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High Profile Patrons for local theatre company

When Blue Mountains actor Joe Dicker founded Nonsensical Thespian Troupe (NTT Productions) in 1997, three ideals formed its basis - high quality comedy productions by local actors, performing in local theatres and being performed for the people of Sydney's West.

In the past year alone, NTT has brought three high quality theatrical experiences to Penrith's Q Theatre. The Aussie hit *Secret Bridesmaids' Business*, the children's panto *Sleeping Beauty*, and the musical comedy *Lend Me A Tenor*. All held to the same three original ideals - they made audiences laugh, utilised the talents of outstanding local actors and were of a standard second to none.

Because of these standards, two high profile icons of showbiz have recently become the official Patrons of NTT Productions - Australia's favourite comic actor, star of *The Castle* and *Strange Bedfellows*, Michael Caton, and recording artist, TV & radio presenter and one-time King of Pop, John Paul Young. They are an indication of the Company's pledge to comedy and high ideals, and both appreciate the standards that NTT has held since its inception.

Their current production, *Sylvia*, continues their record of theatrical excellence. Featuring four well-known Penrith actors in six varied roles from a dog to a paranoid psychologist, *Sylvia* tells the story of Greg who, unhappy in his work and facing a mid-life crisis, meets a mysterious lady in the park and finds his world changed forever. He knows nothing of her past but can't imagine a future without her. Not surprisingly, his wife Kate has other ideas! It's the eternal triangle with a twist - Sylvia is a real 'dog'!

To find out which species wins the battle - woman or canine - join Michael Caton, JPY and the growing numbers of theatre goers who have already discovered NTT Productions.

Sylvia plays Penrith's Q Theatre Thursday December 2 to Saturday December 4 at 8pm, with matinees Saturday Dec 4 at 2pm, and Sunday December 5 at 1pm a& 6pm.

Tickets are \$23 / \$18 and bookings can be made on 1300 766 182, 0414 714447 or at www.nttproductions.com.