



Papakura Theatre Company (Inc) NEWSLETTER

Patrons: Bruce and Jessie Pulman

April 2024



Hello Everyone

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the cooler weather.

We have just finished a wonderful season of *Looking* and I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to everyone involved.

With the remaining shows for this year confirmed, the theatre is in full swing with *We Will Rock You* rehearsals. Music, dance and blocking rehearsals are all going very well with a very strong cast. Audition dates have been set for *The Games Afoot* and will be announced soon. *The Games Afoot* sounds like a great show that will appeal to many.

Congratulations to everyone, be it PTC members or those from other societies, who won ACTT and/or NAPTA Awards. PTC continues to produce great shows and that is in no small way due to the commitment shown by all those involved in our productions. Thank you all for what you do for PTC.

The Off Broadway Big Band played for an hour at the recent PARKFEST before the heavens opened and the event was subsequently called off. We had 3 songs ready to perform from *We Will Rock You* to give Papakura faithfuls a taste of what is to come but sadly the event was cancelled prior to their performance.

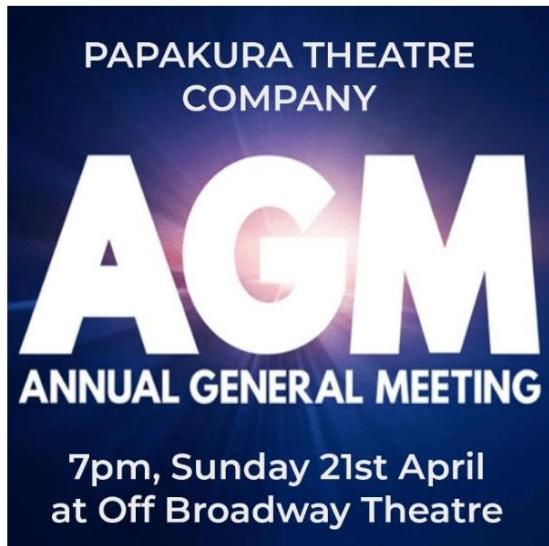
Several PTC members travelled to the MTNZ Conference in Rotorua in March. For some it was their first time, including myself. Everyone had a great time and I can only speak for the Friday night dinner and the Saturday lunch but the food was great! It was also a pleasure to meet David Spicer who was over from Australia and from whom we secured the Rights for *We Will Rock You*.

As you will see later in this newsletter, we have our AGM this coming Sunday 21st April at 7 pm. Please do come along and support your committee who work very hard for both the members and the club in general.

I would like to pay special thanks to Barb, who spends many hours putting the newsletter together and gathering information to populate the pages for your perusal. I know she will say more on the plans for the upcoming 70th celebrations in June, so block out the date.

Take care and I look forward to seeing you all very soon at one of the many events here at PTC,

Paul



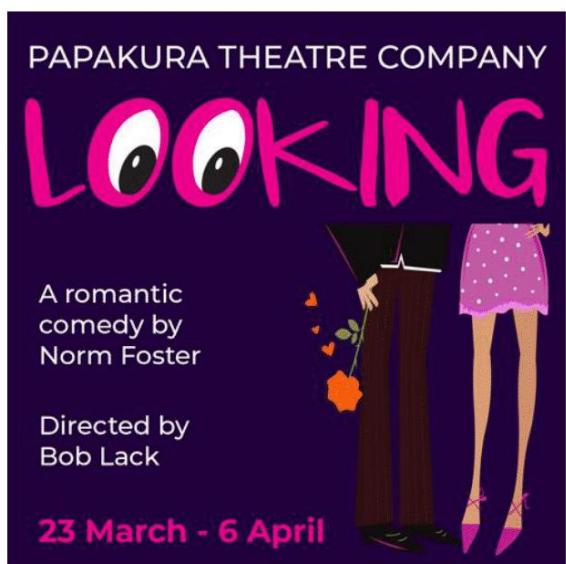
Come and hear how 2023 went for PTC, have your say on how your Club is run and share in the social chit-chat after the meeting over some nibbles and refreshments.

If you are interested in standing for committee, please email info@ptc.org.nz for information and a nomination form.

Hope to see you all there!



Come along and take a turn on the mic or just sit back and enjoy some pizza and relax whilst others give out with the songs! Whatever, it is sure to be a fun night!



