



MATAMATA DRAMATIC SOCIETY INC.
IS PROUD TO PRESENT THEIR

SHORT SWEET

Festival Season

Highlighting the 7 winning plays
in the 2020
Ten-minute Play Competition

October 14, 15, 16 & 17 at 7.30pm
Matinee - Sunday 18 October at 2.00pm
At Matamata Little Theatre, Short St, Matamata



Tickets: \$20
Available online at www.mds.org.nz
Phone: 07 888 9567

Yes, rehearsals are underway, and another production is on its way folks! And what an amazing selection of plays we have. We are sure audiences will be as impressed as we are at the depth of talent in our community that these short plays reveal. Most of all we simply hope our audiences will be entertained and captivated with all the plays. Thank you to all involved and here's to a really great festival season. *Ron* - President

These are the plays (in order of performance) with playwrights, directors and actors:--

Budget Airlines:

#yougetwhatyoupayfor

Written by Julie Taylor Director Eileen Weal

Chris - pilot - Chris Chambers

Violet - stewardess - Isabelle Atton

Pat - passenger - Megan Jeffcoat

Lou - passenger - Memorie Brooky

The Travel Agent: Written by Dennis O'Neil

Director Chris Stead

Stan - Chris Stead

Magda the client - Liz Atherton

The Bruised Cheek: Written by Greg Dunn

Director Emma-Mai Tilling

Bob - Anthony van den Berg

Vicki - Memorie Brooky

Mike - Greg Dunn

Gladys - Phyllis Sheehan

Do You Miss Me Marty? Written by Wanda

Brittain Director Wanda Brittain

Emily - Jan Hill -

Marty - Chris Chambers

INTERMISSION

The Wake: Written by Greg Dunn

Director Greg Dunn

Beryl - Julie Taylor

Maisey - Kerry Lucas-Candy

Flo - Liz Atherton -

Ted - Adam Barton

Paul - Greg Dunn

From Sydney With Love: Written by Richard

Prevett

Director Suzie Wilcox

Lara - Tina Benlafkih

Hamish - Dan Adlington

Onset of Murder: Written by Julie Taylor

Director Julie Taylor

Jon - Chris Chambers

Jeff - Peter Mair

Digby - Hilton Woodrooffe

Trent - Anthony van den Berg

AUDITIONS



"Which part are you reading Chris?"



"Interesting script don't you think?"



Richard Prevett discussing plays and plots with his captivated audience.



Auditions are such fun!

GETTING DOWN TO IT IN REHEARSAL



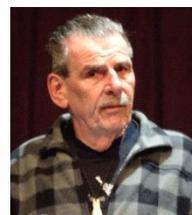
**From The Coordinators
Robin Essex & Korstiaan Prins**



It's a real privilege working with everyone involved in this 'Short & Sweet' Play Festival. Thank you Richard Prevett, previous coordinator, for your

helpful handover and guidance. The process we are now involved in is a very interesting journey, and most rewarding.

We acknowledge all the playwrights, the reading/judging panel, directors, actors, backstage crew, MDS committee and sponsors... without whom there would not be a production. Be sure to book your tickets in plenty of time, come along and enjoy this wonderful show of local talent. **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**



Unfortunately, Petrus Rijkers had to pull out of rehearsal as he has to have a short spell in hospital, so we wish him a really speedy recovery.



Treasurer Colin Kemplen was really delighted to announce that we had record takings from our Op Shop Fundraising Week -

\$2,510.20! Special thanks to coordinators Robin & Korstiaan and to everyone who volunteered throughout the week. It was a wonderful team effort and the proceeds will go towards a heat pump for the foyer.



FOLLOWING OUR RISING YOUNG STAR Helen Drysdale-Dunn

From Greg – her extremely proud father who sent this lovely photo of Helen singing “Just One Step”.

Recently, Helen appeared at the Meteor over 3 nights with a mix of other Waikato singers and musicians in what was called “Bold Experience”. Her singing was acclaimed by many.

Following this Helen’s Wintec Assessment was at the Meteor with students from Year 1 and 2 of the Degree. Helen, received top marks for her performances which covered solo, duet and group as well as dance and acting. Photo of her singing “Just One Step” from Songs for a New World. Absolutely nailed it.

Greg Dunn



Talking of Greg, did you know that he is a master baker of the most delicious cakes, quite putting us women to shame. Keep them coming Greg as we can’t have you getting bored during your long sabbatical and rehearsals make for hungry

work! Bob Blackwell you have competition however, you do bake the most delicious fruit cakes!

