

Waipukurau Little Theatre Newsletter



October 2015

From the President

In this month's newsletter we are announcing our 2016 programme and the exciting decision to stage a production of *The Fantasticks*, the world's longest running small musical, to help raise funds for earthquake proofing and developing the Little Theatre. We look forward to the Central Hawke's Bay theatre-going public supporting this initiative. I know many will ask why "a musical", the traditional domain of M&D, but we needed a different and exciting production as a launch pad for our fund raising activities. Also the relationship between the Little Theatre and M&D is positive and both theatre groups help each other with many actors and production personnel working for both organisations.

It is with some sadness that I must report that Jacqueline Roberts and her husband Michael are leaving CHB to move to Nelson. Jacqueline has been a member of our committee, stage manager for a number of productions and most recently our archivist. This latter role is important because it ensures the history of the Little Theatre is maintained for the future and the work Jacqueline has done is very much appreciated.

I look forward to you coming to see our next production, the romantic comedy *Same Time, Next Year*, our final production for 2015.

Cefyn Gauden
President

Next production

Same Time, Next Year

by Bernard Slade

The final production for 2015 will be the romantic comedy *Same Time, Next Year* by Bernard Slade with Emma Walker and Simon Law playing the roles of Doris and George.

The play opened in New York in 1975 and enjoyed a run of nearly four years which is exceptional for a straight play that was described by Clive James in the *New York Times* as "the funniest play about love and adultery to come Broadway's way in years".

Same Time, Next Year is about Doris, a housewife and George, a New Jersey accountant who meet by chance at a California country inn, have an affair and agree to continue their once a year affair. Over the next twenty five years they discuss births, death and their marital problems, while they both try to adapt to the social changes that swirl around them

The play will be directed by Terry Coyle.

Season: 29 October to 31 October and 3 November to 7 November
 Dinner and show Saturday 31 October (Seated by 6.15 pm)
 Bookings at ColourPlus Waipukurau (06) 858 7116

2016 Programme

The Fantasticks

by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones

Directed by Terry Coyle

April 2016

Kings of the Gym

by Dave Armstrong

Directed by Lindsey Bishop

June / July 2016

The Motor Camp

by Dave Armstrong

Directed by Simon Law

September 2016

Shirley Valentine

by Willy Russell

Directed by Cefyn Gauden

November / December 2016

***The Fantasticks* pre-audition meeting**

There is an opportunity for those interested in auditioning for *The Fantasticks* to learn about the show, hear the music and have any questions answered about the planned production.

The cast is:

El Gallo, the narrator	Strong singing role, 30 – 50
Matt, the Boy	Singing role, 17 - 20
Luisa, the Girl	Singing role, 17 - 20
Hucklebee	the Boy's father, singing role
Bellomy	the Girl's father, singing role
Henry	the old actor, non-singing role
Mortimer	his assistant, non-singing role
The Mute	

Where: Waipukurau Little Theatre, Saturday 14 November at 2 pm.

For information, please contact Terry Coyle 858 7226

Our Community Support Programme

The Waipukurau Little Theatre offers community organisations a fundraising opportunity by donating half of the box office takings for one exclusive performance in return for selling a minimum of 60 seats. Coffee and fudge is also provided. Many organisations have already availed themselves of this opportunity and for more information please contact Margie Hewitt on 858 8362

Meet Steve Parker

A welcome return to the Waipukurau Little Theatre for Steve Parker who was an active member between 1991 and 1997 and appeared in a number of productions including *Run For Your Wife*, *The Homecoming* and *Weed*. Steve was also a member of both the Little Theatre and the WETA committees. During his time away from Central Hawkes Bay he ran a motel in Rotorua but has now returned to CHB College as a member of their teaching staff.

For the current production Steve will be our lighting, sound and images technician and he looks forward to getting back on the boards in 2016.

From the archives

These are the Waipukurau Little Theatre productions audiences were seeing in the 1980s:

<i>The Pohutakawa Tree</i> by Bruce Mason	Dir: Caroline Plaister
<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> by Tennessee Williams	Dir: Michael Boag
<i>Death Trap</i> by Ira Levin	Dir: Laurie Swindell
<i>Wednesday to Come</i> by Renee	Dir: David Coddington
<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> by Roald Dahl	Dir: John Harding
<i>Tribute</i> by Bernard Slade	Dir: Gay Edgecombe

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