

There has been quite a bit of publicity on the forthcoming productions for our local theatres this year. Cue, Little Theatre and Repertory all have full calendars. Add to these the wonderful cultural events offered via Womad in March, New Plymouth Operatic's 'CATS' in June, the Taranaki Festival of Arts in July/August, and Hawera's "Joseph and it would appear that the Taranaki public have no excuse for not enjoying some fantastic shows right on their own doorstep.

Cue Theatre has three productions planned for 2007 and is already penciling in the events for 2008 – rest assured, we will certainly continue to bring you excellent theatre in our excellent TET Cue Theatre!!

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### THEIR FINEST HOUR

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Unfortunately Elaine Schreiber, Musical Director, was unable to assist with this production in 2007 due to the sudden and tragic loss of her husband, Des. As most of you will appreciate, Elaine's talent with vocal and musical directing is exemplary and the Cue Committee were reluctant to continue without her in the role of Musical Director. With a full cast and crew for the show it was decided to postpone the planned production of "Their Finest Hour" until April 2008. Director, Ross Jordan has selected a replacement production – see more about "Conjugal Rites" in this newsletter.

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### CUE THEATRE WEBSITE

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Well, it is almost all go for the new Cue website – hopefully due to be uploaded within the next three weeks, we do still have a few areas where we would like some assistance. Following is a list of missing photographs for some of the productions held over the last 50 years. Photographs needed: A Piece of Steak (1963); Christmas Magic (1989); Dangerous Obsession (1992); Deckchairs (1997); Mist Over The Mistletoe (1981); Murder

When Necessary (1978); Over The River and Through The Woods (2003); Pack of Lies (1987); See How They Run (1972); Table Manners (1984); The Big OE (2002); The Magic Hand (1990); Two Dozen Red Roses (1966); Victorian Music Hall (1987). Please give Selina or Peter a ring on 7567967 if you can assist.

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### CONJUGAL RITES

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Written by the notable Roger Hall, this New Zealand play is to be directed by Ross Jordan. On stage at the TET Cue Theatre from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April (ANZAC day) until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May it will include two matinee performances at 2.00pm on both Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

Morris West (Barry) and Selina Mackie (Gen) have been married 21 years and "on the whole, they've been a good 21 years." But with teenage children, aging parents, tired careers and new professions, not to mention separate bank accounts, there seems to be something awry on the home front. This is a scintillating comedy, funny, poignant and sometimes cutting just a little bit close to home. There is no doubt you will recognize people you know – maybe even yourself! For a great evening (or afternoons) entertainment we can guarantee you will not be disappointed.

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### COMING UP.....

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What an outstanding line up we have for our Cue enthusiasts...

**"Conjugal Rites"** April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup> 2007, by Roger Hall, directed by Ross Jordan. An outstanding New Zealand comedy.

**"My Cousin Rachel"** July 18<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup> 2007 - as adapted by Diana Morgan, directed by Barry Brett. Love, deceit and murder – or was it?

**"The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe"** November 2007 - from the original by C.S. Lewis, directed by Jim Barr. Fantasy at its very best!

**"Their Finest Hour"** April 2008 – by Tony Lucie-Smith, directed by Ross Jordan. A musical tribute to World War II incorporating a love story that spans the years.

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### FROM A DIRECTOR'S BOOKSHELF

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I am in the middle of reading "Who Does He Think He Is?" by George Webby the New Zealand actor and author. He has some interesting comments to make that may have the reader wondering. - Derek T  
*"Have there been any female theatre gurus? Ngaio Marsh, Maria Dronke perhaps. Joan Littlewood in London probably. Nola Millar certainly wasn't, and any mantle she wore, she earned. Nor are Sue Wilson, Jan Pettejohns or Cathy Downes. An interesting thesis for someone!"*

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### YOUR COMMITTEE

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### CUE NEWS

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Next Cue Club Night is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2007 – from 5.30pm for takeaways and a social get together. BYO refreshments. Usually over by 8.00pm – just a chance to catch up with friends – please join us.

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### BACKSTAGE CREW

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With such a wonderful range of productions coming up we are looking for backstage crew. If you have a particular field or area of interest backstage please contact us at [backstage@cuetheatre.co.nz](mailto:backstage@cuetheatre.co.nz) so that we can add your details to our database to give to our forthcoming directors.