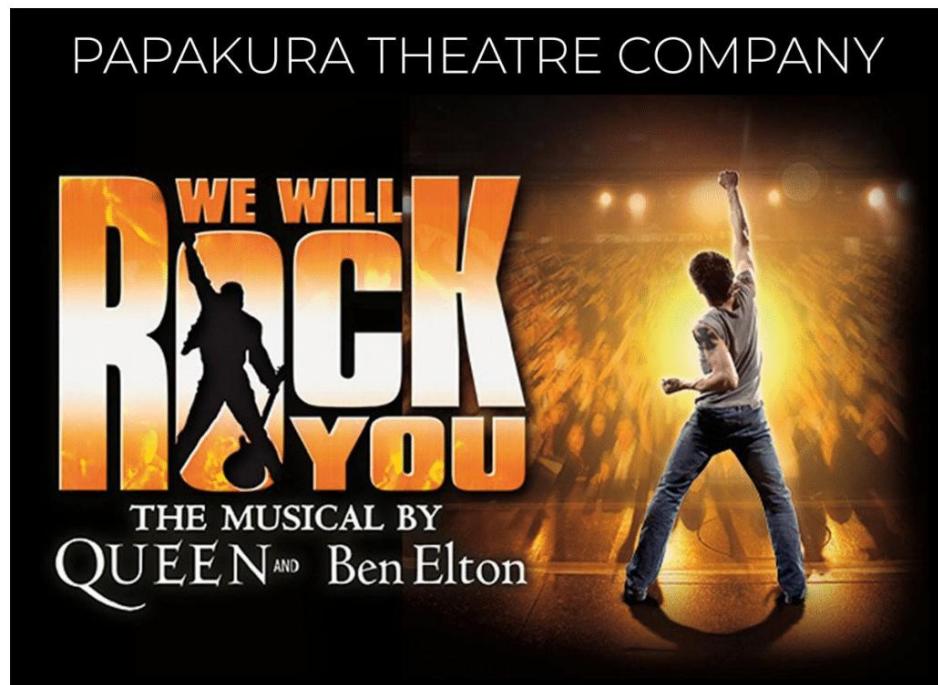
LOOKING – SUMMING UP

This comedy, unknown to many, turned into a real success! The audiences loved it – everyone leaving each night with big smiles on their faces and saying how much they enjoyed it. That's so good to see and hear! Although there was plenty of publicity out there, word of mouth certainly got around on this one and the bookings just got better and better.

Thank you to Director Bob Lack, to our four superb cast members and to our brilliant production crew for producing such a great show.

A happy bunch of thesp's celebrated after the final performance with bubbles and supper and lots of laughs during the thank-yous and presentations!

UPDATE ON OUR NEXT PRODUCTION



Welcome to new members of the WWRY cast – we hope you will enjoy working with the PTC team.

- Remco Numan
- Nathan Johnson
- Liam Farrell
- Anessa Malik
- Anna Reyes

Rehearsals are progressing really well – choreography with Hayze is looking pretty amazing and the backing vocalists with Paul, accompanied by Phillip on the piano, are getting to grips with some pretty tough harmonies. Director Anthony has met with set designer Allan and set crew will be starting the build this week. It's all go! And very exciting!

So many people have asked about this show and enquired when tickets will go on sale. Watch for the announcement on Facebook and our PTC website – it'll be fairly soon!

FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR CHRIS & LIAM WALKER

Took place last Saturday 13th April at Off Broadway

What an absolute delight Chris and Liam's concert was. Their audience was treated to a great mix of solos, duets and trios in song with some beautiful harmonies, a Sonata from Sarah and her cello students (the youngest was only 7) followed by a superb solo from Sarah on her cello. One of the surprises was a brilliant performance from two very young students - Jamie Zhang on the erhu (Chinese violin) accompanied by Hailey Guo on the piano. The concert finished with songs and scenes from ***Mary Poppins***, which Majors 'n' Minors are staging a little later in the year. All the young cast sang and danced so well – they were obviously enjoying themselves. Congratulations to Liam and Christopher and all the young people who appeared with you and to those who supported you and helped put your concert together. Best of luck on what sounds like a very exciting trip with your school!



PTC CELEBRATES 70 YEARS - SATURDAY 29TH JUNE at Off Broadway



SATURDAY AFTERNOON - 2 pm to 4.30 pm

Display of photographs, programmes, costumes, props

There will be music, nibbles, tea and coffee and the bar will be open

Everyone welcome - no charge

SATURDAY EVENING - 6.30 pm to 11 pm

Mix and Mingle

7.30 pm - selected excerpts from 3 or 4 plays

Interval and time to chat

8.30 pm - Songs from the Musicals

More time to chat and supper

9.30 pm approximately - The Off Broadway Big Band (tbc)

A donation of \$10 per person will be gratefully received

Bookings will open in May to reserve seats/tables for the evening event

(mainly for catering purposes)

If you would like to be involved in any of the plays or musical segments,
please contact Barb at bghieatt@xtra.co.nz

MUSICALS AT THE MOVIES - these are all live stage performances filmed in London's West End

Showing only at select cinemas in Auckland – closest one to Papakura is Hoyts Ormiston



