

Green Room Refurbishment



A quick update on the Green Room refurbishment project – as you can see it's well under way. We've done some of the construction and building of the key elements. This project has benefited greatly from the wonderful support of members who have generously given of their time and expertise. Special thanks to Steve Sayer, Craig Lundy, Jared Gardner, Aaron Skinner, Larry Walker, Linda Warren, Paul Krakosky and Allan Nagy for their efforts so far. Thanks also to the members of the Society who are patiently waiting to use the Green Room, now that it's closed down. In particular, the company of "Putting It Together" have shown great patience in not being able to use the usual facilities after rehearsals and performances – thanks guys! Over the coming weeks, we're looking forward to finishing construction and then painting. If anyone is a dab hand with a paint brush and wants to lend a hand, please give Al Warren a call on (06) 353 6762, or get in touch with the AMT office.

AMT Annual General Meeting

The AMT AGM is being held on Tuesday, **21 April 2009**, hopefully in the newly refurbished Green Room at the Abbey Theatre. Refreshments will be available from 7.30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8.00 p.m. Notices detailing the AGM proceedings will be forward to members shortly.

Abbey Costume Hire

Abbey Costume Hire in King Street is on the move again – to further down King Street on the opposite side of the road (behind No. 1 Shoe Warehouse – between Farmers and Barbarellas). The move will take place in the first week of April 2009 – please contact Allan Nagy on (021) 918 068 if you are able to help with this move.

Ways to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity

- dont use any punctuation
- Finish all your sentences with, "In accordance with me."
- Five days in advance tell your friends you can't attend their party because you're not in the mood.
- Specify that your drive through order is to go.
- ... in accordance with me.



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Editorial

Well, Easter is nearly upon us and St Patrick's Day is next week – so have you bought your Easter eggs, hot cross buns and green food colouring yet?

Currently on stage at the Abbey Theatre is "Putting It Together". If you haven't already checked out this show, don't waste another moment before deciding to book. You really don't want to be in the "I wish I had" club. This is a fabulous production and is performed extremely well by the cast of five.

Don't forget the AMT AGM is on Tuesday, 21 April 2009 – more details inside.

Membership

Please note that your current AMT membership expired on 31 January 2009. To save you any hassles, we suggest that you may want to pay your membership through internet banking or direct credit. If so, the Abbey's bank account number is: **06 0729 0024947 00**. Please add a reference of **both** your name and 'Membership'.

PLEASE NOTE: This will be the last newsletter you receive until you have renewed your membership.

Globe Theatre Trust Awards

Congratulations to all the recipients of the Globe Theatre Trust Awards held in February 2009. Special mention must go to those successful AMT members, being;

Outstanding Support Male Actor in a Children's Production
Kieran Monk – "Man of Steel"

Outstanding Support Female Actor in a Children's Production
Sophie Carrington – "Man of Steel"

Outstanding Male Actor in a Children's Production
Rowan Signal – "Man of Steel"

Outstanding Support Male Actor in a Musical
Liam Taylor – "All Shook Up"

Outstanding Support Female Actor in a Musical
Lynn Garrick – "All Shook Up"
Sophia Parker – "Beauty and the Beast"

Outstanding Female Actor in a Musical
Edan Hunt – "All Shook Up"
Louise Flynn – "Beauty and the Beast"

Outstanding Male Actor in a Musical
Phillip Gurney – "Rent"

Excellence in Choreography
Val Bolter – "All Shook Up"
Dean McKerras – "Beauty and the Beast"

Excellence in Musical Direction
Barry Jones – "Beauty and the Beast"

Excellence in Music Backing Track Preparation
Graham Johnston – "All Shook Up"

Excellence in Set Design
James Sewell/Richard Rewa/Scott Andrew – "Rent"
Steve Sayer – "All Shook Up"

Excellence in Direction
Steve Sayer – "All Shook Up"
Scott Andrew – "Rent"



Director: Scott Andrew
Musical Director: Barry Jones
Choreographer: Andrew Norman

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- "Director Scott Andrew, Choreographer Andrew Norman and Musical Director Barry Jones have honed the performers into a crisp, workman-like ensemble."
- "Well worth a visit."

(Tina White – Manawatu Standard)

- "Enhanced by cleverly choreographed movement, Andrea Potts, Amy Hunt, Chris Green, Bradford Meurk and Andrew Norman delivered polished vocal interpretations, enhanced by appropriate poses, poise, expressions and interaction."
- "Partially visible through a backstage screen, Barry Jones' terrific four-piece combo provided perfect accompaniment for this tuneful and witty expose of well-heeled cosmopolitan style."

(Richard Mays – The Guardian)

- "This is a sophisticated hi-brow production that challenges the minds and entertains the audience..."
- Solos, duos and group numbers, the small cast of five works well together with both their rich-toned voices and characterisations.

(Sandra Crosbie – Feilding Herald)

Have you been wondering if "Putting It Together" is the show for you? If so, our advice and those of the reviewers above, is ... **BOOK NOW!!!** This is one of those shows of such quality that people will talk about it for a long time, and you will experience a great night of theatre. Don't be one of those people who will regret missing this fantastic show.

~~~ **Special Offer Extended** ~~~

The special deal for members – Buy one ticket, get a 2nd at half price – has been extended for the weekend of Friday, **20 March 2009**, and Saturday, **21 March 2009**.

To take advantage of this special offer, ring Carol at the Abbey Office on (06) 355 4165 (you will need to quote your membership number).

Don't delay!!!
Come along and bring a friend.