



Joe Bauer and Rita Artman

**The Killage** had its premiere at Palace Cinemas last month, The **Artspear** team has since had international distribution interest and were also given a slot on **31 Digital** for their tv show **The Void** as a result.

**The Killage** is screening at the **Bram Stoker International Film Festival** in **Whitby** on **Halloween** and was also accepted into **Crystal Palace International Film Festival** in **London**.



# The Actors Workshop

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## Industry News

### QNFA Gets a makeover...

The 25th Village Roadshow Studios Queensland New Filmmakers Awards (QNFA) is now open for entries and has a new look and structure. "The entire event is now streamlined by reducing the number of categories by two-thirds to 13, focussing on significant areas in filmmaking deserving of recognition." We have also dropped the age barrier so that participants over 30-years-old can now enter. "Entries for the QNFA close at 5pm on 27 September 2011. For full details on how to apply, applicants should visit the BIFF website at [www.biff.com.au/qnfa](http://www.biff.com.au/qnfa).



### Best in Show

**Tegan Devine's** self devised show **Group** played at the **Beenleigh Arts Theatre Drama Festival**, **The Brisbane Festival of One Act plays** and the **Ipswich One Act Play Theatre Festival** last month. It won **2nd Best play** for the entire **Brisbane Arts Drama Festival** and **Kyle O'Brien** won **best supporting male actor**.



Emma Corkery, Kyle O'Brien, Susan Omar, Kathy Kunde, Ellen Hardisty, Brian Bolton, Tara Konig and Tegan Devine.



Tegan Devine

The show features Workshopers **Tegan Devine, Susan Omar, Ellen Hardisty, Emma Corkery** and **Tara Konig**.

**Brisbane Arts** has now approached **Tegan** to expand the show into a two act play.

## Friends of the Workshop

**Mungo McKay** and **Nathan Wright** shot **1848** directed by **Simon Taylor** for **Griffith University**. The short film is about **Ludwig Leichardt's** last expedition across **Queensland**, from which he never returned. Many Workshopers also participated in **Griffith's** Directing Workshops last week, as we enjoy doing every year!



Mungo McKay and Nathan Wright: 1848



We'd also like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to **Jill Shearer** for generously donating 30 autographed copies of her esteemed play **Georgia** to the school. Jill's bio can be viewed [here](#), where you can also purchase your own copy online.

### The Noticeboard



Maintenance with Mungo McKay, Rob Griffiths and Johancee Theron.

Maintenance class starts again for a 4 week block Tuesday October 11th. **BOOK NOW! Ph 3891 1411**

This month we welcome back **Ann Winson**, taking the reins in voice class after the departure of **Anna O'Hara**. Anna has left to pursue her work at **APSA**. We wish her well!

## Eye of the Alumni: The Theatre Thespians

### James Lipton eat your heart out....

Tune in to **31 Digital** Wednesday nights at 8:30pm and you're in for a treat. **The Theatre Thespians** created by graduate **Dinny Dinsdale** and her creative partner **Emma Gover**, is a **Brisbane Arts and Culture** show dedicated to sharing the creative expression of local actors, artists and film and theatre creatives of all types – an underground look at the true experiences and thoughts of the artists themselves.

An interview style show, **Dinny** says working in this format is an art-form in itself, producing for TV as well as hosting each provide their own challenges. **Dinny** already had a fair amount of experience through her studies at the Workshop, but for **Emma**, it is all very new, and the learning curve has been steep and fast! "...Hosting interviews is wildly challenging while dealing with (my own) on camera-jitters! Before the show my only camera experience was a morning shooting a chocolate bar commercial in **Mumbai**. Gaining an understanding of the industry is a great challenge!" Dedicated to fostering a real sense of community, rather than competition **Dinny** advises upcoming actors: "Be patient but work hard! Don't compete. Try not to judge your work too much as it is all a process and takes the energy away from your own growth. And perhaps most importantly: "Dont take yourself too seriously. The industry eventually gets bored of pretention."

The duo hope for **The Theatre Thespians** to "grow as a space for artists to share their creativity and facilitate connectivity and increased interest in local **Brisbane** theatre and film."

