



Papakura Theatre Company (Inc)

NEWSLETTER

Patrons: Bruce and Jessie Pulman

Christmas 2021



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Season's Greetings Everyone,

As we all know, it has been a tough year and there is no doubt it is taking its toll on most of us. I see it both with friends and my colleagues at work. Although Christmas is a special time of year, it can make this an even tougher time for some people. Please, don't suffer in silence. As I



have said many times, we are a family and there is always someone available to talk to or be there if you need. Please, don't think twice about asking or contacting myself.

We have an exciting year ahead (COVID-19 dependant of course) with the wonderful **Steel Magnolias** kicking the year off and setting the benchmark, followed by **Dusty**. Recent auditions have fielded a superb cast with Bridget Chasemore as Dusty and Grace Knell as Mary. Rehearsals for this will start towards the end of January. We won't be long into rehearsals for **Dusty** and we will be starting to prepare for **A Few Good Men** and then we have **Anne of Green Gables** to finish what will be a pretty hectic year.

Nominations for the 2021 NAPTA Awards were announced last weekend and PTC would like to congratulate all nominees and we await the final outcome in March when the big Awards night takes place. Details of nominees are further on in this edition.

I must say, it was really special to have Santa visit the theatre recently. More about that later in the newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their commitment, support and dedication to what I truly believe is a theatre club to be proud of. Special thanks to all those who give their time most generously and constantly to keep the theatre in a state of readiness at all times.

From my family to yours, I wish you a Wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Paul

Bits of News to fill this little space!

- PTC is very grateful to The Merton Trust for the grant of \$1500 received towards production costs for our forthcoming production of **DUSTY**.
- The Troupes & Wyatt market held outside Off Broadway on Saturday 4th December proved a popular event and likely to be repeated early in the New Year.
- Watch for the Papakura Summer Festival coming to Central Park on Saturday 19th February – a date for your diaries as Paul and the PTC team will be involved in organising this concert and the Off Broadway Big Band will be playing.
- Lisa Lorrell and her Elevenses will be back at Off Broadway in early March.



First Up in 2022

PAPAKURA THEATRE COMPANY

NEW DATES!

Steel Magnolias



THE CLASSIC
DRAMATIC COMEDY
BY ROBERT HARLING

DIRECTED BY
EMMA LOVE

18 - 26 FEB 2022

OFF BROADWAY THEATRE, 41 ELLIOT ST, PAPAKURA (OPP. RSA)

Well, hopefully third time lucky! Obviously the rescheduled November dates for **Steel Magnolias** had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 DELTA. But our fabulous cast and crew are staying with it and the cast have had a few Zoom meetings to run their lines and to stay in touch and these have gone really well. They and the crew can't wait to get back to Off Broadway and finish what we originally started way back in the early part of this year. The two performances we managed to present just prior to the August lockdown went so well and bookings were looking really good and we were all so excited! Feedback from those two audiences was really strong and never have we had so much wonderful free publicity through the print media. And then DELTA came and spoiled it all!

So now we start again and we will need your support to help us get the word out there after Christmas! However, we will of course have to be at least in the ORANGE Traffic Light to be able to go ahead. So fingers crossed!



DUSTY – The Original Pop Diva

Very successful auditions were held recently and we are very excited to announce our cast! Director Maryanne Rushton and MD Phillip Liu can't wait to get started! This is going to be a great show!

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DUSTY

THE ORIGINAL POP DIVA

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DUSTY
BRIDGET CHASEMORE



RENO
ELLEN-MOANA SMITH



RODNEY
REUBEN SU'A



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TRUDY PRICE



KAY
VANESSA NEWMAN



O'BRIEN
NICKOLAS MORRIS



TOM
JACK STYLES

ENSEMBLE

AMRIT SOMA	JOANNA GRAY	MICHAELA MACFARLANE
BEN SHACKLETON	JOHN SHACKLETON	NANCY MANNING
CALLUM NEILSON	KAITLYN TANOA'I	NATALIE PITFIELD
CATHY WILSON	KATRINA HOWARD	ROSE ROGERS
DANIEL WRIGHT	LIBBY MURPHY	SHARNIE CARLYLE
ELISE PHILLIPS	LOREE-ANNE WALDING	SOPHIE CRANWELL
GIANNI-MIA ATTRILL-DOWLING	MADELEINE POTTER (DANCE CAPTAIN)	SOPHIE PUTZE

SHOW SEASON 30th APRIL - 14th MAY 2022



Only our production of **Mamma Mia** was up for the NAPTA Awards this year as Steel Magnolias was not seen by the majority of the judges although we hope it will go forward for judging in 2022.

Nominations for the Awards were announced last weekend and **Mamma Mia** received the following nominations.

Susan Andisen – Best Props

Richard Braid – Best Sound

Shane Richardson – Best Lighting

Allan Wyatt – Best Set

Paul G Radden – Best Musical Direction

Chanelle Bulless – Best Supporting Actress in a Musical – as 'Rosie'

Libby Murphy – Best Leading Actress in a Musical – as 'Sophie'

Charlotte Peiris – Best Leading Actress in a Musical – as 'Donna'

Mamma Mia – Best Musical

Congratulations to our PTC nominees and to everyone involved with creating the fabulous show that was **Mamma Mia** – exciting that it is in with a chance of Best Musical!



PTC CHRISTMAS PARTY

A happy bunch of us met at Marie & Dave Parker's home in Wattle Downs to celebrate the festive season. It was the first time that the majority of us had seen each other since early August so there was much chatter. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the annual Distinguished Service Award. This year it was a double presentation as Paul announced this year's recipients as Louise Barry and Brian Scowcroft for all the bar work and set build work they have done throughout the year. Both Louise and Brian have contributed a lot of time to support PTC through 2021 and earlier years and everyone thought the Awards were well deserved!



Congratulations
Lou and Brian!
And a BIG THANK YOU
for all your hard work!

Many thanks to the
Parker Family for
hosting us and for
doing all the cooking
etc!



WHEN SANTA VISITED OFF BROADWAY!

PTC was thrilled to have a visit from Santa this week. Santa contacted us to ask if we could host him while he paid a special visit to Ben Styles. Many of you will know Jack, Ben's older brother who was Pepper in Mamma Mia and is playing Tom in Dusty. Also, Ben's Dad drove his authentic American Army jeep for PTC in the Santa Parade.

Obviously, this was a real privilege for PTC to be asked by Santa to do this so Ben could meet Santa and spend some time talking about all things from BBC television, which Ben loves, the All Blacks and where does Santa live, which Santa wouldn't give up. Santa was assisted by the PTC Snowwoman who as you can see from one of the photos, actually started to melt. PTC's very own elf was very helpful and quite knowledgeable when Santa's ailing years had him forgetting things or not able to speak mandarin. I have never seen an elf in high heels before! They were standing in for Frosty and for Santa's elves, as our summer heatwave and the elves' busy schedule while Santa was here himself, obviously precluded them from visiting us this time.

A lovely afternoon was had by all and it was very special in many ways and especially for Ben being able to have some special quality time with Santa.

Thank you, Santa, and we hope you visit us again next year!



And on that lovely note, your PTC Committee would like to wish you and yours a Very Happy Christmas!

Stay safe and may the New Year bring us all joy and good things, including an Orange Traffic Light!

