



MEDIA RELEASE

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TWO SHOWS ABOUT LIGHTHOUSES. VISIT CAPE SCHANCK FOR A SPECIAL MAYDAY EVENT.

Chrissie Shaw and SmallShows present a feast of lighthouse tales in two specially written plays, one for children, one for adults.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM by Greg Lissaman and Chrissie Shaw, is for the 5 to 12 year olds. It tells a cracking good story about children living in an exciting and isolated place—a lighthouse island! Nikki was a lighthouse kid in the 1950s. As an older woman she pays a visit to her childhood home, and recreates her island and her family's life there. From her hair-raising journey to get to the island, to school in the kitchen, her special chores to help her Lightkeeper dad, and the disastrous Christmas when the supplies had to be dropped from a plane, this is a tale of adventure. When the anxious Mrs Ingram blows in from 1910, her tales of life on the island so long ago are even more hair-raising!

THE KEEPER: a Gothic Tale of Light and Dark by Penelope Bartlau and Chrissie Shaw, is a spooky tale for the grownups. It recaptures a series of dramatic events on a remote lighthouse island many years ago. These events have a profound effect on two sisters, daughters of the Second Lightkeeper. Based on actual accounts of lighthouse life in the early Twentieth Century, *The Keeper* gives a mesmerizing glimpse at a time and a life-style now gone. Dramatic, at times gothic, but told with engaging, gentle charm, *The Keeper* reveals a child's secret, and unravels a tale of love, loss, and survival above the odds. The narrative is spun using a number of performance methods: song, storytelling, documentary comment, and table-top theatre using objects as puppets.

Never doubt the power of simple, evocative story telling. Like the best bedtime story or campfire yarn, *The Keeper* gently lulls us into a beautiful, mysterious world and never leaves out the scary or the sad bits...This is theatre that respects its audience and trusts in the power and originality of the watchers' imaginations. Anne-Marie Peard, *Aussietheatre.com* May 2009

VENUE: Cape Schanck Lightstation

DATE: Saturday May 15th

TIMES: Children Show 2pm

: Adult Show 6.30pm

PRICES: Adult \$17.00 Show \$25.00 Show and Lighthouse tour

: Children \$12.00 Show \$20.00 Show and Lighthouse tour

All prices include entry into the Museum Accommodation on application.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOWS, AND IMAGES ARE AVAILABLE FROM
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