TITANIC – THE MUSICAL

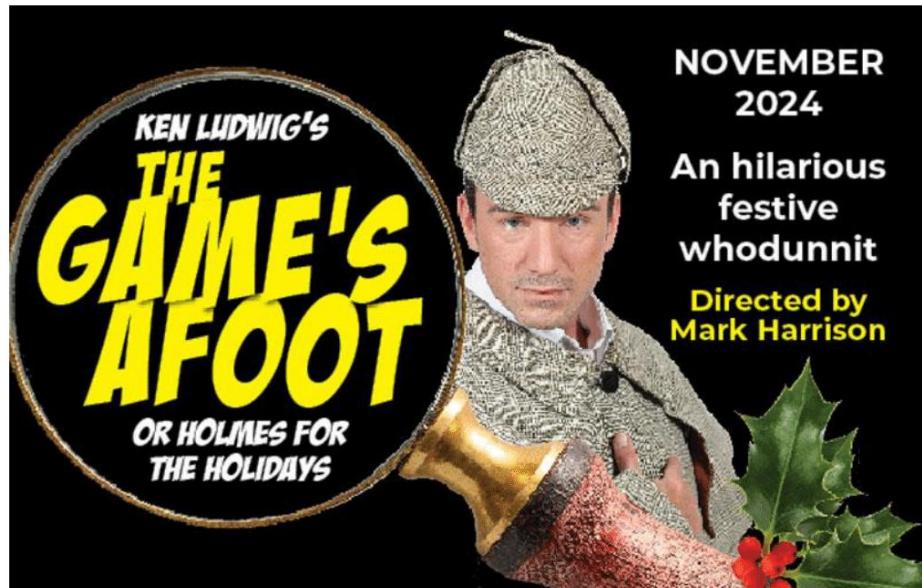
Showing: Fri 3 May – 1 pm : Sat 4 May – 12.50 pm : Mon 6 May – 1 pm : Tues 7 May – 1 pm

AN AMERICAN IN PARIS

Showing: Fri 31 May – 1 pm : Sat 1 June – 12.50 pm : Mon 3 June – 1 pm : Tues 4 June – 1 pm

PTC'S END OF YEAR PRODUCTION – AUDITIONS PLANNED FOR AUGUST

Watch PTC's website at www.ptc.org.nz or PTC's Facebook page for dates & further info



NAPTA AWARDS - Saturday 23rd March

Announced at the Awards Evening held recently at the North Shore Golf Club and attended by several of our members.

Huge congratulations to our Award winners!



- Outstanding Direction of a Play - **Anthony Whitehouse** for *Noises Off* (Anthony is currently busy directing our production of *We Will Rock You*)
- Outstanding Supporting Performer in a Female Role – **Olivia Shaw** as Poppy in *Noises Off* (Olivia is currently rehearsing the role of Scaramouche in *We Will Rock You*)
- Best Set – **Allan Wyatt, David Parker & Robert Mitchell** for *Noises Off* (What a team! They're just starting on the set for *We Will Rock You*)

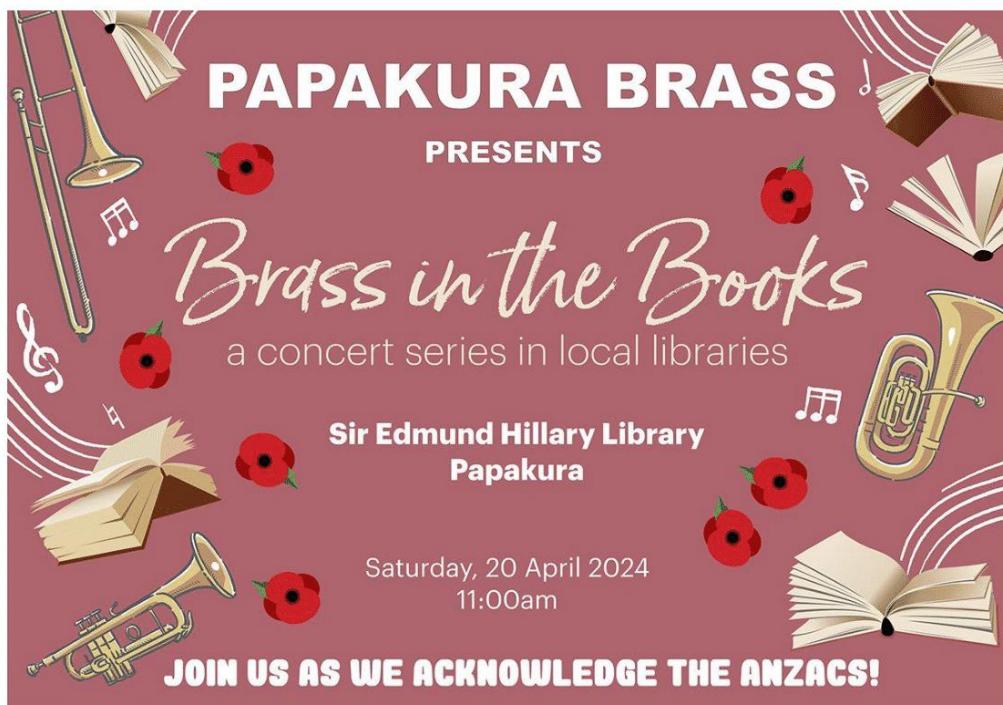
We would like to congratulate all NAPTA winners and nominees but would especially like to mention three winners who are or have been recently involved with PTC productions:

