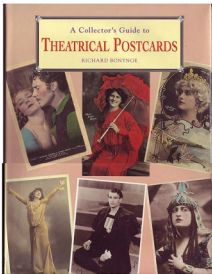


A Collector's Guide to Theatrical Postcards by Richard Bonyng



I have always been attracted by postcards of stage stars and have quite a few in my collection but was not aware of this book until it was mentioned to me by Peter Goers.

I was fortunate enough to see the book at a local club and snapped it up while I could.

The book was first published in 1988 by Craftsman House, and this edition was published in 1993 by Grange Books.

In the Foreword Richard Bonyng describes the rise in popularity of the postcard, not only in the mailing of them in the late 1800's and early 1900's but also in the collecting of them. He talks of his own personal collection and his quest to learn more about the lives and careers of the people featured on the cards and how interesting and at times elusive the gathering of this information has been.

Because of the knowledge he gained Richard Bonyng has

been able to create whole chapters devoted to different types of theatrics. These include Ballet, Music Hall, Circus, Cinema, Theatre Advertising, Drama, and Shakespeare, also publications and auction houses, and an index of the names of the stars pictured on the cards. There are also sections on Opera and Theatre Composers, Musical Comedy and Theatres.

The layout of the book shows pictures of postcards on the right page with a corresponding description on the left page of the artist's name and personal details, along with the publisher and type of printing of the card. This is followed by a short description of the training they have undertaken along with performances and career achievements.

A very interesting and informative book covering many performers and cards.

AROUND AUSTRALIA - BRISBANE (Continued)

along the floodplain of the Brisbane River valley between the bay and the Great Dividing Range. While the metropolitan area is governed by several municipalities, a large proportion of central Brisbane is governed by the Brisbane City Council which is Australia's largest Local Government Area by population.

Brisbane is named after the river on which it sits which, in turn was named after Scotsman Sir Thomas Brisbane, the Governor of New South Wales from 1821 to 1825. The first European settlement in Queensland was a penal colony at Redcliffe, 28 kilometres north of the Brisbane CBD, in 1824. That settlement was soon abandoned and moved to North Quay in 1825. Free settlers were permitted from 1842. Brisbane was chosen as the capital when Queensland was proclaimed a separate colony from New South Wales in 1859.



Parliament House, Brisbane.

German missionaries settled at Zions Hill, Nundah, as early as 1837, five years before Brisbane was officially declared a free settlement. They were allocated 260 hectares and set about establishing the mission, which became known as German Station.

A convict built windmill, later an observatory, built in 1828 still stands. The attached treadmill made the windmill useful both for grinding corn and for mass punishment. By 1840 all surviving convicts had returned to Sydney and, for white Australians at least, Brisbane became a free settlement. Another building from this period is open to the public today. Newstead House, built in 1846, for a time served as an unofficial Government House.



The city played a central role in the Allied campaign during World War II as the South West Pacific headquarters for General Douglas MacArthur. Brisbane has hosted many large cultural and sporting events including the 1982 Commonwealth Games, World Expo '88, and the final Goodwill Games in 2001.

## AROUND AUSTRALIA - BRISBANE (Continued)

Pre-1950 housing was often built in an architectural style known as a Queenslander, featuring timber construction with large verandahs and high ceilings. The relatively low cost of timber in South-East Queensland meant that until recently most residences were constructed of timber, rather than brick or stone. Many of these houses are elevated on stumps (also called "stilts"), that were originally timber, but are now frequently replaced by steel or concrete.

Major public works carried out by the State government under Joh Bjelke-Petersen included the Riverside Expressway, the Gateway Bridge, and later the redevelopment of South Bank, starting with the Queensland Art Gallery.

Public transport is provided by bus, rail and ferry services. Bus services are operated by public and private operators whereas trains and ferries are operated by public agencies. The Brisbane CBD is the central hub for all public transport with services focusing on Queen Street Bus Station, Roma Street and Central railway stations, and various city ferries wharves. Brisbane's CityCat high speed ferry service, popular with tourists and commuters, operates along the Brisbane River between the University of Queensland and Apollo Road.

Trams in Brisbane were a popular mode of public transport until the network closed in 1959.

Popular tourist and recreation areas in Brisbane include the South Bank Parklands, Roma Street Parkland, the City Botanic Gardens, Brisbane Forest Park and Portside Wharf. The Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary opened in 1927 and was the world's first koala sanctuary.



The University of Queensland by Marlett Publishers, Australia.



Brisbane has a growing live music scene, both popular and classical. The Queensland Ballet, Opera Queensland, Queensland Theatre Company and other performance art groups stage performances in different venues. The Brisbane Powerhouse in New Farm and the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts on Brunswick Street in Fortitude Valley also feature diverse programs featuring **AROUND AUSTRALIA - BRIS-**

## CAN YOU HELP - By David Edwards

For many years I have been going to schools during October Stamp Month. My job was to talk to all the children and explain about Stamp Month, then ask questions about the subject and hand out prizes which were provided by Australia Post by the box load, depending on how many children were at each school. At one October Stamp Month I visited 17 schools and traveled many hundreds of kilometers in the process.

This year I was informed, much to my dismay, that the coloring in sheet in the giveaway pack was and always has been a Post card.

