

## AMT Productions 2009

After much too-ing and fro-ing, our 2009 shows have now been finalised and we can advise that we are staging the following next year.

"Putting It Together"	6 March – 4 April 2009 (Abbey)
"Miss Saigon"	14 – 29 August 2009 (Regent)
"Disco Inferno"	26 November – 19 December 2009 (Abbey)

## Programme Sales

If you are interested in helping to sell programmes for "Beauty and the Beast", please contact the Administrator on 355 4165.

## Globe Theatre Awards 2009

Please note that the Globe Theatre Awards 2009 will be held on Friday, 20 February 2009. Tickets will be \$20.00 and can be obtained from Manawatu Theatre Society Costume Hire on telephone 358 8699 from 1 December 2008.

## Can You Sew ... ?

Would you be interested in helping Abbey Costume Hire with any mending or making of costumes? If so, Debbie would love to hear from you. Please give her a call on 357 7977.

## Toi Whakaari

Toi Whakaari 2009 applications are now open. For a copy of the prospectus or course brochures, go to [www.toiwhakaari.ac.nz](http://www.toiwhakaari.ac.nz).

## Thoughts for the Month ...

- Birthdays are good for you ... the more you have, the longer you live.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- We could learn a lot from crayons ... some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box!

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## Editorial

Hasn't it been a fantastic winter so far? ... in Hawaii! Unfortunately, we have been far too busy with shows and rehearsals to make it to Hawaii this year – but we have managed to keep out of the cold and the rain and the wind and the hail and the sleet and the snow ... by spending lots of time in the theatre.

This trend will continue for some time because we're gearing up for the 'silly season' of theatre. About to start at the Regent on Broadway is "Beauty and the Beast", to be followed closely by the C.A.T.S. production of "Man of Steel" (30 September – 4 October) in the Abbey, and our end of year production, "All Shook Up", also in the Abbey Theatre (27 November – 20 December 2008).

More details to follow.

## Auditions

### **"ALL SHOOK UP"**

Our Christmas production this year is "All Shook Up", a rock and roll show centred around Elvis Presley songs. A range of cast members are required, including a cool motorcycle riding dude and a tomboy mechanic, a conservative mayor and her Sheriff, as well as townsfolk, both young and old, and a dance troupe.

The Director for this production will be **Steven Sayer**, the Vocal Coach is **Graham Johnston** and the Choreographer is **Val Bolter**.

Auditions will be held on 30/31 August 2008 at the Abbey Theatre and any enquiries can be directed to the Administrator at the Abbey (telephone 355 4165).

### **"PUTTING IT TOGETHER"**

Our first production in 2009 has now changed and we are no longer staging "The Producers" next year. We will instead be staging "Putting It Together". This show is a revue with a difference ... a revue that tells a story ... a show that covers one night, and 40 years, all performed by only five people thrown together at a party.

Stephen Sondheim has devised this unique and inventive musical from his own work which includes songs from every score he has ever written, as well as some never heard before. It has been described as *the funniest show Sondheim never wrote ... but now he has*.

The Director for this production will be **Scott Andrew** and the Musical Director will be **Barry Jones**.

Auditions for "Putting It Together" will be held on 10/11 October 2008 at the Abbey Theatre. A pre-audition evening will be held and the date will be advised in the next newsletter. Please note that rehearsals for this production will start late November 2008.



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**1 – 16 August 2008**

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Adults	\$49.00
Senior Citizens/Students (ID required)	\$45.00
Groups of 15 or more	
Children	\$22.50
Adults	\$45.00
Beauty Family Ticket (2 adults/2 children)	\$125.00

#### Performance Dates

Friday, 1 August 2008	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 2 August 2008	2.00 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 6 August 2008	7.30 p.m.
Thursday, 7 August 2008	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 8 August 2008	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 August 2008	7.30 p.m.
Sunday, 10 August 2008	4.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 13 August 2008	7.30 p.m.
Thursday, 14 August 2008	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 15 August 2008	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 16 August 2008	7.30 p.m.