

New Players

THEATRE COMPANY

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Well, what a year it has been !

We started off with a determined push to get the plans for a new lighting deck. Having already paid several thousand dollars for a 'conceptual plan' it was with huge disappointment to find that the next step covering real plans and consents would be out of our price range. We felt that to spend an exorbitant amount of money on something we would not even own, was not in the best interests of our members. So this project has been shelved.

We then decided to check out other facilities around the neighbourhood, and have settled on performing the 2020 production at the Linen Social Centre. This place has a lighting deck, dressing rooms and a proper stage with room for scenery, props and actors backstage. We are hoping that the extra 10 minutes down the motorway will not put off our loyal followers, and I know the actors will have a much better experience.

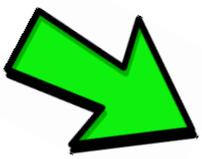
This year we entered the one act play competition, with 'An Incident at the Border', directed by Phil Saxby with actors Monica Reid, Shivneel Singh and Symon Cheveaux. Although we were not placed, it was an enriching experience for all concerned.

Our main production of the year was 'Four Flat Whites in Italy' by Roger Hall. Directed by Ross Jordan assisted by Braden Lister, it was very successful effort. (I had a wonderful time as props person, making fake passports and euro's and all things Italian.) We had a very fair and constructive review from the adjudicator, and we even made a profit!

While we always gather in amazing actors for our productions, I am concerned that we don't do enough to retain their interest, so we will be looking at more workshops and activities in the coming year. Please let me know if you have any ideas that could help with this, and watch this space!

Anne Megget





CLUB NIGHT
Four Flat Whites video
Linden Social Centre
Tuesday 12 November at 7 pm

Don't forget the screening of the Four Flat Whites video (for educational purposes only) at the Linden Social Centre, at 10 Linden Avenue, Tawa on Tuesday 12 November at 7 pm. Members will be able to have a look at the proposed venue for next year's production. Tables and chairs will be set up, so please feel free to bring along nibbles and refreshments.



KAT have invited New Players members to join them at Cochran Hall on Friday 22 November at 7.30pm for a romp of a celebration for KAT's 60th anniversary.

KAT are planning a club night with bells on – amusing entertainment, scrummy food (including cake of course) and posters around the walls to encourage memories.

The amusing entertainment will of course be provided by every guest who wants to participate - currently they think the script will be *Aladdin*, by Norman Robbins.

Please get in touch with Anne Megget if you are attending:
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We will not be having a Christmas “do” this year and the committee hopes members will attend this function instead.



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ANTOINETTE's Wellington Theatre Federation's night of celebration will be on Sunday 1st December, 6 for 6.30pm at the Polish Club 257 Riddiford St Newtown. BYO.

Numbers are limited so please see a New Players committee member if you wish to attend.

The District Theatre Federation committee is providing finger food for supper but you are welcome to bring additional snacks.

