

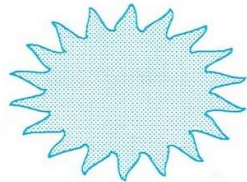


presents the family comedy/drama

BESIDE THE SEA

by Brian Jefferies

DIRECTED BY JOHN PALMER



ROSE CENTRE THEATRE

School Road, Belmont.

\$12 or \$10 (conc)

Bookings 445.6939

26, 27 March 1993 at 8.00pm

Sunday 28 March at 2.00pm

31 March - 3 April at 8.00pm

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Director's Notes

Life, so the saying goes, is a beach,
and theatre people know that all the world's a stage.

The idea of turning the stage into a beach and
showing a slice of life was irresistible.

The beach is part of our New Zealand way of life.

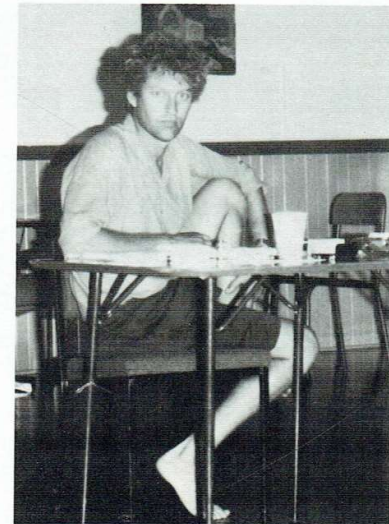
So many of us holidayed on the beach, shared family jokes,
found our first loves and met and mingled

with people from all strata of society.

The beach is a state of mind, a place apart from our normal lives
where the worries of the rest of the year are washed away
by the tide - or are they?

THE DIRECTOR JOHN PALMER

John Palmer is usually seen
acting on Company Stage.
He joined Company Theatre in
1990 with an outstanding
performance in Whose Life is
It Anyway? and has rarely
been seen off the stage since.
John trained in Perth at the
West Australian Academy of
Performing Arts and now lives
in Devonport.



THE CAST of BESIDE THE SEA



The MERCER FAMILY

The Mercer family have been holidaying at the same beach for years.

Jack is played by Peter Segrove. Peter has been with Company since its early days and has participated in all areas. Last year he directed the successful season of *Habeas Corpus* - our first production in the Rose Centre Theatre.

Beryl is played by Sue Connolly. Sue has had previous experience in Wellington and also for Company in our 1992 production of *Why Me?*

Malcolm is played by Robert Little. This is Robert's first theatrical performance since school productions. He enjoys singing and is keen to become involved with musicals as well.

Freda is played by Davina Holmes. This is Davina's first appearance for Company, but she has many show credits to her name, mainly with the North Shore Operatic Society.

The ADAMSON FAMILY

The Adamson family are visiting this particular beach for the first time.

Maurice is played by Bernard Harrington who has been with Company for several years, mainly involved with pantomime and music hall.

Helen is played by Yvonne Burgham. Yvonne has frequently appeared for Company over the past 10 years and wants to know why she is always chosen to play the 'bitchy female' role!

Sarah is played by Louise Nicholas. This is Louise's first role for Company and at the age of 16 is on the way to a successful theatre career.



In 1989 Louise won a main part in a South Pacific Pictures Television Production called 'All For One' which has screened in Europe and Canada.

Arnold (left) is played by Matthew Morley. Matthew has some similarities to Arnold in that he has 'drifted in life' from live music entertainer through technical/production manager and now onto the stage itself.

The CAST

in order of appearance

Arnold	MATTHEW MORLEY
Maurice	BERNARD HARRINGTON
Jack	PETER SEGROVE
Beryl	SUE CONNOLLY
Freda	DAVINA HOLMES
Malcolm	ROBERT LITTLE
Helen	YVONNE BURGHAM
Sarah	LOUISE NICHOLAS

The play is set on a beach in England.
Action takes place during the course of one day.

There will be a 15 minute interval.
Tea/Coffee and Bar refreshments available.

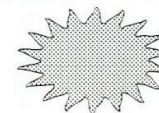
The PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTED and DESIGNED By John Palmer

LIGHTING DESIGNER	Peter Fitzgibbon
STAGE MANAGER and PRODUCTION MANAGER	Neil Harrison
WARDROBE	Cathy Sandy
WARDROBEASSISTANT	Gail Carran
PROMPT	Janice More
LIGHTING OPERATORS	Martin Judge, Geoff Marsh
SOUND MIXER	Wendy Kristensen
SOUND OPERATOR	Julia Kaiser
STAGE CREW	Tony Sandy, Doug Bourke
PROPERTIES	TrishWorrell, Moira Coote, Gillian Laird
FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER	Doug Bourke
PROGRAMME & PUBLICITY	Sherry Ede, Raewyn L'Estrange
BOOKINGS	Catherine Long Ruth Segrove

Company Theatre Committee

Neil Burgham, **President**; Ruth Segrove, **Vice President**;
Peter Segrove, **Treasurer**;
Committee Members:
Cathy Sandy, Tony Sandy, Wendy Kristensen, John Palmer,
Barbara Simpson, Doug Bourke and Sherry Ede



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and Tom Smith (Devonport Signs and Graphics).*

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NEXT PRODUCTION

*Noel Coward's
'Cowardy
Custard'*

July 9th - 17th

Rose Centre Theatre

Directed by Bruce Murray.



This wonderful show will be a cavalcade of Noel Coward's songs and stories. It will involve a cast of 20 singers and dancers.

Don't miss it!

Auditions for this production will be held on Sun. May 2nd. If you would like to be involved, contact the Director on 443.6958.

Do You Want To Be Involved In Theatre?

Company Theatre is always interested in new members. Full membership includes monthly newsletters, a free ticket to each show, social or club nights, access to costume hire and the opportunity to 'join us' from backstage or front of house to on the stage. Our full membership fee is \$30 and our associate membership is only \$10. Please see back page for details or contact Peter Segrove on 445.6939.

Costume Hire. We have costumes from fancy dress to formal and ask only for a small donation and that you return them in the condition you received them. Further information, please contact Cathy Sandy on 410.9342.

Presold Nights. As a contribution to the community we are happy to arrange for organisations to pre-book one of our performances for fundraising. The ambience of the Rose Centre facilities are an added bonus for a special fundraising evening. For further enquiries, please phone Sherry Ede on 445.2386.

NEXT PRODUCTION

For Junior Company

STARBLAZE

Company Theatre has a thriving group for young people aged from 5 - 12, known as **JUNIOR COMPANY**.

Over 30 keen young people meet once a week on Saturday afternoons to learn the basics of stage craft and prepare for their own productions. Classes and productions are directed by Ruth Segrove with assistance and choreography by Moira Coote. **Enquires 445.6939.**

STARBLAZE will open on Wednesday 5th May at 7.00pm. There will be performances on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th at 7.00pm and on Saturday 8th at 2.00pm. Tickets \$6 adults and \$4 children. **Wonderful musical show!**



**A scene from the Junior Company Production
'The Princess and the Pea' November 1992.**

Would you like to join JUNIOR COMPANY?

