

Waipukurau Little Theatre Inc.

19 Ruataniwha Street, Waipukurau 4200.

Email: info@littletheatre.net.nz Web: www.littletheatre.net.nz



October 2022 NEWSLETTER

A Message from the President – Hilary Blamires

President's Shout

This is an opportunity to introduce our next play. Not a synopsis but a personal experience through the eyes of a production manager to the Director, Sarah Rogers.

Blood of the Lamb contains sensitive material, and having read the script, I was impressed with how the author, Bruce Mason, handles this. In the opening scene, he introduces us to an exuberant, care-free Henry wearing formal jacket over 1970's eclectic jeans and loose shirt. Eliza is a free-spirited mother of the '70s, lovingly sewing seed pearls onto her daughter's wedding veil. Here are two very special individuals thrown together by very harrowing circumstances, that they overcame to make a life worth living for themselves and their precious daughter. Their lifestyle, symbolising peace, love, and equality of the '70s, is about to be seriously tested when their prodigal daughter returns from Australia.

The range of emotions, the conflict and resolution in this play sets challenges for the Director, and the talented cast. Open your mind and treat yourself to an intelligent and thoughtful drama, or as the synopsis states, "a most complex, daring, and satisfying play."

Hilary Blamires

Upcoming productions.

April 2023: "The Drowning Girls"

- Written by Beth Graham, Charlie Tomlinson and Daniela Vlaskalic
- Directed by Madeleine Howard

July 2023: (To be confirmed)

- Written by
- Directed by Lisa-Jane Easter

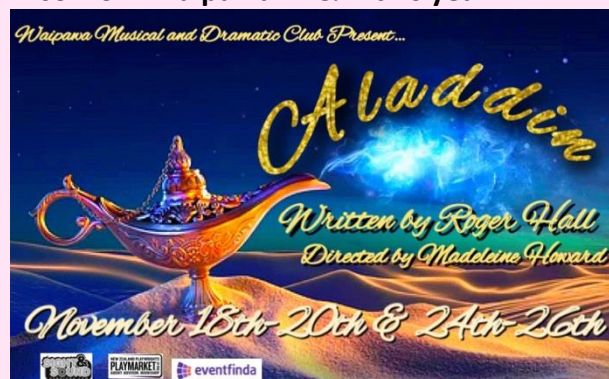
Nov 2023: "Two One Act comedies at Little Grimley"

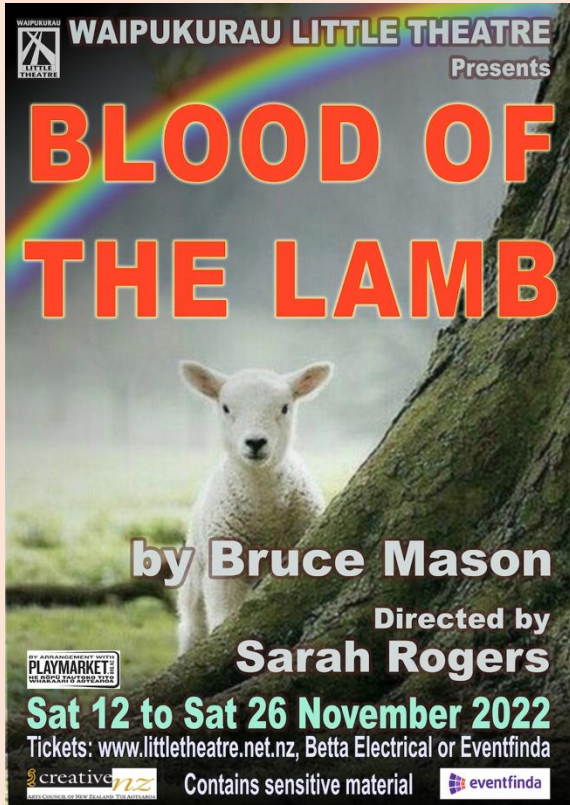
- Written by David Tristram
- Directed by Rob Blamires

April 2024: "A Christmas Carol" – but not as you know it

- Written by Patrick Barlow
- Adapted from the story by Charles Dickens
- Directed by Lindsey Bishop

Also from Waipawa M & D this year





BLOOD OF THE LAMB:


- Tickets on Sale Now

Show dates:

- Sat 12 Nov.
- Wed 16 Nov to Sun 20 Nov. (Matinee Sun 20 Nov)
- Wed 23 Nov to Sat 26 Nov

All shows start at 7:30pm (Matinee 2:30pm). Doors open 30 minutes before. Please be seated 15 mins before the show.

