



# Papakura Theatre Company (Inc)

## NEWSLETTER

Patrons: *The Hon George & Mrs Jan Hawkins*

November 2020

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hi everyone,

I think I say this every time then carry on for ages typing and it isn't a quick note at all. But, this will be a quick note this time.

Thank you to all those involved in *The Vicar of Dibley* in one way or another. Shows are a team effort and without this cohesiveness shows simply do not happen. The feedback has been wonderful and the laughs emanating from the auditorium are heart-warming.

This is a very busy time for everyone, especially with so many events having been pushed back due to lockdowns, and now all trying to be squeezed in prior to Christmas.

I hope, amongst all that is happening around the place, you can take time for yourself and your family.

Forgive the quick note this time, but please know that it does not diminish from the gratitude I have for all the wonders that happen at our special theatre – thanks to you.

*Paul*

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## BREAKING NEWS!!!! EXTRA MATINEE FOR THE VICAR!

SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – 2 PM



Audiences are loving our show – they're all smiles going off home! Please do let your family and friends know about the extra matinee – spread the word and let's see if we can put the Sold Out sign up! After the year we've had, people could really do with a good laugh and The Vicar and her parishioners will certainly give them that!

**Book online at iTicket or at Off Broadway each Wed & Sat 11 am to 2 pm**



## PAPAKURA CHRISTMAS PARADE! SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

### YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

We had such a good time taking part in last year's Papakura Parade and we are planning to do it again this year. How about coming to join the fun! The plan is to represent some of what we have done in the past, advertise some of what we have planned for the future along with, of course, a band or two and an opportunity to show off some of our wonderful costumes! Our wardrobe team are going to open the wardrobe for people to sort out a costume to suit them so let Barb know ([bghieatt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bghieatt@xtra.co.nz) or ph/txt 027 252 8265) if you would like to take part. A date is still to be set for the visit to the wardrobe for costumes but we will let you know as soon as we have something sorted out.

Most of you will have to walk in the Parade as there will not be very many seats in vehicles available but the march is nowhere near as long as it used to be – leaves Central Park, down the main street, around the corner by the clock into Broadway and turn right to go along the front of the railway station to reach Central Park again – so come on, you can do that!



After the Parade, there is a great family event in Central Park – **CHILLIN' IN THE PARK** runs from 4 pm to 6 pm with entertainment, food trucks and fun for everyone and the fabulous Off Broadway Big Band forms part of the entertainment. Why not come along and bring a picnic and enjoy the music and get into the Christmas atmosphere?



## It's Party Time at PTC!

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – 7 pm**

Well, we started the year with a bit of a rush of adrenalin on a high with our fantastic Australian Bushfire Concert and our huge garage sale, but life came to a sudden stop with COVID-19 very soon after and nothing much happened for a few months – but we sure are back on a high again to see out 2020!

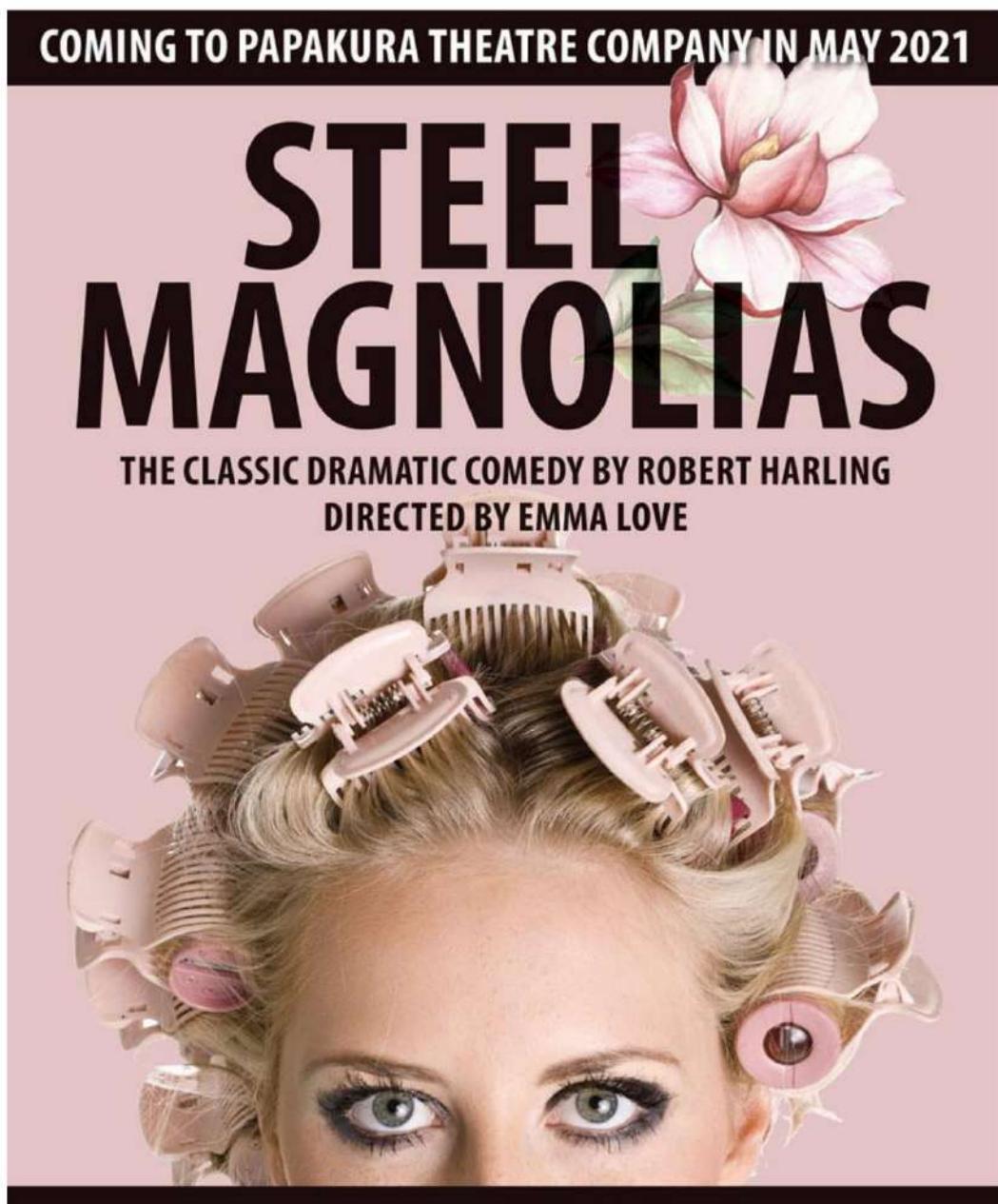
With the wonderful REVIVAL Concert, the fabulous Big Band Weekend and now the huge success of The Vicar of Dibley, and with the Costume Extravaganza still to come on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, we are ending the year with much to be thankful for.

