



Greetings I T Friends

Although a great many actors have been involved in Independent Theatre productions over the years there has always been a core ensemble of performers.

Because of this there have been some interesting on stage relationships. For example I have been Lyn Wilson's dad as well as being her husband. I have also been father to both Rob Croser and David Roach. So that makes these three siblings, right? Are you following me?



But Lyn has also married both of these gents! It's enough to give a raised eyebrow a hernia.

However all of this pales into insignificance in our next presentation, the wonderful *Les Trois Dumas*. Then we marry off those two delightful young actors Shedrick Yarkpai and Kate Wyatt, seen here in Mr Johnson, and give them a son, David Roach. Blimey!!



You might get a chance to say G'day to the fantastic bloke who made this bizarre event possible if you attend on Opening Night of this remarkable play.

It will be our great pleasure to welcome Charles Smith back to Adelaide to work with Rob and cast of *Les Trois Dumas*. American playwright, Charles, was here early last year assisting with the production of his *Free Man of Colour* and very quickly became part of our company.



We are grateful that he has accepted the invitation to come back to be involved with the presentation of another of his works in which he has "outdumased" the Dumas family.

After sitting in on the first read through, I can't wait to see a performance of this most enjoyable story. Packed with all

manner of historic characters from Napoleon to Victor Hugo, it is a riot with the occasional sword fight thrown in for good measure.

We are often in awe of the prodigious ability in theatre of our Artistic Director, Rob, but I thought you might be interested to read of his accomplishments in another aspect of his ultra busy life. Here are a few excerpts from a recent article in The Law Society Bulletin.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA LAWYER WINS 2010 NATIONAL CHILDREN'S LAW AWARD

"Rob Croser, a solicitor employed by the Legal Services Commission, representing children in care and protection has been recognised for his dedication to advancing the legal rights and interests of children by winning the prestigious national award for outstanding legal representation of the rights and interests of children and young people.

Rob was presented with his award by the Honourable Catherine Branson QC, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, in a ceremony held in Sydney on 16 April 2010, organised by the National Children's Youth and Law Council



Rob has acted as a legal representative for children in the Adelaide Youth Court since 1981 in the majority of care and protection applications brought under the Children's Protection Act. He has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to develop rapport with and gain the trust of the children he represents. Many of these children come from socially disadvantaged backgrounds and many have been subjected to abuse and neglect.

They are the most vulnerable members of our community. The empathy and compassion shown by Rob in dealing with these children is extraordinary. He is often prepared to go beyond the strict legal issues of his brief to ensure that the appropriate services, whether counselling, education or other supports are put in place before agreeing to the application being finalised.

The judges of the award were most impressed with Rob's extraordinary commitment and accomplishments over 30 years of practising in the jurisdiction. In more recent times there has been an increase in the number of children from refugee families coming before the Youth Court, particularly from war ravaged African countries. His manner of dealing with these children and his capacity empathise with a variety of cultural difficulties is praiseworthy."

Rob says the evening was made more special by the fact that he and Catherine Branson were at Law School together. Well done "my son".

Regards Allen Munn