

Toi Whakaari NZ Drama School

Masterclass Season

23–26 November 2009

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wellington

After another successful year of the teachers' Masterclass Season, Toi Whakaari are offering a greater range of workshop options in 2009 so you can make the most of your time at Toi Whakaari. They are offering a selection of one and two day workshops so you can pick and mix. The cost is \$150.00 per one day workshop.

- **Voice** (D'Arcy Smith – Senior Acting Tutor, Voice & Speech)
- **Devising/Creative Process** – 2 days (Jade Eriksen & Teina Moetara)
- **Costume Construction** – 2 days (Kaarin Macaulay, Head of Costume Construction)
- **Directing** – 2 days (Christian Penny – Head of Directing)

To book a place on any of these courses, please contact Bette Cosgrove on drama@toiwhakaari.ac.nz or (04) 381 9225 or visit the website, www.toiwhakaari.ac.nz.

Showtime New York – 2010

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the "Showtime New York – 2010" musical theatre excursion to New York has been put on hold.

Did You Know?

- People who made hats back in the 19th Century were slowly poisoned by the mercury they used to treat the felt. It affected their central nervous system and caused them to act very strangely. Thus the phrase, "Mad as a Hatter".
- If you were an archer in the Middle Ages, you never left home without a second string for your bow in case it broke in the middle of a battle. That's why "second string" means replacement or back-up.
- If you think the number 13 is unlucky, you have what is called triskaidekaphobia. It sounds serious but remember, there were 13 steps to the gallows, and 13 twists in the rope used to hang a man.
- As horses get older their gums recede which makes their teeth look longer. That's where the saying "long in the tooth" comes from.

Witty & Amusing Answers ...

A truck driver was driving along a country road. A sign came up that said 'Low Bridge Ahead'. Before he realised it, the bridge was directly ahead and he got stuck under it. Cars backed up for miles. Finally, a Police car came up. The Policeman got out of his car and walked to the truck's cab and said to the driver, "Got stuck, eh?" The truck driver said, "No. I was delivering this bridge and ran out of petrol."



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Editorial

Have you booked your tickets for "Miss Saigon" as yet? If not, hurry and book. Tickets are selling fast and you don't want to miss out on this spectacular production.

The cast of this production includes Melinda Chua who has played the role of 'Kim' on Broadway in New York and in Europe, our very own Bradford Meurk (as 'Chris'), Karl Perigo (as 'John'), Amy Hunt (as 'Ellen'), Scott Andrew (as 'The Engineer'), Carrie Green (as 'Gigi') and Kyle Chuen (as 'Thuy').

If you would like to be involved in this production in any way, please contact either the Administrator on (06) 355 4165 or e-mail miss.saiгон@xtra.co.nz.

Missing!!! Missing!!!

If you have borrowed the large cane platter from the Abbey kitchen, would you please return this to the Abbey Office as it is required for catering.

Green Room Refurbishment

Another update on the Green Room refurbishment project ...

Thank you to the team who has been working tirelessly to finish this refurbishment. It is very close to completion and the finishing touches are now being done. Painting is well under way and any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Al Warren on (06) 353 6762, or leave a message at the Abbey office.

If you have any surplus two or three seater couches, or even lounge chairs, that you no longer require, have you thought of donating them to the Green Room? The refurbishment team are more than happy to recover, or varnish, or paint any donated pre-loved items.

MTNZ – 50th Anniversary Conference

Musical Theatre New Zealand (MTNZ) will next year be holding its 50th Anniversary Conference on 19-21 March 2010 at Rydges Hotel in Auckland. Registrations for Conference next year will be limited. Therefore, conference packs will be sent out in September this year and it will be on a **“first in, first served”** basis. If you are interested in attending this conference, please e-mail aknagy@xtra.co.nz to register your interest. Registration fees will be due at time of registration and will be \$250.00.

MTNZ – 50th Anniversary Publication

The Musical Theatre New Zealand (MTNZ) Executive are looking to publish a book to celebrate 50 years of MTNZ but need your help. Can you please send any photos of conferences or stage shows that you think would be suitable either via e-mail to kate@musical.org.nz or post them to Kate Ghent (PO Box 1413, Wellington) who is collating the book and writing the history. All photos will be returned provided there is a return address.



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Starring Melinda Chua as Kim

Director - Stephen Robertson
Musical Director - Barry Jones

14-29 AUGUST 2009

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(Event Ticketing Centre, Regent Theatre)