There will be the usual pizza and chips for dinner BUT this time it's PTC's treat.

So put on your best Christmas hat, flashing earrings, and ad hoc Christmas decs and come and join with the rest of the team to celebrate and enjoy an evening of seasonal fun, a mince pie or two, Christmas cake and crackers!



PTC IS VERY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR FIRST SHOW FOR 2021



In Truvy's Louisiana beauty parlour, a tightly-knit band of friends confront grief, loss, life's unforeseen tragedies and heartaches with what they do best: gossiping, sharing and laughing. The spirited diabetic and bride-to-be, Shelby; her always supportive mother, M'Lynn; Truvy's gawky assistant, Annelle; the city's curmudgeon, Ouiser; and the town's former first lady, Clairee, are the warm Southern belles who know how to survive life's challenges with their unwavering friendship. But when Shelby decides to have a baby, their world turns upside down.

For further audition information, contact the director on [emma@cetech.co.nz](mailto:emma@cetech.co.nz) or phone 021 140 6632

AND WATCH OUT FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS RE 2021 SHOWS – COMING SOON!

## THE OFF BROADWAY BIG BAND

Over Labour Weekend our theatre was full of people enjoying the sounds of the Big Band. The Saturday Night Supper Dance was sold out and we were all really delighted to see so many ballroom dancers on the floor. Lovely to watch their grace and style! Sunday afternoon was packed out – no dancers but lots of listeners, enjoying the music and tapping their feet.

The Band, as always, were in superb form and the audiences were treated to songs from both Ron Price and Lisa Lorrell - they were just great!! Good to hear that Lisa will be performing more with the Band in the future. Thank you, all of you, for two wonderful occasions.

Both events were very successful and so many people asked questions like when are we doing it again, where does this Band come from, are they local, how often do you do this etc etc and they all left with big smiles and happy! Great result and a brilliant team effort all round!

Thank you to my great team of sandwich makers and helpers – so appreciate your support and help for these events!

I have to admit I'm a bit possessive about the Off Broadway Big Band and always refer to them as "our" Band. I have always been very proud of the fact that they called themselves after our theatre but it is after all where it all started, when Paul first got the Band together in 2008 (I think) and we had our first Supper Dance at Off Broadway.

And since then the Band has received requests to play all over the place – a tribute to how good they are! Here are some of the gigs they have lined up before Christmas – if you are around, do go and support them.

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. November – Stockade Hill, Howick at 8.20 pm
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. November – Footpath Opening, Papakura Central Park at 5.20 pm
  - Clarinet Quartet are playing first at 5 pm
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. December – Chillin' in the Park, Papakura Central Park at 4 pm
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. December – Late Night Shopping, Town Square (By Farmers), Papakura at 6 pm
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. December – Henderson at 3 pm



Hope we can do it all again next year – but less sandwiches perhaps!?

**Barb**



## THE DARK CIRCUS – Off Broadway on 30<sup>th</sup> October



Just would like to say what an excellent show this was! Such a shame that the audience numbers were a bit sparse because Andre and his company certainly deserved more. If he returns to our theatre, don't miss the opportunity to see him – his illusions had us guessing (and we were very close to the stage) and he was supported by jugglers, dancers, a contortionist (your newsletter editor couldn't look!) and a clever clown.

Andre presented his magic at our Australian Bushfire Concert and it was great to see him again – very clever stuff!



**Elevenses**  
**PAPAKURA**

OFF BROADWAY  
THEATRE, 44 Elliott St

**Tuesday 1 December**  
**10.00am**

**Come and join in the  
Musically Delicious  
Festivities!**

**Concert and specialty  
morning tea**

**Bookings must be made 2  
days prior.**

**lisalorrell@outlook.com**  
**Anne: 09 232 6588**

Do come and listen and enjoy Lisa's wonderful singing – she sings such a variety of songs and presents such a happy show. Plus the morning tea made by her Mum Anne and Dad Frank is delicious! But please book so that they know how many to cater for – see above.



**SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER from 10 am to 1 pm**

**AT OFF BROADWAY THEATRE – a local market with an electric mix of vintage finds, architectural & home decor items, fusion mineral furniture paint & finishing products, garden art, giftware & plants, and much more**

**A really interesting market!**