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BLURRED

by Stephen Davis - Observations at Schoolies Week

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BLURRED - by Stephen Davis
"Observations at Schoolies Week"

Directed by Betsy Atkinson

Fantastic local talent
August 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 & September 1.

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THE DIRECTOR

BETSY ATKINSON

Betsy became aware of Kucom via our Theatre Sports Mackay program and was instrumental in getting some of the younger ones involved in our 2007 Showdown. Betsy has taught drama and directed shows in some contrasting places including two different stints in London and Emerald Qld! (It was while Betsy was teaching in London that her and her husband eloped to Spain…) Betsy has been living and teaching in Mackay for a year and feels the cast of *Blurred* are some of the best she's ever worked with.

As a drama teacher and year 12 group leader at Mackay Christian College, she feels the subject of Schoolies Week is one that needs some forethought from teenagers, and that *Blurred* is an excellent means of getting them to do that, while having a bit of a laugh at themselves.

"Schoolies week: It's the biggest party of your life - all you have to do is get there"

THE PLAYWRIGHT

STEPHEN DAVIS

Born in Scotland, Stephen Davis graduated from the Queensland University of Technology with an Associate Diploma (Acting) in 1998 and a Bachelor of Arts (Drama) in 1992. Stephen commenced theatre work with La Boîte's acclaimed production of *Bouncers* in 1992 and has numerous writing credits to his name, including *Crushed* and *Under the Covers* for QUT; *Tranzitions*, *Blurred* and *Juice* for QUT/QPAT; *Scar and Porn* for La Boîte Theatre, and *Turtle Island* and *Wet Dogs* for Barking Gecko Theatre Company. His works, *A Very Black Comedy Indeed* and *Juice*, have also been published by Playlab Press. Stephen's feature film credit is *Bored Olives*.

There will be a 20-minute interval between Act I and Act II

The bar will be open and drinks are permitted into the theatre

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THE CAST

Rob / Zac

ZANE SARCHETT

Zane left Mackay State High School last year and is now a 2nd year Electrical Fitter and Winder apprentice. Zane became involved in *Blurred* after encouragement from his Mum and although he wasn't at all sure at first, he's now enjoying the experience immensely. Considering how well he's handling a double role, we are certainly hoping to see him along to Kucom again.

Eric / Bradley

PHILLIP BURKE

Phillip has been studying drama since the age of six and has been a regular competitor in the local eisteddfod. Although he no longer studies formally, after the excellent experience of *Skate*, he couldn't resist *Blurred*. Phillip is a St Pat's student who is leaning towards law or journalism as a career. But he intends to keep up the theatre habit as an excellent pastime and a great way to meet people, no matter where you are in the big wide world.

Freda

LETITIA O'BRIEN

Letitia also attends St Pat's and has had an interest in drama since starting classes at age 9. Other than appearing in *Skate* in 2005, and this year's Theatre Sports Mackay program, eisteddfods have been Letitia's only performance outlets and so she is especially looking forward to the 6 performances of *Blurred*. Although she knows it's a hard and unpredictable road, Letitia hopes to make a career on the stage or screen and has NIDA in her sights!

Danny

AARON FINLAYSON

Aaron is a student at Mackay Christian College where he has studied speech and drama since year 8. He has also competed in the Mackay eisteddfod and performed in the MCC lunch box concert. Aaron has his eye on other stars as he intends to pursue a career as a pilot once finishing school, but he has particularly enjoyed being a part of *Blurred* and hopes to keep theatre a part of his future as an excellent pastime and social activity.

Lynette

ELLIE HUTTON
Ellie is a St Pat's student who has been studying drama since year 7 and has also competed in the Mackay eisteddfod regularly. This is Ellie's first experience with a drama group outside of school and she would do it again in a heartbeat. After school Ellie hopes to be accepted into WAPA in Perth, but no matter where, she intends to study drama with a focus on screen acting.

Pete

ROHAN TURNER
Rohan loves his music, and his performance credits with Wakikirri, Mackay Christian College Lunch Box Concert and Rock Pop Mime reflect that, but he also likes straight theatre and has studied speech and drama at MCC since year 8. The subject of *Blurred*, schoolies, intrigued Rohan along with the opportunity to work with an entirely different group of people. Rohan is undecided as to future career possibilities, but intends to keep performing as a hobby.

