



Papakura Theatre Company (Inc)

NEWSLETTER

Patrons: Bruce and Jessie Pulman

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Season's Greetings one and all!

In my final President's note of 2022, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with PTC over the last 12 months. My thanks go to the actors who have put on some amazing shows and impressed audiences beyond all expectations, doing themselves and PTC proud. Of course, no show can be performed without hundreds of hours of behind the scenes work from everyone – from front of house to backstage crew, to set builders and everyone in between.

In the final event for the year, PTC entered the Papakura Santa Parade and for the second year in a row we won first place in the community group section! I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in the parade for their time and effort in making this such a wonderful entry.

The PTC Distinguished Service Award was presented at the Santa Parade, and Barb will expand on this later in the newsletter. Congratulations to the very worthy recipient.

Planning is well underway for our first show of 2023, *Noises Off*. This is a hilarious comedy, and I am looking forward to seeing how it 'plays' out. Prior to *Noises Off* we have another **REVIVAL** concert which has amazing singers who will be performing some of your favourite musical numbers. Tickets for this concert are already on sale – these would make a great last-minute present! Please do come along and support our theatre for these two superb events. The Papakura Summer Variety Concert will be held at Central Park on Saturday 25th March, and the Off Broadway Big Band will be holding their popular supper dance weekend around this time. We really do have some outstanding events coming up.

As the year draws to an end and we look forward to spending time with loved ones, let's take a moment to remember those loved ones who are no longer with us and are missed dearly.

I wish you, your family and friends, a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for 2023. Stay safe and take care.

Paul



This is a hilarious fast-moving British farce in three Acts, which depicts a play within a play. The audience will see the actors "onstage" and "back-stage" beginning with a chaotic technical rehearsal in Act One, followed by the on-going problems and mayhem as the company continues with its ten-week tour, determined to see it out to the end.

There are some great roles going for this production and it promises to be lots of fun whilst doing lots of hard work!



**TICKETS TO REVIVAL WOULD MAKE A
GREAT LAST-MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFT!**

Chiara van Baarle once again returns to Off Broadway with her friends to do a fundraiser cabaret of songs from West End & Broadway Musicals – *Mamma Mia*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Cabaret*, *Finding Neverland*, *Rock of Ages*, *Smokey Joe's Café*, *Waitress*, *Dear Evan Hansen* and many more – Chiara is joined by Bridget Chasemore, Simon Chapman, Sean Macfarlane, George Everts, Lauryn Edmonds and Jamie Lamb, giving us seven fabulous performers who have previously appeared on our stage and across Auckland in various community theatre productions.

Remember the last REVIVAL Concert with Chiara in July 1919 after the first Covid lockdown? Both performances sold out – so be quick!

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere of Off Broadway relaxing at your table, bring your own nibbles if you wish, whilst being royally entertained by these talented singers.

The bar will open 30 minutes prior to commencement of performance.

Tickets are: \$28 Adults; \$25 Seniors/Students #12 Child 12 yrs and under

To book, go online at Iticket.co.nz or from Sat 21st Jan, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 am to 2 pm, you can book in person at Off Broadway.





What an absolute delight to watch Anne of Green Gables – our audiences just loved it, coming out at the end each night with huge smiles and lots of great compliments. Audience numbers were really pleasing and covered a wide age range.

Closing night had a tinge of sadness about it because we all loved this play – it had sort of turned into something a bit special. However, after the patrons had gone and supper and thank-yous were done with, the fun started with our young ones watching themselves onscreen doing the Hornpipe and the Waltz – thanks Robert for filming that! It brought forth great hoots of laughter and cheering. This was followed by a special appearance of the adults, mainly crew along with a couple of cast members, doing their versions of the two dances at which the noise from the audience broke all decibel levels!

Well done Lou and Team – you gave PTC audiences a real treat. Despite the worries of Covid, our PTC year has seen us produce 4 superb shows and our audiences continue to build, which is really exciting. Bring on 2023!



PTC AT THE PAPAKURA SANTA PARADE



This was so much fun – a beautiful sunny day – lots and lots of families waving as we paraded past! And we won First Prize for Best Float! Thanks to Lillian who started the ball rolling with organising things, to Paul and Susan for a lot of hard yakker and to our Judys for making sure everyone had a costume , to Merv for bringing his dear wee Austin 7 and Daryl Styles (Jack & Ben's Dad) for once again providing the America Jeep and to everyone for joining the PTC effort – we were chuffed to be presented with a rosette and \$100, which was then spent on pizzas for dinner at Off Broadway as we gathered there afterwards to celebrate the festive season.

