



## Papakura Theatre Company (Inc)

### NEWSLETTER

Patrons: Bruce and Jessie Pulman

November 2023



WOW! WOW! WOW! Bookings for our production of Calendar Girls have gone through the roof! Every performance except the newly added matinee has a flame alongside it on the iTICKET site. We are all thrilled to bits to see this and can't wait to see the audience reaction.

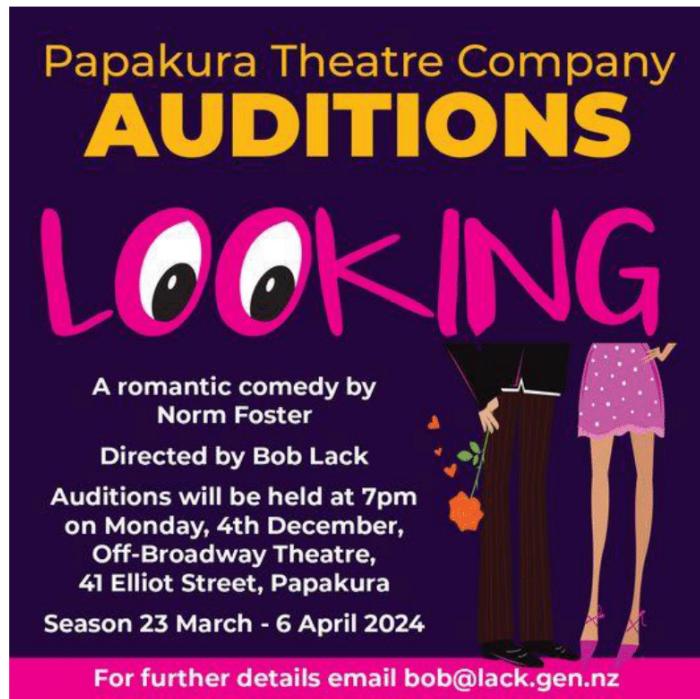
Months of hard work from so many people come to fruition tomorrow night, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, when we welcome our first audience to Off Broadway for this heart-warming play. Cast and crew are so ready for an audience and looking forward excitedly to getting our season under way.

Have you booked your tickets? Don't forget, the ticket office is open at Off Broadway every Saturday and Wednesday from 11 am to 2 pm if you would like to book in person or you can book online with iTICKET.

Most families have been touched by cancer in some form or other. Calendar Girls is based on the true story of a group of Yorkshire women fundraising for their Cancer Society after the death from cancer of one of their husbands so we thought it would be a good idea to use our production as an opportunity to fundraise for Leukemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. So please think about donating. You can do this when you book online with iTICKET. The link on our booking page will take you straight to the Leukemia & Blood Cancer NZ website where you can donate directly – you will receive a receipt by email for anything over \$5. Or, when you come to the show, our programme contains a QR code which will let you do the same thing – or you can donate at the bar. Every little helps so please do support this effort of ours if you can.



## COMING TO OFF BROADWAY IN 2024



Papakura Theatre Company's first production for 2024 will be *Looking*, a comedy by Norm Foster. The story is simple enough. Middle-aged divorcees Andy and Val are each looking for new love. They agree to meet on a blind date and coax along their respective friends Matt and Nina for support, but of course it's Matt and Nina who initially hit it off. In this dating game none of the characters are displaying their real selves, and they may not even know what they are looking for – the comedy lies in the twists involved in getting through this to find something like truth. And by the end of the play, it seems everyone may have found what they need ...

### Characters

Andy – a fairly conservative small-business owner, struggling financially. Divorced, one adult son. A pleasant chap, not overly confident.  
Matt – an out-going radio DJ. Divorced, two adult children. Commitment averse, but a bit of a romantic.  
Val – a fairly conservative operating-room nurse. Divorced, one adult daughter. A pleasant woman, not overly confident.  
Nina – an out-going police officer, in a force that routinely carries guns. Never married. Sexually forthright but a bit conflicted by this.

All characters are aged around 45 – 55, and there can't be a lot of flexibility in this. As written the show is set in North America, around the year 2000, and we probably can't change that; however ethnicity is irrelevant and accents are not critical. There is quite a lot of kissing between Matt and Nina, and a little between Andy and Val. None of these are small parts. Each is on stage for about three-quarters of the play, and each has character levels to conceal and reveal.

