

Waipukurau Little Theatre

Newsletter - August 2017



From the Vice President

Here we are in the heart of winter and the year's over half gone. What do they say about wishing your life away! Mine seems to pass at an ever-accelerating rate no matter what I do to try and slow it down.

"The Hound of the Baskervilles" has been and gone, a new committee has been elected, "Sexy Laundry" vanished of its own volition (though rumour has it, it may return next year). Now we are shortly to open "Agnes of God". The cast and crew are working hard to bring you this gripping story.

Directed by Emma Walker and starring a strong cast of Holly Waldrom (in her debut on Little Theatre's stage), Julie Hales and Denise Lahood. After seeing a few rehearsals, I think this will be a good show and I am looking forward to the production.

What do you get when you cross a funeral parlour with a brothel? The answer is our next show "STIFF" directed by Simon Law and coming to you in October. I'm sure you will enjoy this one.

We now have EFTPOS available at the bar, and are working on updating our website and hope to be able to offer online ticket sales as an option.

In the meantime, the committee has been very busy. We are in the process of updating our Constitution and Health and Safety policy to bring them in line with new regulations. We hope to have these ready by next April for the AGM.

We have an exciting season coming up in 2018 and are shortly to confirm this programme.

I hope you enjoy our remaining two shows for 2017.

Lindsey Bishop

Your Committee

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Emma Walker	Christine Dooney
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Madeleine Howard	Vicky Mavin
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Community & Membership

What more could you ask for? A friendly community that has just about every type of skill that can be utilised. From on stage experience, managing backstage, wardrobe, props, lighting, sound, painting stage sets, front of house activities (meeting, greeting and supporting our audience), newsletter items, fundraising, kitchen duties, cleaning, maintenance and repair. The list is endless.

We are always looking for people to get involved. Have you considered becoming a member or a sponsor?

If you would like to be involved, give Simon a call on (027) 444 5055.

A Thank You to our Sponsors

New World, Waipukurau

Creative Communities Scheme - CHB

Our Next Production!

AGNES OF GOD

Cast: Holly Waldrom *Agnes*
Denise Lahood *Court Psychiatrist*
Julie Hales *Mother Superior*

Director: Emma Walker

Performances: Thu 24th August - Fri 1st September

Dinner Night: Fri 25th August

Waipukurau Little Theatre's latest offering is the multi-award winning "Agnes of God" by John Pielmeier. A thought-provoking drama, loosely based on a true story, it investigates the story of Agnes, a postulant nun who is accused of murdering her baby. The play presents the contrasts of the relationships between the Mother Superior, the Court Psychiatrist and Agnes. It is a psychological war questioning spirituality and science, facts and faith, reality and fantasy.

Agnes is pulled almost vehemently between the fact finding atheist psychiatrist and the believer of miracles Mother Superior. Both women are overwhelmed with



personal agendas and "skeletons in the closet". Yet these women of power are so enchanted by the seemingly magical nature of Agnes they question themselves, their beliefs and throughout the context of the play experience personal growth.

Agnes, a simple yet complex young woman teetering on the edge of complete insanity through her apparent ignorance and innocence is blessed with an enigmatic voice that enchants those who hear her. She shows signs of complete manic hysteria yet is involved in calm conversations with God complete with stigmata. These miracles are both questioned and examined by both of her superiors who hold their own motives.

Agnes of God will both entertain and provoke and promises deep investigation into the three women's psyche.

Tickets are available from Colourplus, Waipukurau (06) 8587116. Check out the Facebook page and website for more details.

**Adult - \$30 Senior - \$25 Student - \$20
Dinner - \$50 Inc. ticket**

News From Waipawa Music & Drama

This is all about our next wonderful production...

Peter Panto!

Oh no it isn't...!

Oh yes it is...!

Uh oh... Did I make it clear that this is a traditional, old-fashioned, audience-participation-expected Pantomime...?

Directed by Simon Law and Madi Howard, we anticipate that this show will have our audience singing along, participating in all the right bits, BOOOing, HISSSSsing and generally engaged from before the curtain even opens.

We will be putting together an audition pack in the next few days, but before we do that, we need to put together our Production Team.

We would really like to open the floor to some new people this time to take on these roles, with guidance from our more experienced hands of course. We are really keen for some new faces and new ideas for these roles.

If you have always been on stage, we strongly encourage you to do something backstage or in the production team, as it gives a whole new dimension to your theatre experience and helps out the club in a huge way.

Please get back in touch with either Denise or myself, if you want to be considered for any of the roles listed below. **You don't need to have experience in these areas, just an interest, some time and a big smile :) And a desire to make new friends too :)**

Production Manager.....Production Secretary

Set Design....Set Construction....Set Painters

Stage Manager.....Back Stage Crew

Wardrobe Lead.....Wardrobe Team

Lighting Design.....Lighting Operator

Props Person

Advertising Lead

Programme Person

Children's Nanny

Look out! It's behind you!!!

Oh no it's not...!

Oh yes it is...!

Vicky Mavin
President, Waipawa M&D

Coming Soon!



STiFF by April Phillips.

Directed by Simon Law.

Dates: 24th Oct to 4th Nov.

What happens when you cross a Funeral Parlour with a Knock Shop? Well find out in this hilarious New Zealand comedy.

And Later in 2018!

Subject to confirmation by Committee and performing rights approval

Market Forces by Roger Hall.

Directed by Lindsey Bishop.

The comfy world of this Stores and Information Department is about to plummet head-on into the world of consultants, down-sizing, networking and all the mumbo-jumbo that the modern business world uses.

Sexy Laundry by Michele Riml.

Directed by Emma Walker

Another very funny, award-winning play, about a couple trying to reconnect with each other. Also sad and thought provoking.

Plus AN Other