



October 2012 Newsletter

We invite you to the Canadian Premiere of the Australian play
Speaking In Tongues Thursday, November 15th, 2012.

“Nine parallel lives, interlocked by lust, infidelity and one mysterious stiletto”



The Company Theatre, a non-profit, independent theatre company, here in Toronto, is producing the Canadian Premiere of the play by award-winning playwright Andrew Bovell. The co-production with Canadian Stage will be performed at the Berkeley Street Theatre, and we have secured a block of seats for Thursday November 15, 2012.

About the play

When a woman goes missing, four marriages fall into a mess of sex, lies and neglect. Through it all, each couple desperately searches for fulfillment and the line between right and wrong becomes dangerously blurred. *Speaking in Tongues* is a thrilling fresh play from Australia; a multi-faceted adventure that reveals the darker side of human nature.



About the cast

Helene Joy is a graduate of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, and a Gemini Award Winner, with leading roles in Durham County, Murdoch Mysteries, as Dr. Julia Ogden, Republic of Doyle and other television and film roles.

Richard Clarkin, a Dora Award Nominee, is graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada, with many film and television credits, and theatre credits with Tarragon, Soulpepper and the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.

Yanna McIntosh is a graduate of the American Repertory Theatre Institute at Harvard. A Dora Award for Best Actress and Gemini Award winner, Yanna has extensive film credits and theatre credits with Stratford Shakespeare Festival, Tarragon and Soulpepper.

Jonathan Goad trained at the National Theatre School of Canada, has film credits in Rookie Blue, Republic of Doyle, Heartland and Murdoch Mysteries with theatre credits in Music Man, King Lear, As you Like It and Arcadia, for which he had a Betty Mitchell award nomination.

The performance starts at 8:00 pm at the Berkeley Street Theatre, 26 Berkeley Street, Toronto. Following the performance AWS Members and guests are invited to a wine reception to meet the cast and others in the Company. Your ticket price includes the reception, and is for AWS Members and guests exclusively.

Price for this evening for both Members and guests is \$45.00

You can register on-line at <http://awstheatre.eventbrite.com> or mail the attached Registration Form to Barbara Barde

Future Events

Our three course Holiday Dinner with selected wines, is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11 at the Globe Bistro at 124 Danforth Avenue. We have reserved the space and the menu will be revealed in the next Newsletter.

A reminder at this time, to save the date of Friday, January 25th for **Australia Day** at the Albany Club.

March 5th will be our Australian Reds night at the Faculty Club.

April we are planning a fine Spring Dinner to ward off the winter blahs.

We will have a Regional Tasting in May, then the Summer Solstice Dinner in June.

New Members

Welcome to members who have joined recently, David Rennie & Diane Wang, Bennet Galef, Josephine Cimetta, Rebecca and D'Arcy LeClaire.

News from Down Under

2012 James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge results

FOR SOME CANNY wine observers, there was no surprise at the winner of the 2012 James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge. Today's results announcement showed Penfolds Yattarna leading the way from a gathering of graceful wines in a varietal class described by Halliday as "the most exciting wine in Australia".

"It has always offered opportunities for winemakers in all climates, but over the last decade every aspect of growing the grape – especially when to pick – and of making the wine has come under the microscope," he said.

"In the time it has taken James Halliday to compile his 26 Australian Wine Companions, the Chardonnay grape has emigrated to almost every hill and vale across our viticultural landscape. No other variety has adapted more successfully, from single barrel selections to vast commercial blends. No other inspires such singular focus in our winemakers to sharpen their craft. No other sends vignerons searching, with gold fever, for that next hill, or clone, or aspect. Chardonnay alone explores the breadth and personality of all Australian wine regions. In our tribute to James Halliday, the true patron of fine Australian wine, no other variety would do.

Organised by Wine Yarra Valley, the objective of the James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge is to affirm the quality of Australian Chardonnay and provide a catalyst for people to take a fresh look at this much-loved wine by providing an appropriate platform for the national search to recognise Australia's finest chardonnay.

On a massive 98 points, Penfold's 2008 Yattarna led the way from Coldstream Hills 2010 Reserve on 97, with the 2010 Yabby Lake Single Block release Block 6, from the Mornington Peninsula, also on 97 points.