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The start of a new year invariably inspires us to start afresh and enter into activities with renewed enthusiasm. Schools are welcoming new pupils, new teachers and perhaps, in some cases, new principals. The Speech and Drama Association is welcoming new members and new adjudicators, and we look forward to introducing our new syllabus to you.

This first issue of *The Platform* for 2011 has the complete list of the 2010 bursary recipients on page 2 and some very important information about the Festival on page 3.

The **HIGHLIGHT** of the Teachers' Get-together this year will be the first class performer who will be entertaining you with some **HIGH NOTES!** Read about it on page 3 and look out for your invitation which will follow in the post.

An interesting article about St Clements, the quaint coffee shop in Musgrave Road is on page 4.

Adjudicators, please diarise the date given on page 4 for an Adjudicators' Workshop to be held in March.

Don't miss the two enclosures - The Notice of Meeting of the AGM and a poster of the Rising Star Academy of Performing Arts, and the important announcement below about our relocated office in Davenport Square.

We are off to an exciting and busy start this new year, so join us for what we hope will be a rewarding year of speech and drama.

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The Speech and Drama Association office has moved from 29 Davenport Square to **80 Davenport Square**.

We are at the top of the stairs in the Centre next door to Gogo Phones.

You are welcome to visit our office anytime.

(Our postal address remains the same.)

2010 BURSARY AWARDS

We congratulate the following schools and their pupils who were awarded bursaries last year. The recipients will use the bursaries to study speech and drama with private teachers this year.

SCHOOL	PUPIL
Atholl Heights Primary	Duveine Naicker - Elizabeth Sneddon Bursary
Holy Childhood	Danielle Duggan - Jilian Hurst Bursary
Gardenia Primary	Hannah Forbes - Hazel Meyer Bursary
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Westville Senior Primary	Rorke Lilford
Winston Park Primary	Khosi Sibeka

For more information about the bursaries that are awarded during the Festival contact the Festival Director on 031 201 6356



Visit us at www.speechanddrama.co.za from where you can download forms and read about the latest events in the Speech and Drama Association. If you wish to have your school or studio put onto the website as a member of the Association, with your link, send your details, including your school badge in jpg, gif or png format, to vball@speechanddrama.co.za

Festival News

Please take note of the following important information regarding Festival 2011.

SYLLABUS & ENTRY FORMS: With a new syllabus and a new category, *PowerPoint Presentation*, to inspire and challenge you and your pupils, we hope to have bumper entries in Festival 2011. Several schools booked their dates last year and should have received confirmation of those dates. If you're not certain whether or not your dates are booked please check with me. If you have already booked for the second term you will receive your entry forms shortly. If you have not yet booked, please do so as soon as possible so that your stationery can be posted and received in good time.

N.B. As all the categories have been renumbered you may not use entry forms from previous years for this year's Festival.

RUBRIC & CATEGORIES: It is important that the criteria for each category is studied and understood. When you receive your syllabus please take time to read the rubric carefully and make copies for the class teachers who will be guiding their pupils in their choices. The rubric is in a slightly different format to previous years as it has been designed to make it easier for teachers at different levels to identify which categories apply to them.

FEES: At primary school levels the fees have been slightly increased to keep up with costs. For the moment high school fees remain the same. The new fee structure is as follows:

INDIVIDUAL - Grades 0 to 3 @ R12 per item. Grades 4 to 7 and High Schools @ R15 per item.

GROUP - Grades 0 to 3 @ R55 per group. Grades 4 to 7 and High Schools @ R60 per group.

WORKSHOPS: Teachers who have attended Workshops confirm that it is an invaluable way to prepare for the Festival, as they feel better equipped to guide pupils in their choices as well as in their presentations. Children who are left to prepare their work by themselves invariably miss out on opportunities to excel due to a lack of understanding as to what is expected of them. Workshops are held throughout the year, but if you **book before the end of February you will receive a discounted price of R250 instead of R300 per hour.** The recommended length of a workshop is at least 1½ hours. Phone me to discuss a Staff Workshop which can be tailored to suit your specific requirements.

I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at the AGM and Teacher's Get-together in March, details of which are below.

Vyvienne Ball, Festival Director

The 2011 Teachers' Get-together

The much-loved and admired performer, **Rory Rootenberg**, will perform his current show "HIGH NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS" especially for the members of the Speech and Drama Association.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to see Rory Rootenberg, accompanied by his long time Durban pianist, Anne Duthie. There will be a sit-down supper plus free wine, beer and cool drinks. The cost is only R90 all inclusive.

Join us at the Rhumbelow Theatre on **Monday 14 March**, to enjoy some of Rory's best loved and famous songs and of course, those famous Rootenberg high notes.

Look out for your invitation in the post and RSVP ASAP!

**The Annual General Meeting of the Speech and Drama Association
will be held on Monday, 14 March 2011, at 5.30pm,
at the Rhumbelow Theatre, Cunningham Road, Umbilo.**

Mondays at Seven at St. Clements

By Pieter Scholtz

(This article has been shortened to fit the available space)



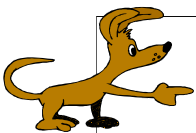
What is special about this quaint garden restaurant in Musgrave Road? I first fell under the spell of its magic, sitting at a table in the shade of a tree laden with grapefruit. At the time I wondered about the name, St. Clements? I concluded it must be a reference to the “bells of St. Clements”, since it was situated right next to St. Thomas’s church. Well, I was wrong. I discovered that its owner was Steve Clements. I guess his name and the proximity to the church led to him being a saint!

It was through Steve and his garden restaurant that we had the idea of a performance venue, providing a meeting place for writers, artists and those seeking creative stimulation. And it was thus that *‘Mondays at Seven at St. Clements’* was born.

The idea was to entertain ourselves and the “discerning” public with entertainment of a high quality. We particularly wished to include marginalized art forms such as poetry readings and book launches together with musical and dramatic performances in our programmes. We chose Monday evenings, because many theatres and restaurants are closed on Mondays. We also chose to provide the entertainment free of charge to cultivate a culture of bistro entertainment in the European tradition – informal, relaxed entertainment in a pleasant setting.

We are now in our third year at St. Clements (191 Musgrave Road). If you would like to be on our mailing list, please send your name, telephone number and email address to kwasuka1@mweb.co.za. You will be informed about our programme on a monthly basis.

Table bookings 031 2022511 **Cover charge** None **Donations box** to support presenters



ADJUDICATORS’ WORKSHOP

An Adjudicators’ Workshop will be held on Thursday, 24 March 2011, at Clarence Primary School, Morningside, Durban, at 9am.

All adjudicators are urged to attend.

More details will be sent to you shortly.

Diarise the date now so you don’t miss this important Workshop.

MONDAY 24 MARCH.



Can you help?

REQUEST FOR SCRIPTS

Faye Smith is looking for scripts of melodrama to be used for a fundraising production for the Kloof W.I.

If anyone can help please contact Faye on 031 764 3975 or 072 639 0991