



QNU – JUNE 2009

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 7th of May. President Marie Pearce presented her report, outlining the year's productions and thanking the committee members. Chris Turnbull, treasurer, presented the annual accounts, which showed a good profit from the two shows which were held in the last financial year. As always, the society is grateful for the advice and support that Kevin Koch gives us in preparing the accounts, and also for Archie Smith's assistance in auditing them. Archie has been our auditor for many years and is now reducing the number of audits that he does. The meeting thanked Archie for his support over many years.

We were delighted to receive a letter from David Ertel, with his good wishes for the society.

Sadly we had four committee members retiring, but the good news is that although they are leaving the committee they will still be involved in Cue productions, and they are assisting those who are taking over their responsibilities. Our president, Marie Pearce, the creator of magical foyer displays and delicious suppers is intending to spend more time on her council commitments. Chris Turnbull, who has looked after the society's accounts and all the associated legal requirements so admirably over the years will have more time for her family, especially her new granddaughter; but we will see her back in the sound and lighting box, which is great. Selina Mackie who has worked so hard for the committee - creating and maintaining the web-site, writing the newsletter and marketing show after show so successfully, has also stepped down; but we look forward to seeing her on stage again soon. And - saving the best until last (I am sure that Marie, Chris and Selina won't mind me saying that) we are delighted to report that David Ertel, although stepping down as vice president, is improving in health and is now out of hospital. As well as directing sell-out shows, David has been a tireless worker for the Cue over many years. Whatever needed doing he was there to do it; often things would be fixed, organised, attended to, or sorted out before anyone else was aware that they needed doing. We look forward to your return to the Cue, David.

The other piece of good news is that we have some great people to replace the retiring committee members. We welcome Sheryl Hamilton our treasurer, Michelle Chainey our secretary, and Janice Ferens and Noreen Hobo as committee members. Denise Fitzsimons has become our vice president, and Mary Gyde, Margaret West and Ross Jordan are continuing as committee members.

Little did I think when I was a weasel in 'Toad of Toad Hall' many years ago that I would end up as president of the society, and I am delighted to be part of such an enthusiastic and talented committee. We have two meetings planned for this month, a planning meeting on the 25th of May, and our normal committee meeting on the 13th of June. We will have details of our programme in the next newsletter.

Best wishes to all,
Valda Hinz, President
06 7568747

AT TET CUE THEATRE ...

13th June 2009

Cue Theatre Committee Meeting
TET Cue Theatre – Green Room at 7.30pm
– all welcome.

25th – 27th June 2009

“TALKING HEADS”
By Alan Bennett with Sue Golding and Max Golding.

3rd July 2009

North Taranaki Registered Music Teachers Association
For more information contact Susan Case – phone 027 230 1026

11th September 2009

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2nd-4th October 2009

“ART”
A comedy by Yasmina Reza, translated by Christopher Hampton /Fr/1996
More information via Howick Little Theatre.

30th October – 7th November 2009

Inglewood Photographic Appreciation Group - Exhibition in TET Cue Theatre Foyer

11th – 22nd November

“Summer Wonderland”
By Matthew Ryan. Directed by Ross Jordan
An award winning Australian comedy. If you are interested in being part of this show – either on stage or crew – please feel free to register your interest with Ross directly – phone 06 7567719.
Audition notice to come.

TALKING HEADS

By Alan Bennett

MSM Theatre - Sue & Max Golding

Thursday 25th June – 7.30pm

Friday 26th June – 7.30pm

Saturday 27th June – 3.00pm

Tickets \$25.00 per person

Phone Inglewood Book Centre – 7567032

Alan Bennett's extraordinary portraits of ordinary people have earned him a place as one of the most gifted, versatile and important contemporary writers, offering razor-sharp wit and deeply felt humanity. A critic wrote “Bennett's genius is his ability to satirize humanely. In his hands, the tragic and the painful are close bedfellows with the funny and the sexual”.

“Talking Heads” are most often performed as monologues. However, MSM Theatre have chosen to stage their production in a different way, interspersing the little scenes from the monologues. With common threads, they make a show.

The pieces in the MSM show are “A Chip in the Sugar”, wherein a man's life begins to unravel when he discovers his aging mother has rekindled an old flame; and “Bed Among the Lentils”, in which a vicar's wife discovers a semblance of happiness with an Indian shop owner.

MSM Theatre is staging the show in conjunction with Cue Theatre. Originally it comprised Auckland performers Maxine Burgham-Page and Sue and Max Golding, with Dugald Page as designer. Unfortunately Maxine Burgham-Page is unable to make the trip to Taranaki due to ill health, however, Sue and Max Golding have long histories as actors with a variety of Auckland and North Shore theatre groups and we look forward to welcoming them to Cue Theatre this month for what promises to be a most entertaining show.

According to their website the **Taranaki International Festival of Arts** will be announcing its programme on 5th June so there is still time to log onto www.artsfest.co.nz and register for up-to-date information on the programme of events for this year. The festival runs from 23rd July – 9th August.