PTC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR 2022



Whilst we were all together waiting for the Christmas Parade to start, President Paul took the opportunity to present the PTC Distinguished Service Award for 2022 as he was not able to attend the PTC Christmas gathering following the Parade.

This year the Award was presented to Cheryl Simpson for all the work she has put into investigating and advising the MTNZ Executive on setting up of the Trust which will be replacing the Capital Assistance Fund.

Cheryl has spent many hours working on this to ensure that not only PTC's past and future contributions to the Fund are properly protected and managed but also those of all MTNZ affiliated contributing societies and also ensuring that the new Trust is properly and legally set up.

Congratulations Cheryl! Thank you for all your intense hard work on this.

NAPTA VOLUNTEER AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

The annual Volunteer Awards and announcement of the NAPTA nominations was held recently at Auckland Music Theatre.

Every year the NAPTA Trust gives participating societies the opportunity to honour their outstanding volunteers. Every society can put forward a nominee in each of the two sections – Youth (25 years and under) and the Open Section. This year PTC nominated two of our hard workers – Lillian Geddes and Carolyn Loader. Both have contributed much to the success of our society this year and your Committee was delighted to acknowledge their efforts.



THANK YOU, LILLIAN AND CAROLYN, FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK – YOU BOTH EARNED THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

NAPTA NOMINATIONS

PTC received 21 nominations for our 2022 shows, as follows:

Outstanding Hair & Make-Up Design

- Janette Halbach – *Steel Magnolias*
- Kenijah Weir & Maryanne Rushton – *Dusty*

Outstanding Props Design

- Susan Andisen - *Steel Magnolias*
- Susan Andisen – *Anne of Green Gables*

Outstanding Sound Design

- Robert Mitchell – *Steel Magnolias*
- Richard Braid – *Dusty*

Outstanding Costume Design

- Paul Radden – *A Few Good Men*

Outstanding Set Design

- Allan Wyatt – *Steel Magnolias*
- Allan Wyatt - *Anne of Green Gables*

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play – Female

- Ngaire-Ann Hobson as M'Lynn – *Steel Magnolias*

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play – Male

- Bradley Pope as Harold Dawson – *A Few Good Men*
- Mike Daley as Nathan Jessep – *A Few Good Men*

Outstanding Leading Actor in a Play – Female

- Natalie Peart as Joanne Galloway – *A Few Good Men*

Outstanding Leading Actor in a Play – Male

- Thomas Calver as Daniel Kaffee – *A Few Good Men*
- Grant Waugh as Matthew Cuthbert – *Anne of Green Gables*

Outstanding Supporting Actor In a Musical – Female

- Grace Knell as Mary O'Brien – *Dusty*

Outstanding Musical Direction

- Phillip Liu – *Dusty*

Outstanding Direction of a Play

- Emma Love – *Steel Magnolias*
- Anthony Mitchell – *A Few Good Men*

Outstanding Play

- *Steel Magnolias*
- *A Few Good Men*



Congratulations to all our wonderful PTC nominees – an acknowledgement of all the months of hard work and dedication put in by all our casts and crews throughout the year – thank you to everyone involved in our four 2022 productions – it's been a very good (but busy!) year.

And to all nominees and Volunteer Award recipients, well done! After the nightmare of the past couple of years, with disruptions and cancellations etc, it's great to see community theatres getting back into their stride again and doing what we all love to do!

A full list of NAPTA 2022 nominations can be found on the NAPTA website at
<https://www.napta.org.nz/recipients/2022/>



PEOPLE NEWS

Spending Christmas in New Zealand visiting family and friends are:

- From Germany - Carolanne Weidle, spending Christmas with her Mum & Dad, Celia & Spencer Wright.
- From the UK - Adey and Lisa Ramsel and sons Archie and Oliver
- The Parker Family recently welcomed Marie's parents, visiting from the UK again.

Welcome back – enjoy time with your families - great to catch up with you all!

Well, that's it for another year folks!

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas – keep safe, enjoy the festive season and the summer - see you all back at Off Broadway in 2023!



Well, I had to fill the page up, so one last pic! Bye!