

Otaki Players Society

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Newsletter

November 2019

Dear Members and Friends,

Well, here we are – two-thirds of the way through Spring and it seems only yesterday we closed “Phantom”. And what a huge success that was. The feedback from audiences was super-positive. Most performances were sold out and, overall, there were more “Bums on Seats” than for any previous show. So a massive vote of thanks to everyone associated with the show and, of course, to our audiences. And so we move on.

FUTURE EVENTS AT THE CIVIC

GREASE JUNIOR

Grease Junior will be our next offering - a youth production to be directed by Fran Tull. Auditions were held on 22nd and 23rd September with main castings as follows:

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| Danny: | Connor Norris | Teen Angel: | James Stent |
| Kenickie: | Logan Clough | Sonny: | Jackson Tahiwī |
| Doody: | Tama Porter | Roger: | John Lindley |
| Johnny Casino: | Leyton Miscall | Vincent Fontaine: | Matthew Brooker |
| Eugene: | Eddy Vidulich | Miss Lynch: | Sienna Vidulich |
| Patty: | Madly Simpson | Jan: | Michaela Clough |
| Marty: | Lily Colette | Rizzo: | Nadi Figur-Ambler |
| Sandy | Maya Gatling | Frenchy: | Frankie Vidulich |
| Cha Cha | Hayley Esslemont | Extra Pink Lady: | Tui Tahere-Katene |

The full cast of 42 commenced rehearsals during the last school holiday. (For those unfamiliar with the junior version of *Grease* please be aware that it contains all the well-known songs.) Behind the scenes, painting of the set has now begun, this week saw the delivery of a car to the theatre in anticipation of “Greased Lightning”, and once again our wonderful wardrobe staff have started costuming the large cast – some of whom will require two or even three costumes.

Performances are as follows:

5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th December at 7.30 p.m. and
7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th December at 3.00 p.m.

Tickets are already available so get in early by following the link below:

https://www.otakiplayers.org.nz/1/online_stores/19-grease-junior-ticket-sales-general-admission

MAORILAND FILM FESTIVAL 2020

The Maoriland Film Festival will be held at the Civic Theatre from 18th to 22nd March 2020.

FORTHCOMING PLAYERS PRODUCTIONS

A full length play – TBD - but probably a comedy in early 2020 to follow the Maoriland Film Festival.

Main Musical 2020. A decision has been made. Our main musical for 2020 will be “Hairspray” to be directed by Tracy Wills-Wright.

THEATRE MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP

In addition to our dedicated Thursday morning team of set builders, a small group of members are spending their Wednesday evenings on a multitude of maintenance tasks and odd jobs. Simple tasks like cleaning, costume and props storage, replacing light bulbs, painting and decorating – the list goes on and on. And, in the balcony we have made a start on replacing the (elderly) seats with seating similar to that in the main auditorium. All of this takes time and willing helpers so if you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday evening between 7.00 and 9.00 p.m. your assistance would be appreciated. Planned dates for the next few weeks are 6th, 13th and 27th November.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next Newsletter will be January 2020. As always, if you have anything for inclusion please let me know –

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