

Zone Two Newsletter - June 2009

[Tauranga Musical Theatre](#)

We are now into the rehearsals for Cats, and the energy from the cast is great. See the photos of our rehearsals! The set and costumes should be here in about a week (after Auckland finish with them), so we are looking forward to having the set to rehearse on. Zone meeting is approaching, and even more of our members are rehearsing for the entertainment for that. We are looking forward to hosting our Zone meeting in July, and hope to see many of you here! With a mix of networking and training, hopefully everyone will be the better for attending. We have had another couple of Working Bees in our Wardrobe area, and we can see the floor!!! Now the cataloguing and sorting can begin. With our props being much more accessible after the recent working bees, we have made some good hireages in the last month – So some of that tidying up is starting to pay off. We ran our Lighting Training Course last weekend, with a very positive response. We had approximately 8 of our own members attend, with 3 others from the local Repertory Society, and Merv from Matamata. We may look to run a slightly more advanced workshop next year, covering how to use the computerised lighting console. Our Sound training workshop is on the 4th of July, and Production Management on the 11th. See www.tmt.org.nz for more details. Cats tickets are selling very well, so don't miss out – book online at www.ticketdirect.co.nz



Matamata Musical Theatre

Since the last meeting we have had a very successful show written and directed by one of our own members (Sharon Holmes) it was "Reach for the Stars" based on the American Idol series with a local bias. It was a funny story with lots of singing and other side humour the cast were mostly young adults and adults as judges etc."It was a breath of fresh air" was a remark from the audience.

We have also purchased a Container to help with storage, so we can tidy up our bits and pieces that take up a lot of room. This will give us a lot of extra room out the back which will help at show time.

We are currently planning a Christmas Dinner Show with a Chinese Theme; we have a lot of success with these shows. Dates to be advised but should be about middle of November we find this is a good time for firms Christmas outings. So watch the papers and come along

P S If any one has Chinese costumes we are interested in hiring these Ring Jeanette 07 8889391 or send info to our box number 214 Matamata. Thanks Jeanette Humby Secretary

Random Fact

The longest running musical in West End history is [Les Misérables](#) it opened on the 8th October 1985



Morrinsville Little Theatre

Morrinsville Little Theatre is presenting 'The "Morrinsville's Got Talent" Variety Show on 30 and 31 July. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a special dog for a local autistic boy. Items will be provided by the local Country and Western group, Gracelands Rock and Roll, the Lyceum Choir, The Pakeke Pavarottis, guest speakers, singing and skits from theatre members. A light supper will be provided. Enquiries can be made to morrinsvilletheatrenz@hotmail.com

Musical Theatre Gisborne

What's happening?
or.....What's not happening?

After a successful production of Chicago in May 2008 we have had a quiet year.

In November we held a Olde Tyme Music Hall in the 'Irish Rover' in their large upstairs function room. The venue proved very suitable and with the added attraction of a meal the show was well attended. A minor production with low costs and minimal technical input. For us it was a good exercise and profitable.

We are not producing a major production this year but have been talking to, and agreed to contract Bruce Martin to direct for us next year.

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Blast From The Past will be staged at Casa Blanca Theatre. The cast have been busy with music rehearsals, and start setting with Robert the director tonight.

Tickets have been in demand and have already pre-sold seven performances without even advertising the show! We are considering extending the season.

So for a great night out, come along and see Blast From The Past.

Book today to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased at any Ticketmaster office or online at www.ticketmaster.co.nz

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Musikmakers Hamilton Inc

Musikmakers has just completed its season of Cabaret. It is still too early to know if the show has broken even. However putting aside the financial matter, I believe that Cabaret has been a triumph. There seemed to be a lot of new faces in Cabaret, and it not just the cast. There seems to be growing amount of backstage crew. Whether it is thespians who have not been involved for a while and have returned, or newcomers to the theatre. Either way this is very encouraging for Riverlea and Theatre in general.

Musikmakers cast the Sound of Music on the 13/14 June

138 people booked audition spots. What an amazing weekend. As President I was on the audition panel and I have to say the standard of people auditioning was incredibly high and they had all put so much preparation into their audition.

Riverlea runs a Stagecraft School and many of those children auditioned. The work carried out by the tutors was very evident in the standard of the children who auditioned.

Musikmakers has also run a workshop called "So You Think You Know How To Audition" and this was a great success, with many people joining in the fun of the day and actually learning what is expected of them at an audition; perhaps we will do this again in the future and open it up to the Zone. I would be interested to hear you thoughts on this.

Please come and see the Sound of Music, Maria will have you sitting spell bound, she is superb and the children of course are always a delight to see. We need to support one another so get a group together and come along to Riverlea for an excellent nights entertainment.

Show opens on 19th September and runs until the 10th of October. Dinner and Show or Show Only tickets are available and there are matinees on Saturday the 26th September and the 3rd and 10th October.

Book your tickets now by ringing Bryan on 07 856 5450

Theatre Whakatane

Whakatane is setting up for a junior talent quest to be held beginning of August. This is a joint venture between Theatre Whakatane and Whakatane West Rotary Club. Currently we have approached all the local schools and the interest is very good.

We have also scheduled auditions early July for a pantomime to be staged in October.

Looking back, we closed Sound of Music in May with 8 out of 10 performances sold out to enthusiastic audiences, then went on to support Whakatane High School in their production of Grease. Their Kenickie and our Kenickie hung out...

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Te Awamutu Light Operatic Society are in the middle of rehearsals for Wizard of Oz, season starting mid August. Lots of interest and competition shown at auditions which is good.

From Your Zone Rep

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Well it is that time again, where do these months go to. It's almost Christmas in fact you are probably all thinking seriously about your Christmas Productions.

Since our last newsletter I have been to Thames. I do intend to get to everyone sometime during the year. Love to get the invites to shows as not only does it remind me that your show is now on the boards but it is good to be recognised.

The Sound of Music seems to be the show to do this year with Whakatane and Thames now hopefully relishing the rewards of a good production and Musikmakers celebrating the large number of people who wanted to be the star of the show.

I am off to my first MTNZ Executive meeting this weekend so that is very exciting for me and the beginning of what I hope will be a long reign as your Zone Rep. If there is anything you wish me to discuss at the meeting please ensure you get an email to me no later than 4pm on Thursday.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Tauranga on the 11th July, lots of interesting topics for discussion on the agenda. Please make every effort to come along and ensure you sort out your ticket for dinner and entertainment in the evening.

A special thank you to Dale from Tauranga for all his support in getting this up and running.

Ngairé Holmes