

The legend of the Mummy is re-born at Bowral High!

21 - 23 May saw the staging of the first musical production in two years at Bowral High. "Curse of the Mummy" certainly brought in the crowds as the cast members, dancers, band and technical crew delivered a top rate show, full of colour, laughs and catchy musical numbers.

These photos, mostly captured during final rehearsals, show the main characters weaving a mystical story of legends, curses, suspicion and of course, the quest to find the elusive Tomb of Kasaan.

The colourful characters included an eccentric archeologist (Professor Nolan), an outrageous cook and the world's worst singer (Mrs Scragg), the hero and dashing student of archeology (Roger), the heroine and professor's daughter (Georgina), a mystical soothsayer (Lytia), two rather nasty servants of the Professor (Ruma and Ra'an), a nervous Secretary for Antiquities from the Egyptian Embassy (Akram), Georgina's close girlfriends (Helen, Sarah and Mary) and of course, the Mummy.

Along with cameo performances by natives, flappers, a high priest, followers of Kasaan and even three transvestites, the show provided an engaging night of entertainment. The sets moved seamlessly from Professor Nolan's 1920's drawing room to the jungles of Africa, the desert sands of Egypt and the Tomb of Kasaan thanks to the slick teamwork of the back stage crew.

For the first time, all Year 7 students were involved in a Bowral High production, featuring as a colourful chorus who joined the cast for many of the musical numbers. With over 160 voices adding energy and vitality to songs like "We'll dig that desert" and "You can't kill a legend", the "Curse" band could really pull out all stops.

There were many memorable moments over the three public performances and two schools matinees. DVDs of images (courtesy of MK Images) and the Saturday matinee performance (courtesy of Ken Silburn), will be available for purchase from the Finance Office in the near future. There are a few "Curse of the Mummy" special T shirts still available for sale (\$15), again from the Finance Office.

The cast and crew would like to thank all staff who gave up so much of their personal time after school and on weekends to rehearse the show, make costumes, paint and make sets, and provide front of house support in order to bring the show to such a professional standard.

The first question on most of the students' lips was "When is the next one?", to which the staff sank into the nearest chair with exhaustion just considering the idea! "Curse of the Mummy" involved over a quarter of the school, forging new friendships between students across years 7 - 12 and unearthing previously undiscovered singing and acting talents. In addition, much valuable learning occurred as a result of involvement in the show, providing yet another example of the power of authentic experiences to engage students. Well done everyone and thanks for a great few months of work and an outstanding show!

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