

Matamata Dramatic Society Inc.

ON-STAGE NEWSLETTER

April 2021

From our new President Korstiaan Prins

It was a very humbling experience to be nominated, for the position of President, from the floor after Ron van de Molen stepped down. Sandra Clark also stepped down as Secretary.

I would like to thank both Sandra and Ron on behalf of the society for their efforts, especially, over the last two years. I am happy to report we retained them both as committee members. Ron and Yvonne Marshall are now Vice-Presidents and Colin Kempen is continuing as Treasurer.

All existing committee members have agreed to stay on for another year. Thank you all for your continued support.

We are however one secretary short, so we are on the lookout for a person willing to take minutes (every fourth Monday of the month) and look after some correspondence on behalf of the society.

With production plans already finalized for this year, we can just get on with making it happen and do some planning for the future.

Korstiaan

Ron and Sandra were presented with 'Thank You' cards and gifts on behalf of the committee and members in appreciation for their hard work on behalf of the society.

Paul Marshall was also presented with a 'Thank You' gift for all his dedicated work as the Bar Manager for the society.

And talking of bars . . .

A horse walks into a bar and the shocked barman points a finger at him in alarm and yells "Hey!"

The horse says, "You read my mind! I'll have a pint!"



**THE SOCIETY'S LATEST
PRODUCTION OPENS 10TH APRIL!
TICKETS ARE ON SALE ONLINE AT
www.mds.org.nz**

**Matamata Dramatic
Society Inc.**

Is proud to present



By Michele Amas
Directed by Wanda Brittain

Saturday 10 April 2021 at 7.30pm
Sunday April 11 2021 Matinee at 2.00pm
April 12 - 17 2021 at 7.30pm

Matamata Little Theatre,
5 Short Street, Matamata

Proudly sponsored by
MITRE 10

Tickets: \$25.00
Book online www.mds.org.nz

Contains adult themes and language

The cast and crew of 'The Pink Hammer' are approaching the finishing line of this exciting New Zealand play and by Opening Night they really will have a winning performance to bring audiences to their feet!

In the role of Woody is newcomer to Matamata Little Theatre, Alan Williscroft, who we are really

GETTING TO KNOW. . .

Alan is a keen participant in amateur dramatics and is very pleased to be taking part in his first production at the Matamata Little Theatre along with a talented cast and crew.



He has previously been involved in many projects from panto to play over the last 30 years in both the UK

and NZ. Alan took to the boards on numerous occasions with the 16th Ave Theatre in Tauranga, most recently in the black comedy "After Dinner" by Andre Bovell. If this photo is anything to go by it certainly was a fun play to be in!



However, becoming the 'hapless' Woody in this production of 'The Pink Hammer', Alan has found the role both interesting and fun. This somewhat typecast role draws upon years of building work knowledge and life experiences.

Alan is looking forward to once again, entertaining eager audiences with some empowerment and maybe a few tears?

FRIDAY FLICKS



'Philomena' with Dame Judi Dench and Steve Coogan

Inspired by a true story (both onscreen and in real life), this film tells of a world-weary journalist who helps a simple, elderly Irish woman look for her baby taken from her 50 years before. It is full of drama, pain and loss yet is also delightfully funny, uplifting and thought provoking at the same time. It played to an appreciative local audience and the raffle this time was appropriately won, being that it was St Patrick's Day last week, by Fiona Ryan from Ireland!



Some of the cosmopolitan audience enjoying a pre-film tippie at the bar

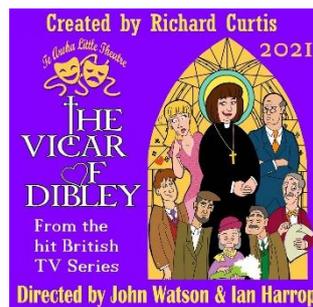
Fiona Ryan From Ireland, Hande from Turkey, Paul the barman, Becky Bruins From Tower Road, Claire Piens From Belgium, Fiona from Belgium (photo courtesy of Rebecca Sainsbury)

Next Month's Movie will be 'the New Zealand film 'Herbs' and due to the Pink Hammer production there is a date change

Friday Flicks will now be featuring on Friday 23 April 2021 at 7.30pm

'Herbs' is about five men from different islands throughout the South Pacific who join forces in 1978 and find the words and the music within each other to give New Zealand its voice and Pacific place in the world.

TADS 'Vicar of Dibley' Review



Having seen this show performed multiple times by differing groups over the years, I can say without reservation this particular performance was up there amongst the best of them.