Jillian

TENEILLE HAMWOOD
Like Zane, Teneille is already out in the 'real world', working as a cadet drafter for River City Homes in Mackay. Although being a draftsperson has been Teneille's career focus since year 7, she has always enjoyed performing and was an avid TAM student all the way through high school. *Blurred* is Teneille's first experience of a stage production outside of school or TAM and she hopes to audition for Kucom again in the future.

Yolanda

KERRI HENDERSON
Kerri is a student at Holy Spirit College and loves all things drama. Kerri is also a student of Theatre Arts Mackay (TAM) and competes in the Mackay eisteddfod. *Blurred* is her first experience of a theatre production outside of school or TAM and is enjoying the whole experience – SO MUCH! Kerri hopes to make a career in teaching drama after university as well as performing for local theatre groups – like Kucom.

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Amanda

RHIANNON SHEPHERD
Rhiannon attends Whitsunday Anglican College and *Blurred* is her second experience with Kucom after she appeared in *Skate* in 2005. Rhiannon is a busy girl in the performance arena being a dancer and singer, and acting whenever the opportunity arises. She is also a keen basketball player and swimmer!! Rhiannon hopes to take a year after school to assist drama teachers in Canada before going to University to make performance teaching her career. But she'll always be along to auditions as well.....

Thelma

CATTEE DODDING
St Patrick's College student Cattee says she has always been involved in any school based drama she could get her feet into. *Blurred* is Cattee's first taste of being part of a theatre production outside of school which she feels is a bit more challenging in some respects, but even more fun! Cattee has NIDA or overseas drama studies as top of her list for the future.

Loulou

CHELLY RAYMOND
Chelly has only recently moved to Mackay from Bundaberg where she was involved in productions with the Bundaberg Amateur Theatre Group, as well as school productions. Chelly has found that being a part of *Blurred* has introduced her to a whole group of people in Mackay she probably wouldn't have met otherwise, which makes settling into a new town much easier for a teenager. Chelly's not sure how she's going to do it, but she knows performance should be part of her future and is prepared to work to make it happen.

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THE CREW

Assistant Director / Sound & Lighting / Computer 'stuff'

SAM HASSETT
Sam is our own local legend with a string of stage credits that belies his short 20 years. He became involved with Kucom through the Theatre Sports Mackay Program back in 2003 and was the lead male in *Skate* (2005). Apart from all his stage appearances for Kucom and Mackay Comedy Players, he has also 'nearly finished' his teaching degree at CQU. Sam is now a member of the Kucom Committee and bringing ideas and views to the company that only a 20 year old could do!

Stage Manager / Props

AMANDA MURPHY
Amanda has been a theatre enthusiast since ... forever, and brought her talent for improvisation to the fore during the 2006 and 2007 Theatre Sports Mackay programs. Amanda is also a member of the Kucom Committee and never fails to come up with ideas that blow us all away. Amanda is an apprentice fitter (blue collar and grease never looked so good) who also works part time in local radio promotions AND works in hospitality AND does all this stuff for Kucom!! Heaven help us if she ever finds the coffee jar…

THE PRODUCTION CREW

Director	Betsy Atkinson
Director's Assistants	Sam Hassett Amanda Murphy Kath Ward
Stage Manager	Amanda Murphy
Sound and Lighting / Computer Imagery	Sam Hassett
Props	Amanda Murphy
Production Coordinator	Donna Priddle
Front of HouseCoordinator	John Atkinson
Program	Taffy's Typing Service

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What's next at Kucom?

The Exorcism

by Don Taylor
directed by Tessa King

Auditions will be held at Kucom Playhouse
on 2 September 2007 at 2pm
Season dates:
16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30 November and 1 December

at Kucom Theatre Playhouse
Shakespeare Street, Mackay

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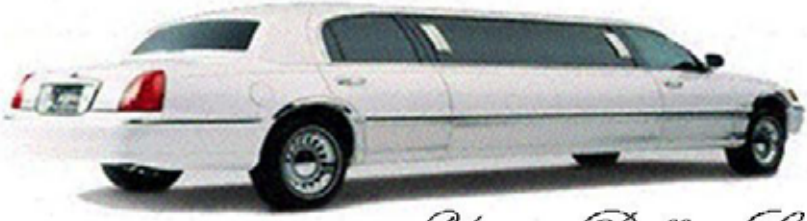

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