**The Theatre Thespians** are currently seeking locally produced short films/animations/music videos etc to showcase on **31 Digital**, the only community TV station in **QLD**. Contact **The Theatre thespians** at [theatretthespians@gmail.com](mailto:theatretthespians@gmail.com)



The Theatre Thespians: Dinny Dinsdale and Emma Gover

## In the Works

- \* **Barbara Baugh** performed in **Deadly Stories**, part of **NAIDOC** week, performing **Cristilee Louttit's** deadly story. She is also currently shooting a commercial for **711 Convenience Stores**.
- \* **Robyn Moore** has filmed **Bad Karma** with **Ray Liotta** and **Dominic Purcell** directed by **Suri Krishnamma** produced by **Limelight International Media Entertainment**.
- \* **Emma Randall** and **Rob Griffiths** shot the 1950's mystery short **What's He Building?** directed by **Josh Calder**.
- \* **Greg Stone** will play **Dr. Ferguson** in **Nash Theatre's** production of **Fall of the House of Usher** directed by **Gillian Graham**.
- \* **Sarah McKinlay** has completed a job presenting for a **New Zealand** national communications company **Gen-i**.
- \* **Monette Lee** has been named the new artist in residence at the **Gold Coast City Arts Centre** and will be performing a one woman show **The Blonde the Brunnette and the Vengeful Redhead** for 2 weeks at the **Gold Coast** and then touring to **SE QLD**.
- \* **Andrew Lowe** had shot 3 short films last month – **Absent** for the **JMC Academy**, **No Escape** for **GC International Film College**, and **Zombie U** for **Bond University**.
- \* **Anna O'Hara** has scored the role of **Titania** in **Heartbeast's** production of **Oberon** running **December 2nd-17th**.
- \* **Jermia Turner** is rehearsing **Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** directed by **Steven Pimm** for the **Beenleigh Theatre Group**. The show runs from the 21st of October to the 12th of November.
- \* **Nathan Wright** is playing the lead role of **Ben** in a **QUT** final year film called **Ache** - written and directed by **Alexander Brinkworth**. **Nathan's** also shooting **QUT** film **Don't Fear the Reaper**, a comedy directed by **Anthony Walsh**.
- \* **The Void** produced by the **Artspear** crew for **Bris 31** is currently in production and features many Workshopers including **Rob Jenkins, Carmel Savage, Rita Artman, Lawrence Silver, Loretta Kung, Niki-J Price, Greg Stone, Chris Peppel, Rob Griffiths** and **Paige Wilcox**. **The Void** will screen **Wednesdays** from the 26th of October at 9pm on **31 Digital**.
- \* **Niki-J Price** recently played **Lucy Dean** in **Mixed Company's Secret Bridesmaid's Business** at **The Visy, Powerhouse**, and in **Dead Puppet Society's The Harbinger** at **La Boite**. **Niki** also fight directed for **4MBS 12th Night** for **Bulimba** and **Sandgate Shakespeare Festival**, and **QTC's Cat on A Hot Tin Roof**; the up and coming **I Feel Awful (Black Lung)** and **No Man's Land**. She also fight directed the short film **Silver Stiletto** directed by **Luke Mayze** featuring **Robyn Moore** and **Peter Adams**.
- \* **Sally Pitts** will play **Maleficent** in **Sleeping Beauty** for **Alpha Theatre Shows**. She will be touring with the show for 2 months.
- \* **Michael Thomson** has shot 3 new commercials for **Heritage Building Society** which started airing on the 7th August. Along with this his **XXXX Gold** commercials have been extended to **February 2012**.
- \* **Loretta Kung** shot **QUT** short film **Grace** as well as a **Dexter Phone App Video** with **Lucid Living Pictures** at **JMC Academy**.
- \* **Georgina Symes'** solo show **Uta-uba-kool-Ja** will be showing at **The Cullen** - part of the **Art Series Hotel** in **Prahan, Melbourne**. From **Sep 21st @ the Melbourne Fringe Festival**.