



'ON-STAGE MATAMATA'

Matamata Dramatic Society Inc.
NEWSLETTER – November 2020



President's Ponderings

What an amazing production we had in 'Short & Sweet'. We had seven excellent plays, great casts and directing, very appreciative audiences, a wonderful MC in Colin, and dare I say it – a superb variety act in between the plays!

One of the most gratifying things for me was seeing the number of new actors playing roles in this production. That and the massive audience support are a reflection of the high regard which our theatre enjoys not only in the Matamata community but throughout the surrounding district.

We are well into planning our programme of productions for the whole of next year. Well done everyone and keep up the good work.

Ron van de Molen

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

On a superbly, successful 'Short & Sweet' Festival Season

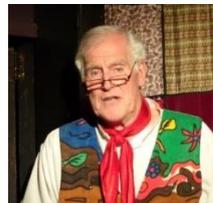


To our awesome Coordinators & Lighting, Sound, Stage Manager & More! Robin & Korstiaan! And yes, the festival was a real financial success too like the Op Shop!

The winning playwrights

Wanda Brittain, Greg Dunn, Dennis O'Neil, Richard Prevett, and Julie Taylor

The Cast & Crew
A special welcome to our new, younger members! We look forward to you treading the boards again real soon!



Our marvellously, magnificent and mellifluent Master of Ceremonies Colin Kemplen



'The Stunningly Popular Stampede'
Cam MGrail, Ron van de Molen and Ian Manton (unfortunately Mathew Jeffcoat wasn't able to perform due to injury)

The Directors

Emma-Mai Tilling, Eileen Weal, Julie Taylor, Chris Stead, Greg Dunn, Suzie Wilcox & Wanda Brittain



Plus, no show is complete without the fantastic Front of House Staff Lois & Graham Allen, on the Box Office, Paul Marshall our Bar Manager and Sandra Clark and Members for refreshments

PLUS – A HEARTFELT THANK TO OUR AMAZING AUDIENCES!

Committee Updates



1. It was decided at the recent committee meeting to go ahead and have a heat pump installed in the foyer to take the chill off this area in winter and keep it cool in the heat of summer.
2. It was also decided to get the small leak in the roof checked again as there had been an incident during Short & Sweet.
3. The kitchen renovations are still ongoing with some painting and final finishing touches to be completed The final task being the laying of new vinyl which has to adhere to health and safety requirements for where food is served.
4. It was also decided to cancel the Post Box due to the fact that we don't get much mail now plus the constant price increases. Mail will now go to the Treasurer, Colin Kemplen, in future – 42 Burwood Road, Matamata
5. It was decided to install hand towel dispensers in the downstairs loos and Yvonne Marshall offered two surplus units which the committee were grateful to accept.
6. On members behalf, the committee has send a letter of appreciation to our special Life Member, Elaine Fraser for her generous donation to the society. Elaine has been involved with the society for many years and her continued support means a great deal.

7. For some time, there have been discussions over the care and safe keeping of the society's archives and it was decided to lodge the main body of the archives with the Matamata Historical Society and VP Yvonne Marshall has undertaken to collate them ready to be transferred to the Historical Society.



COMING IN DECEMBER

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER AT 2.00pm in the Little Theatre, Short Street, Matamata



Four very different women answer a flyer for 'The Pink Hammer Workshop' – a ladies-only woodwork class. They turn up expecting empowerment and sisterhood from the advertised tutor, Maggie

Taylor....but when they arrive, Maggie's gone AWOL. Maggie's husband Woody certainly doesn't want a bunch of crazy women playing with his tools, but he doesn't have a choice!

Characters:

Woody - a laconic, typical rugby loving, beer drinking Kiwi Bloke who is a redundant builder and a bit of a chauvinist.

Siobhan – is an extrovert, somewhat lippy Irishwoman who happens to be a vet nurse who wants to make a luxury dog kennel to impress the vet she has a 'thing' for.

Helen - is a rather lonely but fiercely independent woman with a terminal illness who prefers the company of horses to that of the human species. She wants to make her own coffin.

Louise - a retired nurse who is fragile and vulnerable as well as greatly lacking in confidence. She is prone to scratching a great deal. Louise wants to build a shed to hide in.

Annabel, a well-off marriage counsellor who is brisk, business-like but emotionally brittle. She wants to build a bookcase.

Ages of these characters can range from 30 – 60

Ring WANDA 027 486 0049 or email wandabrittain@gmail.com for more information



FRIDAY FLICKS

Movie fans who came to see 'Trumbo' enjoyed an excellent movie and the return of the intermission! It was great to see New Zealand actor Dean O'Gorman in the role of Kirk Douglas. Dean is an actor, artist, and photographer from New Zealand. He played the dwarf Fili in the Hobbit trilogy and the Norse God Bragi/Anders Johnson in the fantasy series The Almighty Johnsons. He also acted with Nick Kempen in the early days.