Tickets are available from:

- www.littletheatre.net.nz
- Betta Electrical Waipukurau
- Eventfinda  →

Ticketing will be via booked seats. A seating plan is attached to this newsletter and can be viewed at Betta

Electrical or on Eventfinda ticket booking website.

A minimum of 17 "Pay what you can afford" tickets will be available for 20 Nov matinee with ticket prices ranging from \$5 to \$30. These seats will **not** be bookable and will need to be paid at the door.

Tea and coffee will be served and a cash/EFTPOS bar will be available for all shows.

A "Sweet Plate (for 1)" at \$15 per plate can be booked along with your tickets. See next page for details. Sweet Plates are not available at the matinee.

A note from the Director Sarah Rogers

"Blood of the Lamb" by Bruce Mason, set in NZ in 1979.

I'm really pleased to be directing this powerful play for WLT.

It's a complex piece with only 3 actors: Two parents and their adult daughter who has returned to NZ for her wedding. But she has questions for her eccentric parents, the answers to which will be the decider as to whether the wedding will take place at her family home, or back in Australia.

Without risking the need for a "spoiler alert" ⚠️ I will just say the story is funny, sad, painful, and healing.

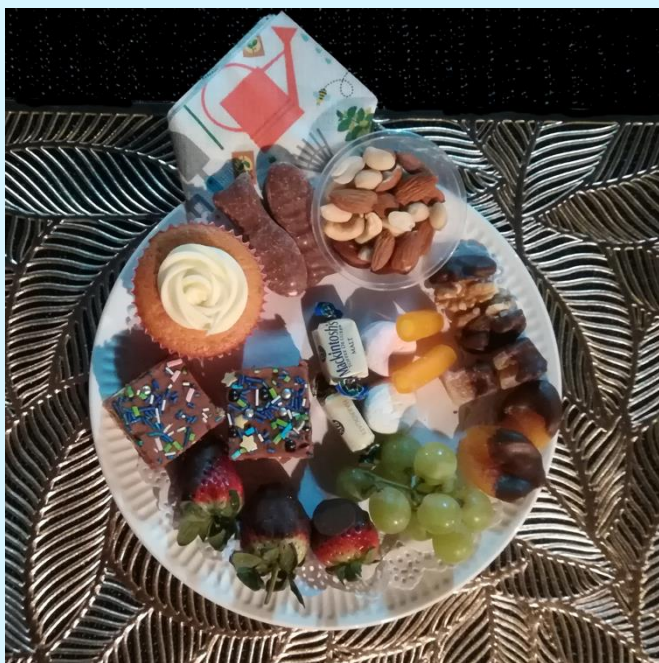
I think it is beautifully written, and I'm incredibly proud of my talented cast for the way they are portraying some different subject matter.

My recommendation is that this show will not be suitable for under 16 years old as it contains sensitive subjects.

Bring your tissues and be ready to be moved.

Theatre arrangements for our next production

For our next production, 'Blood of the Lamb', we will be trialing a new seating layout utilizing larger, square dining tables rather than the small 'drinks' tables of the last show. A few of our patrons commented that they preferred the social aspect of sitting around a table, so we will be giving it a go. Maximum seating capacity will be reduced from 50 to 47 and some areas may be a little tight where seats are back-to-back. Please bear with us, try it out and give your feedback to any of the front of house staff on duty.



