introduces new girlfriend Wednesday (Keely Crugnale), much to the shock of his parents Alice (Ella Monaghan) and Mal (Anthony Jacobs).

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