

With another successful production added to the archives, a festival of arts production in a few days, the theatre filled with the sound of young people enjoying drama lessons and an outstanding one man show on offer at the end of the month you could be forgiven for thinking our community theatre was more likely to be found in a much larger centre. There is certainly a great sense of achievement with being associated with such a professional and enthusiastic society. With the calendar for 2008 nearing completion we are sure you will be delighted with the range of plays on offer and the calibre of directors, safe in the knowledge that this year is still far from over.

Our first drama class in conjunction with "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" took place on 28th July. 76 children enrolled under the tutelage of Jim and Gabrielle Barr to learn theatre skills and confidence to assist with their auditions later this month. An unprecedented response and we welcome all new members (and their parents, caregivers, chauffeurs) to Cue Theatre.

Bookings are going well for Tony Williams' "War God" – remember this is a limited three night season from 23rd-25th August only so we recommend early booking.

We have finally received confirmation from Australia and can announce another special play this year. "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney – see the article later in this newsletter and mark it in your diary now – definitely not to be missed!

Last, but never least – a special word of thanks to our ongoing major sponsors. Macfarlanes Caffe (Tania & Kent Riddell) and Inglewood Shoprite (Ross & Donna Jordan) have now supported the last two opening nights of our productions with full sponsorship of the platters and refreshments. These "Gala Evenings" are exceptional value and add just a little glitz to the night.

Tony Williams as "WAR GOD"

Thursday 23rd August to Saturday 25th August (3 night season)

Complimentary refreshments from 7.15pm each evening.

Show commences at 8.00pm
 Coffee and café after the show with the opportunity to meet and talk with playwright, author, actor, producer – Tony Williams

\$20.00 per person

Tickets available from Inglewood Book Centre – P 06 7567032

* **Members please note that complimentary tickets are not redeemable with this production.**

"LOVE LETTERS"

By A.R. Gurney

With Valda Hinz and Peter Meikle

"Exhilarating, funny and moving."

The Wall Street Journal

Tracing the lifelong correspondence of the staid, dutiful lawyer Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and the lively, unstable artist Melissa Gardner, the story of their bittersweet relationship gradually unfolds from what is written - and what is left unsaid - in their letters. They discuss their hopes and ambitions, dreams and disappointments, victories and defeats. A beautiful play scheduled in conjunction with the Taranaki Garden Trust Fringe Garden Festival, please note we have moved the start time for this production to 7.30pm. It is a limited four night season with tickets on sale from 1st October from Inglewood Book Centre, phone 06 7567032 so mark it in your diary now. Ticket price is \$20.00 per person or \$18.00 per person for pre-paid groups of 10+.

Produced by arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, on behalf of Dramatists Play Service, Inc New York.

The Inglewood Amateur Photographic Society will also be holding an exhibition of work during this time within the TET Cue Theatre foyer. Although normally open for viewing only during the day you will now have the opportunity to enjoy

the exhibition pre-show during the "Love Letters" season - a night of guaranteed entertainment with pre-show refreshments, photographic exhibition and "Love Letters".

AUCTION NOTICE THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Auditions for this special play are to be held at TET Cue Theatre on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August from 2.00pm-5.00pm each day. ALL AGE GROUPS ARE REQUIRED from age seven to the very mature. Some singing may be required.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" tells the tale of four young children evacuated from London during the Blitz. While exploring the Professor's house, Lucy stumbles across the wardrobe, gateway to another world, and the adventure begins. The land of Narnia is under the spell of the wicked White Witch and very quickly the four find themselves caught up in a deathly struggle between good and evil.

For further information and to arrange an audition time please contact David Ertel, Production Manager on 06 7567120.

The production is scheduled from 22nd November – 2nd December – please ensure your availability prior to auditioning.