COMING UP ON Friday November 20th, 2020 The Delightful New Zealand Film 'Bellbird'



Writer and director Hamish Bennett doesn't waste time setting the scene in Bellbird, a heart-warming drama -comedy set in rural New Zealand, and his feature debut.

We're immediately pulled into the lives of married couple and

Northland dairy farmers Beth and Ross. Beth (Annie Whittle) is warm, outgoing and creative; while Ross (Marshall Napier) is a man of few words, who sticks to what he knows, farming.

Their son Bruce (Cohen Holloway) has recently moved back to the area and is a mix of his parents' interests and personalities. A quiet bloke, Bruce works at the local refuse station where he repairs other people's trash or turns it into art. The elephant in the living room is his lack of interest or affinity for farming, in what is otherwise a typical farming family.

Whittle isn't in Bellbird for long, but she makes her mark. This is vital, because in what is really a study of masculinity, it's Beth's spirit which helps husband and son through their grief.

MDS PROGRAMME FOR 2021

April 10 – 17The Pink Hammer

June 23 – 27Mid-Year Production
(to be decided upon)

July 8 – Arts on Tour 'Aperture' - The life and works of Ans Westra, the Dutch woman photographer by Martine Baanvinger who we saw in her stunning one-woman show 'Solitude' last year at the Little Theatre.

Oct/Nov – The committee has received an exciting proposal from Glenn Roswell, that he would like to direct the play 'At The Sign Of The Crippled Harlequin' by Norman Robbins – a thriller/comedy/drama. (Ron is following this up with Glenn so watch this space!)

THEATRE IMPROV CLUB

With Julie Taylor - Coordinator

Every 2nd Monday of the month at the Little Theatre in Short Street, Julie is holding these popular club nights for anyone who wants to have a go. A name is still to be chosen for the group however interest is growing particularly since the latest 'Short & Sweet' production. If you missed the last meeting, but would like to attend next time, you are most welcome. **For more details ring Julie: 022 0608 669**

"If you really do want to be an actor who can satisfy himself and his audience, you need to be vulnerable". Jack Lemmon

WHAT'S COMING UP. . . Yippee!

MATAMATA MUSICAL THEATRE
presents
'WEST 'N' WILD'
FINALLY ONSTAGE IN
NOVEMBER!
Show only dates 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15
Dinner show dates 4, 11, 12, 13, 14

"An hilarious Western Musical comedy that was worth waiting for"
*Over 20 popular foot tapping songs!
*New Country Rock versus Hillbilly style!

Directed by Paula Hastings
Written by Sharon Butterworth

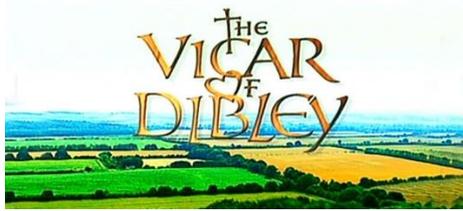
TICKETS ONSALE AT GUTHRIE BOWRON
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

CAMBRIDGE GASLIGHT THEATRE



28 November – 12
December: Peter Pan
Directed by Tracey
Barlow

Te Aroha Dramatic Society



**IS COMING TO TE AROHA IN MARCH!
WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Do we have a Nureyev in the making!



A special welcome to Izzie, Tina and Dan



And to Kerry Lucas-Candy and Adam Barton



It's great to
have you all
come join
us treading
the MDS
boards for
the first
time!



I think we may have nearly come to the end!



**HAVE YOU JOINED US YET? IF NOT SURE CHECK
With Treasurer Colin-0274 478 47 or 07 888 4172**

SUBS FOR 2020-2021

Name/s:

Contact Details.....

Single \$25.00 - Double \$40.00 - Student \$10.00
Being in a one-off production \$10 for insurance purposes

Post to: Matamata Dramatic Society, c/o Colin Kemplen
42 Burwood Rd. MATAMATA 3400
Nb: PLEASE NOTE POSTAL ADDRESS CHANGE

Online - by internet banking to:
MATAMATA DRAMATIC SOCIETY
Account No: 01 0362 0008333 00.

Please include your name and SUBS as reference.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUED
SUPPORT**

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE?



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Sandra Clark, phone 07 888
7296 of your change of address or
contact details. Or post on
our Facebook Page. Thank You.

*Yours theatrically,
Wanda*

