Crew

Paula Bate Director Paula Bate Set Design Susan Carveth Costume Caroline Gage Stage Manager Assistant Stage Manager John O'Brien-Hall Michael Schell Lighting Design Meg Mooney Lighting Operator Cheryl Lawson Sound Operator Anne Power Grant Fraser, Paul Gilbert Set Construction Members of the Company Helen Cambourn, Meg Mooney Set Dressing Grant Fraser Photography Karen O'Brien-Hall Programme

Thank you

As most of you are aware, the theatre was damaged by fire on 10 August 2004.

Due to the swift response of the City of Sydney Parking Officers, who reported the fire, and the Fire Department who arrived within 5 minutes, the damage was confined to the stage area and back wall. Likewise, our Insurers, Builders and Restorers have done a wonderful job of completing their work so that our seasons have only been minimally affected.

With a minimum of fuss, MCA Ticketing contacted everyone to cancel performances and rebook as necessary. Many of you sent messages of goodwill – as usual you came through when we needed your support.

On behalf of the Board and Members, thank you all.

Karen O'Brien-Hall Theatre Director

60TH ANNIVERSARY

It's our Birthday and you are invited to join our celebrations on

16 October, 2004 Anniversary Dinner Harold Park Paceway

We sincerely hope that Subscribers and Patrons will join our Membership at this event. Booking information and further details available at our website

www.genesiantheatre.com.au or MCA Ticketing 9645 1611

FORTHCOMING PRODUCTION

Verdict

By Agatha Christie

Directed by Joyce Birch

6 November to 11 December 2004

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2004/5 are still available via

> MCA TICKETING 9645 1611 www.mca-tix.com

By special arrangement with Dominie Pty Limited The Game is for the Crown The Strategy is Murder Written by **Tames Goldman** Directed by Paula Bate A 60th Anniversary Production from Sydney's Unique Little Theatre Genesian Theatre Company

18 September

to 30 October 2004

Director's Note

"The Lion in Winter" is not historical. The characters of course are. Henry, Eleanor, their sons Richard, Geoffrey & John, together with Alais and Philip, all lived and touched history's page and therefore touched our lives.

James Goldman was a prolific writer and many of his novels, plays and screenplays are based on history, a subject which he clearly loved.

Speaking about his historical characters Goldman said, "I read about the things they did, I studied them and then imagined what they felt, thought and said and wanted from their lives. What they were really like of course, no-one will ever know. The truth of things is always underneath, it has to be imagined."

A classic of the stage, "Lion in Winter" covers the Plantagenet family Christmas of 1183. It covers six locations within Chinon Castle, but except for a bit of furniture moving the locations are left to the audience's imagination.

The action in this play comes from the dialogue and appeals to our wit and intellect – therefore let our imaginations do the work. They create far more capably than any set builder.

Paula Bate Director

Cast

(in order of appearance)

Alais	Katie Gompertz
Henry	Dave Went
John	Daniel Jackson
Geoffrey	Anthony Stirling-Edgar
Richard	Sean Skuthorp
Eleanor	Pamela Rome
Philip	Patrick Magee

Setting

The Castle at Chinon - Christmas Eve 1183

The Chember of Alois

Act 1 Sc1:	The Chamber of Alais
Act 1 Sc 2:	The Reception Room - immediately following
Act 1 Sc 3:	Eleanor's Chamber – a short time later
Act 1 Sc 4	Reception Room - immediately following
Act 1 Sc 5	Eleanor's Chamber – shortly after
Act 1 Sc 6	Philip's Chamber – immediately following
	Interval Of 15 Minutes
Act 2 Sc 1:	The Chamber of Henry – shortly after Sc 6
Act 2 Sc 2:	The Chamber of Alais - early next morning
Act 2 Sc 3:	The Wine Cellar - immediately following.