"MY COUSIN RACHEL"

"We're going to miss you madam, all of us," Seecombe said to Rachel. What do we miss? The four hour rehearsals on Sunday, the stress and strain of final practices working to get lighting and sound effects right, searching everywhere for the props which we hope the audience will accept as genuine 19th century items, the massive clearing up before the dust settles again. Maybe not, these are the things which do not change from one production to another. What does change is the mix of individuals who front up for each new production. We have the luxury of drawing on the talents from all around the

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province and the different mix each time results in something unique – not only onstage but also backstage. For “My Cousin Rachel” we were fortunate to have a backstage team which changed almost every night but always succeeded in putting on a good show. This meant that we could introduce more members keen to learn the many different skills needed and, over the 11 show season, those who had other commitments could attend to them. This capacity to adapt is vital and healthy in this day and age. It was a production also unique in attracting a comment from one of our audience to the local newspaper. Thanks to B. Neville for doing us the honour of thinking enough of our efforts to take the time to write to the Daily News – we acknowledge the helpful criticism and hope the writer will continue to monitor our efforts in the future.

Warmest congratulations to all those involved with “My Cousin Rachel”. Soraya, Jym, Kate, Jon, Bill, David and Jamie, you all lit up the stage and gave life to Barry’s vision - we hope the happy memories will remain for many years to come.

FRONT OF HOUSE

To all those friends of the society who gave generously of their time to assist with both “Conjugal Rites” and “My Cousin Rachel” our sincere appreciation. Sometimes overlooked when the thanks are being made – you are the face of Cue, our patrons know some of you better than the cast – you serve with professionalism and enthusiasm and without you, a Cue experience would not be as rewarding.

FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Friday 3rd August 2007

“Hatch” – part of the [Taranaki Festival of the Arts](#) to be staged at TET Cue Theatre. One man. Three million penguins. An obsession with the truth. Tickets available via Inglewood Book Centre – phone 06 7567032

Saturday 4th August 2007

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Thursday 16th August 2007

Cue Theatre Committee Meeting from 7.00pm at TET Cue Theatre.

Friday 17th August 2007

NORTH TARANAKI SOCIETY REGISTERED MUSIC TEACHERS INCORPORATED STUDENT RECITAL. To be held in the TET Cue Theatre foyer from 7.00pm. All welcome. \$2.00 per person door charge.

Saturday 18th August 2007

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN. TET Cue Theatre from 2.00pm-4.00pm. Final workshop.

Thursday 23rd – Saturday 25th August

“**WAR GOD**” – an outstanding one man play written and presented by Tony Williams. Tony is a renowned author, playwright and producer. Tickets available from Inglewood Book Centre, phone 06 7567032. Performances begin at 8.00pm with complimentary refreshments from 7.15pm.

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August AUDITIONS – “THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE”. TET Cue Theatre from 2.00pm-5.00pm each day. ALL AGE GROUPS REQUIRED.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

25 Years Ago – August 1982

Heather Harrison directed three one act plays by David Campton with the Intermediate members of Cue. “The Box”, “What Are You Doing Here” and “The Cage Birds” were presented by Paul Clark, Selina Boniface, Debra Clark, Natasha Hansen, Graham Codd, Tania Shepherd, Jane Taylor, Michelle Hayman, Julie Wilmshurt, Claudine Tyrrell, Alistair Codd, Della Parker and supported by adult member Enid Codd.

17 Years Ago – August 1990

“**Music Hall**” directed by Mary Boekman with Elaine & Tracey Schreiber, Musical Directors. There was a full house for the opening performance. With the help of large song sheets the audience joined in the singing.

OUT AND ABOUT

The Taranaki International Festival of Arts has certainly brought some very different theatre experiences to our province. Hopefully you have planned to enjoy at least one or two of the varied shows on offer – some may even make you appreciate the great job our

amateur dramatic societies are already doing!

JUNIOR DRAMA

Welcome to all new junior members and their families. Cue Theatre has been in operation for over 50 years and it is exciting to see so many young people interested in the theatre and acting. In recognition of the travel required by many of you to attend the drama workshops and audition for “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” our sponsor, Macfarlanes Caffe would like to offer all parents/caregivers/chauffeurs a 10% discount card for coffee and cake. Cards may be collected from the Caffe – please just mention your child(ren) is involved with the classes and Tania will ensure you receive a card to use over the next few weeks.

Now, for the children – below is a wordfind based around TLTWATW – once you find all the words listed the 7 leftover letters will spell a word – write this on a piece of paper with your name and bring it to the theatre on the 11th August. Good luck!

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Wardrobe	Tumnus	Narnia
Spare oom	Lamppost	Stage
Edmund	Professor	King
Winter	Susan	Lion
Aslan	Lucy	Beaver
Witch	Peter	Stone
Eve	Evil	Son
Faun		

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