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TAZ Playwrights launches into a new theatrical era with the “write stuff”!

TAZ Entertainment has launched WA’s first agency representing new and emerging playwrights, aptly named “TAZ Playwrights”.

For the past four years, TAZ Entertainment has been promoting theatre and music events across metropolitan and regional WA.

In promoting a variety of vibrant community and professional theatres – matched with her own personal involvement in theatre for the past 20 years – TAZ Entertainment director Melanie DeCull has witnessed some remarkable plays created by many talented up-and-coming playwrights.

“Many have been recognised through organisations such as the Independent Theatre Association and its annual State One-Act Drama Festival and Finley Awards,” DeCull said. “Some have even received national commendations.”

TAZ Entertainment is now representing these select playwrights and their one-act and full-length plays, musicals and screenplays, promoting the works to numerous theatre clubs, schools, groups and organisations around Australia and beyond.

“There is an outstanding array of talent in our state that needs further encouragement and representation,” DeCull said. “Our new and emerging playwrights have limited forums in which to promote their scripts and some either don’t have the time or the know-how on where to start.”

“We will also be advising and nurturing our playwrights with other outlets, which will ultimately assist with their own growth and development.”

DeCull says she expects TAZ Playwrights to grow to cater for established playwrights in the near future.

“Having the encouraging support of Stages WA, the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance, Independent Theatre Association and writers’ centres, our playwrights will be kept well-informed and up-to-date on the various initiatives, workshops and events available to them,” she said.

Promoting various theatre and music events in WA certainly keeps DeCull’s TAZ team on its toes and exceptionally busy – yet DeCull also personally finds the time to co-host the Access 31 television program on theatre, *The Green Room*, nominated for best arts program in the National 2008 Antenna Awards.

Prospective directors and theatre clubs interested in producing new and exciting plays should go to www.tazentertainment.com.au and click on TAZ Playwrights where they can explore various offerings from playwrights and also read script samples.

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