

Hello and welcome to the first newsletter of 2009. We trust you all enjoyed the festive break and summer holiday. Fingers crossed for more fine weather to come!

Our thoughts have been with David and Joan Ertel who lost their son Jim in a tragic car accident in December. David, who was also in the vehicle, is now recovering at home and we wish him well in his recuperation – the theatre just isn't the same without him.

The building work which has been kindly funded by the TET Trust is now complete with a purpose built storage facility at the rear of the theatre, new stairway to the upstairs storage area within the theatre and even a reinforced apron on the stage. These improvements and new structures will certainly assist the set builders, props and back of house workers with all productions from now on and we are grateful to the wonderful professionalism of Bell Builders, the watchful eye of life member, Alan Stevenson and, of course, TET.

As many of you will know the planned production in March of "Educating Rita" which was to be directed by Trish Devine has been cancelled. Several factors influenced this decision however we are delighted to announce that the replacement production is well underway with more information later in this newsletter. Our congratulations to Trish on her engagement and move north to be with her fiancé – we are sure she will be involved in a theatre in Waiuku very soon!

With a busy year ahead, both within our theatre and throughout Taranaki's cultural scene we hope you have a chance to see as many productions and events as possible. Don't forget to advise any friends or family of the free email service we offer – just ask them to email [backstage@cuetheatre.co.nz](mailto:backstage@cuetheatre.co.nz) with their details and we will ensure they are kept up-to-date with newsletters and promotions throughout the year.

Looking forward to seeing you out and about over the coming months – especially at "The Odd Couple".

**AT TET CUE THEATRE ...**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
**Committee Meeting** – TET Cue Theatre  
 Foyer, 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
 "THE ODD COUPLE"**

A Cue Theatre Production by Neil Simon and directed by Blair Hodson. Opening night gala performance from 6.45pm with show at 7.30pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Evening performances on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March as well as Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm. Weekend matinees Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00pm. No performance scheduled for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets from Inglewood Book Centre – phone 06 7567032.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
 BEN MCDONALD**

The Whistle Stop Tour. Tickets available from Inglewood Book Centre – phone 06 7567032.

**25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
 "TALKING HEADS"**

By Alan Bennett with Maxine Burgham-Page, Sue Golding and Max Golding.

**2nd-4th October 2009  
 "ART"**

A comedy by Yasmina Reza, translated by Christopher Hampton /Fr/1996  
 More information via Howick Little Theatre.  
 This is a visiting production directed by Peter Meikle

**"THE ODD COUPLE"**

By Neil Simon – Directed by Blair Hodson  
**A divorced slob and an obsessively clean suicidal hypochondriac team up with results that will have you laughing gasping and wanting to clean something.**

John Bellomo plays Felix, a suicidal hypochondriac whose wife has kicked him out because she can't stand his cooking and cleaning attacks any longer. Dave Rohe plays Oscar his friend, an untidy, unreliable, sports reporter who is divorced and now lives in an empty six room apartment. He offers his distressed friend Felix a new home in his apartment. Soon the trouble begins because two such contrary characters can't live together for long. Felix turns Oscar's disorderly flat into a clean house and garden showhome.

He cleans and cooks the whole time. After a short while, Oscar feels persecution mania. The laughter ensues when Oscar invites their two female neighbours for dinner, because he has to touch something softer than a bowling ball.

A great script from Neil Simon will have you laughing at this odd match as you watch the friendship of these two men tested to new limits. Can Oscar rise to the occasion and remain true to his friend? With the help of their poker buddies, Roy (Mike Bellomo), Vinnie (Scott Hughes), Murray (Alex Ballentyne) and Speed (Jym Shute), and the beauty and charm of the Pigeon sisters - Cecily (Paula Smith), and Gwendolyn (Trudie Ashford) this odd couple begin to see each other and their own problems in a new light. The season opens with a gala performance on Thursday, 26 March and runs for only eight performances to April 3, including two weekend matinees. Tickets on sale from Inglewood Book Shop, Rata Street, Inglewood or phone 06 75 67032.



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**Ben McDonald**  
*The Whistle-Stop Tour*

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 Do you remember the Sunday evening sing-a-long?  
 Yes - then this show is for you!

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 The Black and White Rag  
 Remembrance  
 The Invercargill March  
 Danny Boy

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By NEIL SIMON – Directed by BLAIR HODSON

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