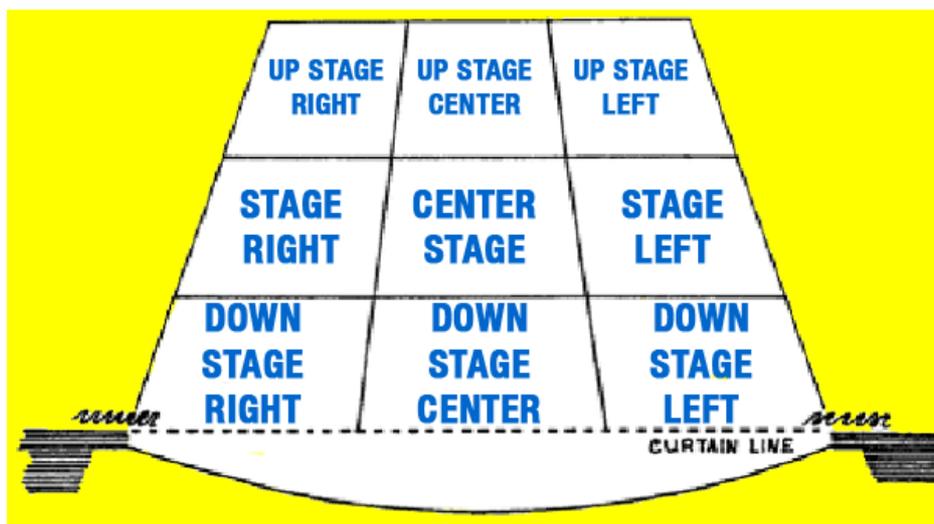
POSTER COMPETITION

Winners of this annual competition were announced at TNZ's AGM on September 15th and members of our District did very well indeed.

Congratulations to **Stagecraft** for receiving first prize for their poster of *See How They Run* by Philip King and to **Wellington Repertory** for being the runner up with their poster for *The Threepenny Opera* by Bertolt Brecht. **Khandallah Arts Theatre** were Highly Commended for *Zero Inn* by Bruce Mason.



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Kapiti Playhouse Theatre **Lighting for Beginners Course**

Interested in theatre lighting but don't know where to start? If so, then come along to our Lighting for Beginners course.

In this one day course, we will be covering everything you need to know as a beginner including:

- Types of fixtures (how and what they do)
- Gels and Lighting hardware
- DMX Theory
- Control circuitry & signal flow
- General electrical theory & safety using a lighting desk
- Safe working practice
- Basic lighting design ideas

The course is being held at Kapiti Playhouse Theatre, 7 Ruahine Street, Paraparaumu on Sunday 24th November starting at 9am. Tea & coffee will be provided but lunch is BYO.

Tickets are limited to 20 only (\$55.00) and are available via <https://www.kapitiplayhouse.org.nz/events/event/lighting-for-beginners> . Please note that your place is not guaranteed until payment has been received. Payment details will be provided in the receipt which will be sent following ticket purchase.

For any queries about the course please contact info@kapitiplayhouse.org.nz or Geoff Rose on 04-2988156.

THEATRE DREAMWORKS

SHREK THE MUSICAL

14 - 30 November 2019

11 Prosser St, Porirua
 Evening AND matinee performances
 Book at www.porirualittletheatre.com

Beware! UGRE!

Shrek The Musical
Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig
 Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street
 Productions (licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia)).
 All performance materials supplied by IMJ (London Australia).

The **PANTOLOCCIS**

Cinderella

11 - 13 December

Hannah Playhouse 12 Cambridge Terrace, Te Aro



school students \$15 | adults \$35 | group discounts available
hannahplayhouse.org.nz

HANNAH PLAYHOUSE

KAPITI PLAYHOUSE INC PRESENTS

THE THIRTY-NINE STEPS

Adapted by Ross Gumbley from John Buchan's novel

6 - 16 NOV

KAPITI PLAYHOUSE
 7 Ruahine Street
 Paraparaumu

BOOKINGS
 Ticket Direct Coastlands
 (04) 902 9885

www.kapitiplayhouse.org.nz
Designed by Railway Bookshop Ph 06 364 8942



Khandallah Arts Theatre **AUDITIONS**

Sunday, November 10, 2:30 p.m.

Cochran Hall, 106 Cashmere Ave, Khandallah

Mean Jean the Pirate Queen

By Michelanne Forster



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REHEARSALS

start Sunday November 17

stop for Christmas/New Year break on Sunday December 15

start again on Sunday January 12 (later if cast still away)

PERFORMANCES

February 15/16 and 22/23 - two performances each afternoon

The play we have chosen for KAT's 20th performance for children and their families in Khandallah Park is by one of New Zealand's most prolific playwrights and has been enjoyed by children all over the country. It's got pirates, singing, madcap humour and audience participation - everything we know our young audiences love.

IF YOU GET A PART IN THIS PLAY YOU'LL HAVE A BALL!!!

