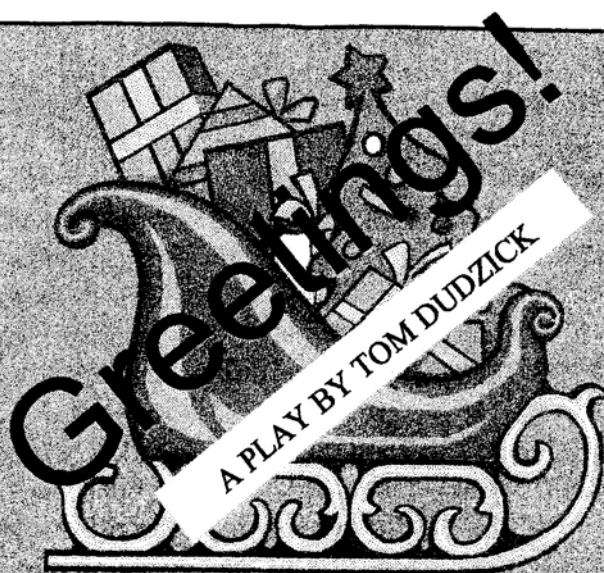




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CAST OF CHARACTERS

(In order of appearance)

Andy Gorski.....	Abraham Leighton
Randi Stein.....	Jodi Pattinson
Mickey Gorski.....	Ken Passfield
Emily Gorski.....	Cindy Foster
Phil Gorski.....	John Atkinson

Voice of stewardess.....**Gaby Nascone**

Voice of Captain.....**Doug Koschel**

PRODUCTION CREW

Stage Manager	Cheryl Mitchell
Set Design	Doug Koschel, Gerri Koschel, Gaby Nascone, Keith Jennings
Set Construction	Keith Jennings
Set Decoration	Keith Jennings, Doug & Gerri Koschel, cast
Stage Crew	Gerri Koschel, Keith Jennings
Lighting/Sound	Carolann Hill, Butch Bernet
Costumes	Gerri Koschel, cast
Publicity	Doug Koschel, Keith Jennings, cast
Programme/Flyers	Doug Koschel, Keith Jennings
Front of House/Bar	Kucom members & friends
Makeup/Hair	Delma Odger, cast
Props/Furniture	Doug & Gerri Koschel, Keith Jennings, Heather MacTavish, cast
Food Preparation	Gerri Koschel

A SYNOPSIS OF THE PLAY

Greetings! concerns an American family during the festive season. Phil Gorski is a grumpy old sod and Emily is his long-suffering wife. They have a 'special' son, Mickey, who is always happy, no matter what, and who gives no clues as to what plans he has for his beloved family. It's Christmas and Mickey's older brother Andy arrives home with his Jewish fiancée, Randi. It is soon after Andy and Randi's arrival that unusual and somewhat miraculous things start to occur.

GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

This play is something special and I know I have gathered up five 'special' actors to deliver it to you in a most extraordinary way. *Greetings!* is a comedy, but it has always fascinated me because of everything else it has to offer the audience. The play is set in the U.S. of A. but I have chosen not to use accents, because I firmly believe that, unless they're done correctly, they can be appallingly awful. I thank the cast members profusely for their hard work and dedication and I thank the crew, front of house, tickets sellers *et al.* A huge thank you to my Assistant Director, **Gaby**, a Gargantuan thank you to my wife, **Gerri**, for her unending help and patience with me, and a humungous thank you to **Keith Jennings** for his ideas and the wherewithal to make them work. Please enjoy!

the directors

Doug Koschel has been directing for some years, even having the pleasure of directing two of Mel Gibson's sisters. His last effort with Kucom was the successful *Fred* in 2001. He loves all aspects of theatre (having got bitten by the bug as late as 1993) & he has served his apprenticeship as an actor. His favourite personal role, to date, has been that of Mr Mushnik in *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Gabriela (Gaby) Nascone is the Assistant Director. She has been singing since the tender age of five when she performed an impromptu but impressive 'Hallelujah' right in the middle of Mass!

She came to the Con. in Mackay to pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music and the Performing Arts. Gaby considers her work with *Greetings!* to be a huge learning experience &...'At this time'...would like you to sit back, relax & enjoy.

THE PLAYERS

John Atkinson has been a regular performer with Kucom Theatre for 14 years. Some highlights of his career have been as the Rev. John Hale in *The Crucible* & Clancy in *The Shifting Heart*. In 2002 he won the Best Actor Award at both the Townsville & Mackay One-Act Play Festivals in a play called *The End of the*

Picnic. This year he feels he has been a little typecast as a cradle-snatcher, so, in contrast, he is really enjoying playing the part of grumpy old Phil in *Greetings!*

Cindy Foster's debut role was in Tasmania as an umbrella girl in the song & dance number *Singin' in the Rain*. She was the ripe old age of three. What followed was 15 years of dancing, acting & singing. Her love of performing has seen her appear in many fabulous shows, with her favourite role (thus far) being that of Verna Kelly in *Chicago*. **Cindy** was lured all the way from Tassie to Mackay to study at the Con. & she aims to appear in many local productions while she's here. She has really enjoyed her involvement in *Greetings!* & hopes that you love the show.

Abraham Leighton first became interested in drama at High School, appearing in classics by Shakespeare, Dylan Thomas, et cetera. After school he got into amateur theatre, then moved from New Zealand to Australia, intending to become a full-time actor. He has since decided to pursue music at the Con. here in Mackay, where he is studying Jazz Guitar. He wants to get into more acting in the future.

Ken Passfield began performing with the Mackay Musical Comedy Players at age 13 & continues to this day, having appeared in shows such as *Guys and Dolls* & *Les Misérables*. This is his second venture with Kucom Theatre, after *My Three Angels* a few years ago. *Greetings!* is a nice change for Ken & he has enjoyed the role

of Mickey. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he does performing in it.

Jodi Pattinson's appearance in *Greetings!* is her first in a stageplay & also her first with Kucom Theatre. She has appeared in many musicals in Townsville &, as a member of the Townsville Choral Society, has appeared in the NQ Eisteddfod. She is excited about her involvement in *Greetings!*

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

Three One-Act Plays in March/April 2004. Auditions will be held on February 4, 2004

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