The cast were obviously lead by a highly capable director who chose a cast who fitted their roles so

perfectly I'm sure it would be difficult to set their actual characters apart from the stage ones. If I am mistaken then I take off every hat I have ever worn to the abilities and execution that every single person brought to the stage.

It was acted out with passion and feeling throughout and just when you thought you'd been treated to all they had in walked 'That wedding dress' just couldn't have been ANY better.. Thank you from the bottom of all I am for a truly wonderful evening's entertainment.

So very, well done ALL INVOLVED.

Alan Williscroft

Alan and his partner, Maxine, were at the Opening Night which I also attended with friends, and I certainly agree with him. I couldn't stop laughing and it's no wonder Te Aroha Little Theatre was full every night! I have to say though I found the 23 scene changes a little distracting but did sing along to all the hymns! (Thankfully, 'The Pink Hammer' only has one set and a minimal number of scenes!)

It was also great to see Rex Steniford (who played Reggie in 'Biggles Flies Undone' in the role of David Horton which he played to perfection as did Dan Jones who was the "No, no, no, Yes!" Jim Trott. Dan was the piano player in our production of 'Allo 'Allo.

And this review would not be complete without mentioning the two Teletubbies who are Alice's bridesmaids! They were great, especially Laa Laa, the one in yellow who was obviously enjoying his theatrical debut enormously!



Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards?

He was just going through a stage.

A thief enters a theatre on opening night.

He stole the spotlight.

I told my friend I was appearing in Hamlet at the New Globe Theatre

He said, "Are you being facetious?"

I said "No, Polonius"



LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE!

And yes, members, this is what our mid-year production is to be called under the productional/directional team of Julie Taylor, Colin Kemplen and Wanda Brittain!



OVERHEARD BACKSTAGE



Our Pink Hammer Stage Managers Anthony van den Berg & Chris Chambers wanted to know what to wear so we thought these T-shirts would be ideal.



COMING UP THEATRICALY-WISE

Matamata Musical Theatre
Presents
'THE LAST RESORT'
Onstage
13 – 22 MAY 2021



A hilarious musical comedy set in a Matamata retirement village with 20 well known songs!
Written by Judith Prior
- adapted by Sharon Butterworth
Directed by Yvonne Walker

MORRINSVILLE THEATRE

Morrinsville Theatre
MENOPAUSE
made me do it
written by Devon Williamson

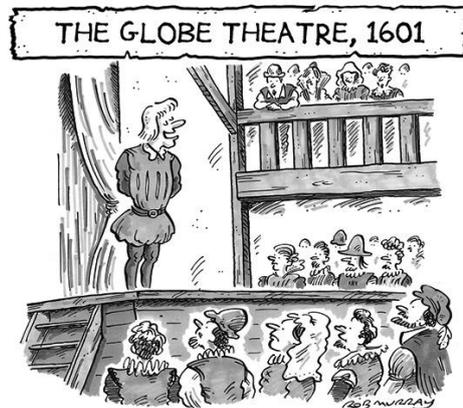
Directed by
Johanna Chase and Deb May

6 – 8 May 2021
9 May 2021 (matinee only)
13 – 15 May 2021

\$25
Group Booking: Table of 8 for \$175

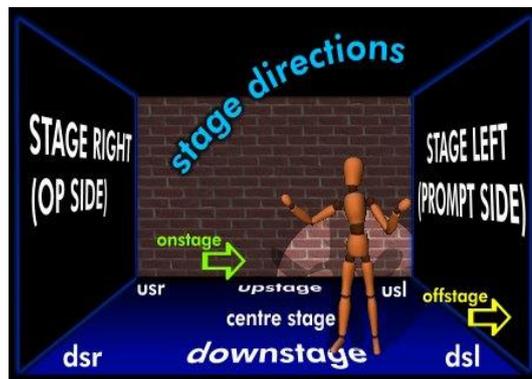



Talking Heads? Is that a play on words
Or is it talking to yourself? Or does it
mean keeping ahead of things?



"The following play contains scenes of treachery, fratricide and indecision, which some viewers may find upsetting..."

Do you ever get confused about stage directions? Well, here's the solution!



It's Time To Renew Your Subs or Join Up

Full Membership - Single \$25.00 - Double \$40
Student - \$10.00

All involved with a production – on stage or back-stage - are required to join either as a full member or just for the production \$10.00

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Yours Theatrically
Wanda