Greg’s favourite Annabel Langbein Carrot Cake Recipe

- 1 cup neutral oil, such as canola or grapeseed
- 2 cups raw or white sugar
- 4 small eggs

- 1 cup wholemeal flour
- 1 cup plain / all-purpose flour
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 3 cups grated carrot (about 3 medium carrots)
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tbsp orange juice

Cream Cheese Icing

- 75g butter, at room temperature
- 250g cream cheese (not the spreadable kind)
- finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 4 cups icing / confectioner’s sugar
- shredded zest of 1 orange

Preheat oven to 160°C fan bake. Grease a 25 cm-diameter loose-bottomed cake tin and line the base with baking paper. Place oil, sugar and eggs in the bowl of a food processor and whizz to combine. Add both flours, salt, cinnamon, mixed spice, ginger and grated carrot and pulse again to just combine – don’t over-mix.

Dissolve baking soda in orange juice and pulse into cake mixture. Spread into prepared tin and bake until the top bounces back when pressed and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean (55–60 minutes). Allow to cool before icing with Cream Cheese Icing.

To make the Cream Cheese Icing, place softened butter, cream cheese, lemon zest and juice and icing / confectioner’s sugar in a food processor. Blend until smooth then spread over top and sides of cake. Garnish with orange zest. **Variation:** Add 1 cup raisins and / or ½ cup chopped walnuts.

FRIDAY FLICKS



HOORAY! WE FINALLY RE-OPENED ON FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

With the film ‘Their Finest’ starring Sam Claflin and Bill Nighy and what a grand night it was! There was a good audience and although we did miss out on intermission because of COVID, where we could have gorged on ice cream and popcorn and glasses of vino we thoroughly enjoyed the movie. The raffle, presented by Mr Colin Kemplen, was won, yet



again, by Ms Sioux Ferris a rather shy young member (as you can see from the photo) from Te Aroha.

COMING UP ON OCTOBER 23...

(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!)

The Movie 'Trumbo' a 2015 American biographical drama film directed by Jay Roach and written by John McNamara. The film stars Bryan Cranston, Diane Lane, Helen Mirren, Louis C.K., Elle Fanning, John Goodman, and Michael Stuhlbarg. In 1947 top screenwriter Dalton Trumbo is blacklisted from Hollywood after being accused of using his scripts as Communist propaganda. Based on a true story.

THEATRE IMPROV CLUB

From Julie Taylor - Coordinator

On Monday 14th September we held the inaugural meeting of our Theatre Improv Club. Eleven fearless thespians took part in a number of improvisation games and activities. We learned games such as Spacejumps, Genres, Emotional Rollercoaster and Blind Date. Much hilarity ensued as we witnessed some amazing creativity, quick thinking and wit. The evening was tremendous fun and the two hours flew by.

If you missed the last meeting, but would like to attend next time, you are most welcome. Expect more Improv madness on:-

Monday 12th October - 7pm at the theatre.

(Some interesting acronyms were suggested by a certain Colin Kempen at the recent committee meeting so we shall see what eventuates from the next session as to a name for this new group!)

ADVICE FOR ACTORS

- Work really hard, love it more than anything, but have a laugh at yourself and know how weird your job is as well.
- Be true to yourself and to the play you're in.
- Be generous and awesome to work with.
- Keep calm and don't forget to project.
- Don't be afraid to take that challenge!

WHO REMEMBERS THE AVENGERS?

Dame Diana Rigg DBE

20 July 1938-10 Sept 2020



Sadly, Dame Enid Diana Elizabeth Rigg DBE who was an English born stage and screen actress, took her final bow from the stage

of life on September 10th. No doubt Dame Diana is busy catching up in that heavenly theatre with former Avengers cast member, Patrick Macnee.



Some of Dame Diana's notable roles were as Emma Peel in the TV series The Avengers; Countess Teresa di Vincenzo, wife of James Bond, in On Her Majesty's Secret Service; and

Olena Tyrell in Game of Thrones. Dame Diana was also a renowned Shakespearean actress and her daughter Rachael Sterling has followed in her mother's footsteps and is also a well-known British actress.

"In actual fact, I doubled 'Twelfth Night' and 'The Avengers'. I was going backwards and forwards to Stratford. I played matinees Wednesday, matinee and evenings Saturdays, and the other days of the week, I was filming in Elstree".

Diana Rigg

Now that's what I call a pretty heavy workload! No wonder Dame Diana was very pro-active in lobbying for pay parity for women actors!

**HAVE YOU JOINED US YET? IF NOT SURE CHECK
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Please advise our secretary, Sandra Clark, phone 07 888 7296 of your change of address or contact details. Thank You.

*Yours theatrically,
Wanda*