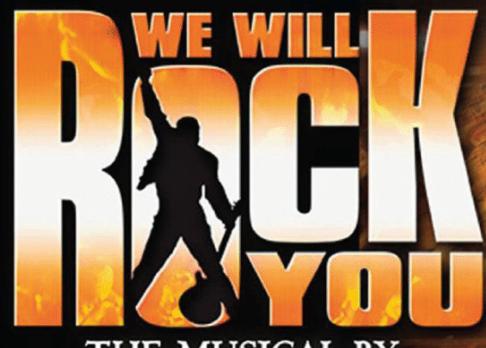
### Commitment

It's proposed to cast the play in early December, to hold one read through before Christmas, then to hold rehearsals on three evenings a week from about 21 January (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday). A draft schedule will be available and anyone auditioning MUST disclose any unavailability. The season will run from 23 March to 6 April, **including performances over Easter weekend**.

### Auditions

No specified passages need be prepared but candidates are encouraged to look at the script and to come prepared to read and to act in character. If required individual call-backs will follow over the next few days.

Papakura Theatre Company  
**2024**



THE MUSICAL BY  
QUEEN AND Ben Elton

**August 2024**

Expressions of interest invited for a  
director and choreographer

*We Will Rock You* is a jukebox musical based on the songs of British rock band Queen, with a book by Ben Elton. The musical tells the story of a group of Bohemians who struggle to restore the free exchange of thought and fashion, and live music in a distant future where everyone dresses, thinks and acts the same.

We are looking for a Director and Choreographer. Expressions of interest to [info@ptc.org.nz](mailto:info@ptc.org.nz).  
Deadline Friday 1st December.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON AND OUR SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF THEATRE!

**PTC CHRISTMAS PARTY**



SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER FROM 6 PM at Off Broadway

Supper, Games, Christmas Cake, Mince Pies and Crackers!  
Wear your best Christmas gear or hat!

Come and celebrate with club members as we look back on our theatre year  
and look forward to 2024

## CHRISTMAS IN PAPAKURA



PTC is entering into the Papakura Santa Parade again this year. We have had so much fun on the two previous occasions that we have entered a float and are really keen to do it again - but help is needed.

The date is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – time of the Parade is 3 pm but preparation will start at 9 am at Off Broadway to prepare and decorate the float and other “vehicles” that will be part of our entry and sort out costumes etc so any time you can give to help with this will be much appreciated.

Please let Marie Parker know if you are interested in joining in; we are asking for you to wear a pirate outfit or a Christmas outfit. Let us know if you need any help with a costume. You can email Marie on [info@ptc.org.nz](mailto:info@ptc.org.nz)

We have been lucky enough to win the best float award for the past 2 years - let's see if we can make it 3 in a row!!!!

After the parade, head back to Central Park for **Chilling in the Park** where our fabulous Off Broadway Big Band will be playing for the whole gig.

*Music & entertainment, food trucks, clowns, face painting, bouncy castle and more - fun for all the family!*

**Carols in the Park**

1 December 5:30PM  
Central Park Papakura

★ A FREE FAMILY EVENT ★

Children's Choir Bands & Local Talent  
Spot Prizes Food Vendors

[hcc.net.nz](http://hcc.net.nz) | a smoke free & alcohol free event



## NORTHERN AREA PERFORMANCE THEATRE AWARDS - SAVE THE DATE!

Join with other members of Auckland community theatres for an afternoon of excitement as we celebrate our outstanding volunteers and announce the nominations for the 2023 NAPTA awards!

Celebrations will kick off from 1 pm at Spotlight Theatre, Tavern Lane (Manukau Performing Arts), Papatoetoe, on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

If you have any queries, please email [info@napta.org.nz](mailto:info@napta.org.nz).

Everyone welcome - see you there!



## PEOPLE NEWS

Sad to hear of the death of past member Margaret Matheson recently. Margaret appeared in several PTC shows in past years and was a keen fundraiser for various charities including Women's Refuge and the Cancer Society. A celebration of Margaret's life was held in Te Kauwhata and attended by many members of the theatre groups with whom she had worked and many, many locals and where we were treated to the sound of Margaret's beautiful soprano voice singing some of the songs she loved and had chosen herself.