- Cameo Award – **Sharon Fogarty** as The Dragon in *Shrek the Musical* for Harlequin Musical Theatre (Sharon is currently rehearsing the role of Killer Queen in *We Will Rock You*)
- Outstanding Youth Performer in a Female Role - **Kaitlyn Tanoa'i** as Patrice in *13 The Musical* for MPA (Kaitlyn was our beautiful lead singer (Mum) in last year's *Blue Eyes* and is one of the Backing Vocalists for *We Will Rock You*)
- Outstanding Direction of a Musical – **Maryanne Rushton** for *Be More Chill* for Centrestage Theatre (Maryanne directed PTC's production of *Dusty*)

WANTED – AS PROPS FOR WE WILL ROCK YOU!

Susan is looking for old smart phones. I have heard she is wanting to paint the backs of them so you may not get them back in the same condition. Please either drop them into the theatre or txt Barb 027 252 8265 – might be able to pick up if local.

THIS SATURDAY IN OUR LOCAL PAPAKURA LIBRARY



FROM SOUTH AUCKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY



South Auckland Choral's next concert is on Sunday 5th May at 2:30pm at Crossroads Church, Broadway, Papakura

A selection of folk songs from different parts of the world, conducted by David Gordon and with one of New Zealand's young up-and-coming soprano Holly Evans as a soloist.

An uplifting concert for everyone, followed by a delicious complimentary afternoon tea.

Tickets from Eventfinda, Unichem Pharmacy and Pat James (patjames.SACS@hotmail.com):

\$25 adults : \$10 5-18 year-olds : under 5s free

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/.../dance.../auckland/papakura>

<https://www.southaucklandchoral.co.nz/upcoming-concert>

AND SOME INFO FROM THE PERSON TYPING THIS, WHICH YOU MIGHT FIND HELPFUL – ABOUT RECYCLING!



Now that our Government has brought in 'rules' standardising what we can and can't put into our recycling bins, it seems we are to be left with all the lids and tops of various containers and bottles because they are too small to go through the machines at the recycling centres and are blocking up the equipment across the country. We therefore have to despatch them to our landfill bins. This is more than sad, although I understand the reasoning.

However, there are collection points accepting all types of container and bottle lids (like your milk bottle caps) metal lids, bottle caps (including off of beer and wine bottles) and container lids (ie plastic takeaway, spread and ice cream containers).

So, help our planet and stop these things having to go to landfill - maybe gather up lids and caps from your family and friends, and drop them into either of these places.



SUSTAINABLE PAPAKURA, 47 O'Shannessy Street, Papakura

Open Monday 9:30 - 12pm : Wednesday 12.30 – 4pm : Friday 11.30 am-2pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays Closed

Saturdays & Sundays Open during advertised workshop hours
or

Manurewa Community Recycling Centre & Reuse Store, 38 Holmes Road, Manurewa

Open Wednesdays to Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm

SUPPORT COMMUNITY THEATRE!

Pukekohe Performing Arts – *No Sex Please, We're British* : 12 – 20 April

Manukau Performing Arts, Spotlight Theatre, Papatoetoe – *Seussical* : 13 – 27 April

Harlequin Musical Theatre, Howick – *The Wizard of OZ* : 20 April – 4 May

Dolphin Theatre, Onehunga – *Clue* : 19 April – 4 May

Howick Little Theatre – *Aurelia* : 4 - 25 May

There are also some great family movies on at The Hawkins Theatre over the holidays. Check them out at www.hawkinstheatre.co.nz

It has been mentioned in the past that the members of the committee used to be listed in newsletters but hasn't been for a while, so with the AGM coming up, it seems timely to set down the current committee here.

Contact committee through info@ptc.org.nz

Paul Radden – President

David Child – Vice President : **Marie Parker** – Secretary

Marie Von Keiseberg – Treasurer

Robert Mitchell – Minute Secretary & Website : **Susan Andisen** – Venue Hire & Props

Emma Love – Marketing & Publicity : **Carolyn Loader** – Social

Cheryl Simpson – Law & Constitution : **Barb Hieatt** – Newsletter

There are also have 3 co-opted members: **Avril Hunt** – Social : **Lillian Cameron** (nee Geddes) : **Loree-Anne Smith**

