



Papakura Theatre Company (Inc)

UPDATE

November 2021



Papakura Theatre Company is incredibly saddened to let our members and friends know that Patty Reid passed away on the afternoon of Thursday 4th November at the Pukekohe Rehab Hospital with husband Noel at her side. Patty was admitted to Middlemore Hospital in early August with a deep-seated lung infection and heart problem. She was in Middlemore until she was transferred to the Pukekohe Rehab Hospital in late October. With the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place in Auckland, she was unable to have visitors except for Noel. This was devastating for her friends who wanted to visit and support Patty.

Patty joined Papakura Theatre Company in 1979 and ever since then she has been involved in all aspects of our Club's life. Patty served as a committee member, then as President in 1991 and 1992 and again in 1998 and 1999. She became Treasurer from 1981 to 1990 and again from 1995 to 1998. She also took on the responsibility of Bar Manager in those first years that we had a bar at Off Broadway. For her outstanding service to PTC Patty was awarded Life Membership in 1994.

Patty had so many talents and as a costume designer and maker she was superb – her Music Hall costumes were beautiful and in 2015 when she discovered we were unable to hire suitable German uniforms for our production of 'Allo 'Allo, she set to and turned our Green Room into a sewing studio, designed and cut out the uniforms and with help from our Judys and Anne Doddrell, created the required uniforms and won the NAPTA Award for Best Costume Design. In 1995 Patty made her directing debut with Annie. Then came Chess the Musical and her talents as a Director were confirmed. More plays and musicals have followed since.

Patty is the main reason we have Off Broadway Theatre. In 1991 with the likely loss of our old Clubrooms at Ardmore, PTC was starting to seek a new home. In early 1992 Patty looked at what was the old Choice Market building and had the vision to see what it could become and put in an offer on behalf of the Club and thus we have our Theatre – our home. She even won the competition to name the building when she put forward Noel's suggestion of "Off Broadway".

But above all, Patty loved to sing and perform. She was a true entertainer and put her heart and soul into anything she did on and off the stage. She appeared in many musicals and plays over the years. After a spell of approximately 5 years in Rotorua as moteliors, she and Noel moved back to Auckland 8 years ago. They settled in Pukekohe where Patty became involved in a group singing around the local rest homes and on Monday afternoons entertaining the "oldies" at Harrington Hall. She joined the Franklin Choir and very much enjoyed singing with them and also joined the Red Hats ladies' group and the Zimmers' Dance Troup. Patty couldn't wait to get back to her beloved theatre and she became fully involved with PTC once again. Four years ago Lorna invited Patty and I to join her Longford Park Village Choir. We had so much fun with this light-hearted group; we both loved our Thursday afternoons at Longford and our choir concerts singing with them.

In March 2016 Patty was presented with a long-overdue and much deserved Merit Award at Musical Theatre NZ Conference in Rotorua and I was honoured to write up her nomination for the Award. The above photo is of Patty receiving that Award and we both had tears in our eyes – it obviously meant a lot to Patty!

Patty was great company and a respected friend to many in the theatre. She had an infectious laugh, a quick wit and a bubbly personality to match. Patty loved life and everything in it and it loved her right back.

Over 40 years or more Patty played a huge part in the life of PTC in so many ways and she will be very much missed.

Our thoughts, love and prayers are with Noel and family, and all those who have had the privilege of knowing Patty and will have been devastated by this tragic loss.

Patty, you were truly a wonderful friend and I will miss you dearly. You were one in a million – a real star!

Barb

From Our President

Due to Covid restrictions, the funeral for Patty was restricted to only 10 people. Lorna and I were honoured to attend to represent PTC. It was a simple and serene service at Grahame's in Pukekohe. I spoke with Noel, Patty's husband, afterwards to pass on our condolences and he has given his blessing to a celebration of Patty's life at Off Broadway when restrictions are lifted. This we will certainly do and we will advise you all of a date when the time is right.

Stay safe!

Paul



We are absolutely delighted to announce that we will not lose our brilliant production of *Steel Magnolias* as our cast and crew are making themselves available to enable us to reopen on Friday 18th February, with 10 performances, including 3 matinees, closing on Saturday 26th February.

iTICKET has been in touch with everyone who booked tickets through them for the November/December performances to offer refunds or rebooking

opportunities. Please wait to hear from them as they are very busy just now working on many other postponements and cancellations of events as well as ours. However, should you need to contact them, their phone number is 09 361 1000.

If you came into Off Broadway to book your tickets directly with us at the theatre please don't hesitate to get in touch with Barb on 027 252 8265 or email bghieatt@xtra.co.nz.

iTICKET SPECIAL PROMOTION - BLACK FRIDAY!!!



If you haven't already got your tickets for February's reopening of *Steel Magnolias*, watch for the special **BLACK FRIDAY** promotion running through iTICKET –

\$5 discount per ticket - **From Friday 26th to Monday 29th November.**



AUDITIONS!

These will be going ahead! Hooray!

At Off Broadway
Friday 10th
Saturday 11th &
Sunday 12th December

With songs like *Son of a Preacher Man*, *I Only Want To Be With You*, *You Don't Have To Say You Love Me* and many more that will surely bring back memories to many, this is going to be one heck of a show and working with Maryanne and Phillip is going to be great!

As well as the key role of Dusty, there are a number of other roles plus an ensemble. If you are interested in auditioning, please email info@ptc.org.nz for more details. There are also full details on our PTC Facebook page.

Please note that under current COVID situation there will be proper precautions in place to protect everyone.

OFF BROADWAY BIG BAND

Yes, sadly we have also had to cancel the Big Band weekend set down for 11/12 December. Unfortunately, the current situation is too unpredictable to go ahead and the Band has not been able to get together to rehearse. We are hoping to reschedule this great event early next year.

Let's celebrate the Festive Season!



Marie & Dave Parker have offered the use of
their garden to hold a bbq
and we can expand into the adjoining reserve



SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER

3 pm till 8 pm

30 Stranraer Crescent, Wattle Downs



PTC WILL PROVIDE....

Sausages, Salads & Buns
Christmas Mince Pies & Cake

JUST BYO.....

liquid refreshments
glasses, plates & cutlery
something to sit on

Let's share some fun and friendship!

IMPORTANT

Please let Barb know if you are thinking of coming so that we can assess catering needs
email bghieatt@xtra.co.nz or txt 027 252 8265

RAIN DATE: TBA - EARLY NEW YEAR