Having offered 'Platters for 2' at the previous show, we are this time offering 'Sweet Plates (for 1)', which will be delivered to your table when you are seated. You will then have the whole evening to nosh your way through it. The photo shows what is on offer for \$15 on top of your show ticket price. If you don't have a particularly sweet tooth, then consider sharing one plate with a friend.

Unlike the last production, where you would select your tickets and then on the next Eventfinda page you would be able to add one or more platters, this time the choice is done all at once. Just select the seat and choose a 'Show Only' ticket or a 'Show + Sweet Plate' ticket. Easy-Peasy! A maximum of 24 sweet plates are available each performance and sweet plate sales cease 3 hours prior to the particular show to allow our caterers time to prepare them.

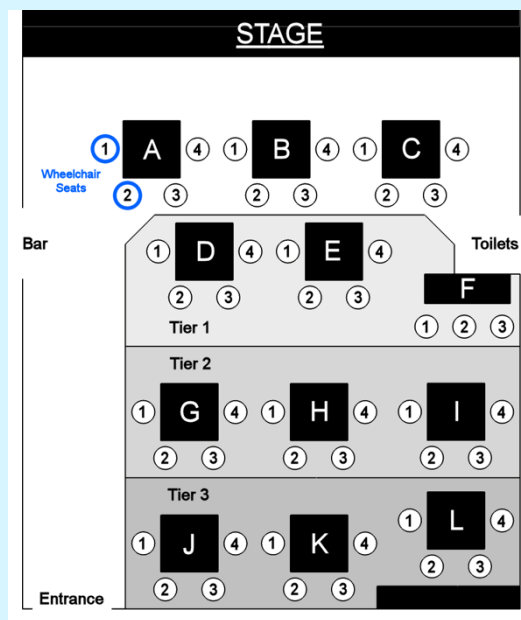
Volunteers - Cast, Crew and Helpers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given up their time to help throughout the years. There are many unsung heroes that keep this theatre going. Without this help we would not be able to survive. For this we are very grateful.

We will always welcome anyone who would like to get involved in the theatre and join our theatre family. For the current show we are keen to have more help with Front of House, Tea/Coffee service and on the Bar. If you think you could support us with an evening or two please contact Donna on 022 013 5988.

Short and Sweet:

Normally every third Friday of the month. Next Meeting Friday 28 October at 6pm (due to Labour weekend)
A short working bee followed by a shared meal and a quiet drink.
All welcome. Contact: Hilary Blamires 021 906 032



Having offered 'Platters for 2' at the previous show, we are this time offering 'Sweet Plates (for 1)', which will be delivered to your table when you are seated. You will then have the whole evening to nosh your way through it. The photo shows what is on offer for \$15 on top of your show ticket price. If you don't have a particularly sweet tooth, then consider sharing one plate with a friend.

Unlike the last production, where you would select your tickets and then on the next Eventfinda page you would be able to add one or more platters, this time the choice is done all at once.

Just select the seat and choose a 'Show Only' ticket or a 'Show + Sweet Plate' ticket. Easy-Peasy! A maximum of 24 sweet plates are available each performance and sweet plate sales cease 3 hours prior to the particular show to allow our caterers time to prepare them.

We look forward to welcoming you to 'Blood of the Lamb'.

ALL STARS PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENTS



CHBS
RISING
STARS

A SEARCH TO FIND LOCAL TALENT HERE IN CHB!

AUDITIONS: SATURDAY 1ST & SUNDAY 2TH OCTOBER 2022

@ COMMUNITY ROOMS WAIPUKURAU

FINALS NIGHT SHOW: SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2022

6PM @ ST MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

*ENTRIES ARE BOTH GROUPS
OR INDIVIDUALS*

JUNIOR &
SENIOR
SECTIONS

CATEGORIES

- MUSIC
- SINGING
- DANCING
- OPEN

*PRIZES FOR ALL SECTIONS!
CASH PRIZE FOR THE OVERALL
WINNER! \$\$\$*

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



TICKETS FOR FINALS NIGHT SHOW
ON SALE THROUGH EVENTFINDA



WWW.ALLSTARSCHB.COM



-ALL STARS
PERFORMING
ARTS CHB