CHARACTERS

Mean Jean a lady pirate, captain of The Jolly Radish

Smudgy Sam an apprentice pirate (boy or girl)

Eunice Lemon an adventuring school teacher

Edwina Whisby another adventuring school teacher

**The playwright says that gender roles are fluid -
males and females are welcome to audition for any role**

Contact Archana or Mary for a copy of the audition pieces.

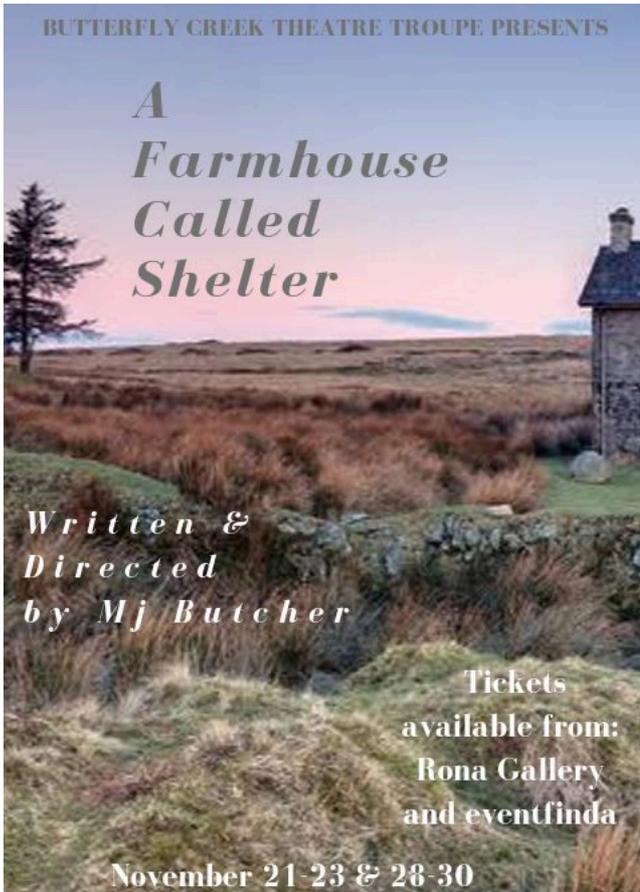
BUTTERFLY CREEK THEATRE TROUPE PRESENTS

*A
Farmhouse
Called
Shelter*

*Written &
Directed
by Mj Butcher*

Tickets
available from:
Rona Gallery
and eventfinda

November 21-23 & 28-30



Mana Blues and Emerald's Grace Concert
Playing Jazz & Blues covers and originals

**Mana
Blues**

and
Emerald's Grace

Friday 22 November 7:30pm

To celebrate Mana Little Theatre's 60th Anniversary
Venue: Mana Little Theatre
9 Sunset Parade, Plimmerton



Cost \$10 a ticket. To book phone/text Sue 0212731127




Alice in Wonderland – The Pantomime



*By Simon Leary and Gavin Rutherford
Director: Susan Wilson*

16 November - 22 December

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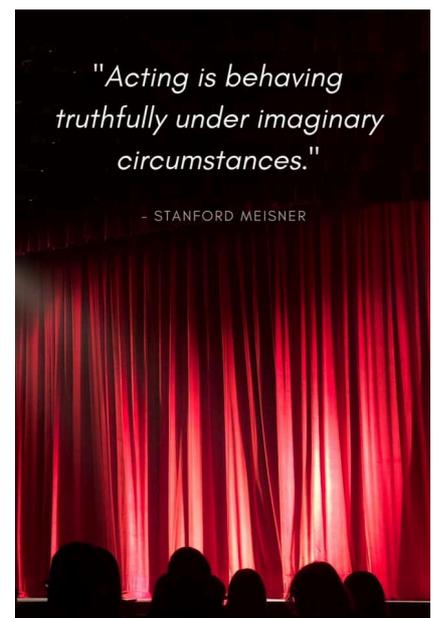
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