The postcards that I have managed to get are shown here but there are a lot missing. Would any kind person sell me one of each card that has been published before, preferably not a coloured in copy.

I can be contacted on (08) 8250084.

Thanks in advance, David



**WALK-OVER SHOES ADVERTISING CARDS** (Continued)

Katharine Browne also illustrated children's verse written by her mother's second husband, David K. Stevens. These included the *Frog's Fiasco* and *The Lyrics of Eliza*, both published in *St Nicholas*, a children's magazine popular in 1914.

I could find very little information on Katharine's work but her own attempt at verse, *Fairy Steeple*, with accompanying illustration, was also published in the *St Nicholas* magazine in 1914.



The slogans on the back of these two cards show the following messages.

*Advance agents of optimism—  
"Walk-Over" Shoes.*

*Go buy "Walk-Overs" once, you'll  
never go by them thereafter.*

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**WORD GAME - ANSWER** (From Page 16)

Antelope, Banquet, Bangle, Bangs, Bass, Black Book, Cocktail, Cypress, Darts, Darts, Exciter, Fishbone, Felt, Gate, Garner, Gears, Haffer, Haffey, Hay, Hidesome, Hurt, Jamb, Jockey, Judge, Keep, Kerry, King, Lizard, Lark, Lure, Madal, Messner, Miller, Natch, Nettle, Newman, Pardon, Pizzas, Puzzer, Rouse, Salmon, Sander, Shrimp, Smith, Sourd, Squirrel, Taber, Taylor, Truck, Valerian, Videl, Videl, Wood, Wrench.

**BANE** (Continued)

exhibitions and festivals of visual art, music and dance.

Brisbane has hosted several major sporting events including the 1982 Commonwealth Games and the 2001 Goodwill Games. The city also hosted events during the 1987 Rugby World Cup, 1992 Cricket World Cup, 2000 Sydney Olympics, the 2003 Rugby World Cup and hosted the Final of the 2008 Rugby League World Cup. In 2005, then Premier Peter Beattie announced plans for Brisbane to bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games. Gold Coast will hold the Commonwealth Games in April, 2018. Brisbane is also home to a soccer team named Brisbane Roar Football Club. They are in the Hyundai A-League.

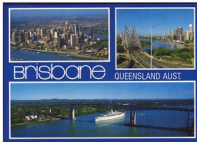


Flooding of major rivers is almost a common occurrence, especially in sub-tropical climates. The Brisbane River has flooded numerous times with several serious floods resulting in loss of life and massive repair bills. The flood of January 1974 caused by Cyclone Wanda caused 14,000 homes to be evacuated, the Centenary Bridge at Jindalee was severely damaged by a runaway gravel barge and all air, road and rail communication with the outside world was cut off. Saturday 26th January was the wettest day in Brisbane since 1887.

From 2001 until 2010 Brisbane and surrounding temperate areas experienced the most severe drought in over a century with dam levels dropping to 16.9% of the capacity on 10th August 2007.

Brisbane was again hit by a major flood in January 2011. The Brisbane River did not reach the same height as the 1974 flood but still caused extensive damage and disruption to the city. This resulted in the water storage climbing to over 98% of maximum capacity and breaking the drought. Water restrictions have been replaced with water conservation measures that aim at a target of 200 litres per day/per person, but consumption is rarely over 160 litres. Per capita water usage is below 140 litres per day, giving Brisbane one of the lowest per capita usages of water of any Western city in the world.

Brisbane's population growth has exceeded the national average every year since 1990 at an average rate of around 2.2% per year.



Another card by Frank Smith showing Logo No.2 is A Pilgrim Sabbath. This was posted on 6th June 1912 and carries the slogan shown below.

For every day of the week and for every week—Walk-Over shoes.

The early settler theme continues in the following cards by F.V. Smith, with the Going to Church card printed in blue tones and having the back as shown.



“Walk-Over” Shoes—  
None better made for man or maid.



This was the first card I found which indicated that the postcards were actually produced by the Walk-Over Shoe Company and distributed by other establishments.

The next 3 cards by the same artist were produced in colour and carry Logo No.3 which is also in colour. The first card, Home for the Holidays, has the slogan shown.



Logo No.3.

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Logo No.3 in these two cards is used with different banners holding the name of the cards which are The Dancing Lesson and An Informal Call. Both are signed F.V. Smith and they have the following slogans on the back.

“Walk-Over” Shoes are worn by people who know shoes.

“Walk-Over” Shoes—  
None better made for man or maid.



Logo No.4

This logo is found on the next 3 cards published in blue tones which have a Dutch theme and are signed by Katharine Maynadier Browne who was the eldest child of Cordelia Brooks Browne and James Maynadier Browne. Her younger sister Margaret Fitzhugh Browne was also an artist who enjoyed success mainly as a painter of portraits.



I have seen other cards published by Katharine which appear to belong to this series.

Katharine was the illustrator of a children's book published in 1909, Little Stories About Little Animals for Little Children, written by Susan Holton and published in Boston by Leroy Phillips.

Katharine was also the designer of the endpapers for the book Madame Angora, a later printing of the 1901 book by Harriet A. Cheever. These endpapers are dated 1910 and the book was published by Dana Estes, also of Boston.



Katharine Maynadier Browne 1910

A buy-word in every language—  
“Walk-Overs.”

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