

## MTNZ – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

Musical Theatre New Zealand (MTNZ) will next year be holding its 50<sup>th</sup> 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 advise the Administrator and a conference pack will be sent to you once they arrive.

## MTNZ – 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## Showtime New York – 2010

Allan Nagy is putting together a musical theatre excursion to ‘The Big Apple’/Broadway/ New York in late September/early October 2010. Details at this stage are as follows;

- Depart New Zealand on Saturday, 25 September 2010
- Return to New Zealand on Sunday, 3 October 2010
- Air fares are from Palmerston North to New York, and return
- Air fares, taxes, accommodation, insurance and return transfers are included
- Accommodation will be on a twin share basis at the Broadway Plaza Hotel

Also included in the price will be a three day ‘hop on, hop off’ bus tour, encompassing four of New York’s sightseeing tours (Uptown, Downtown, Brooklyn and the Night Tour), a ticket to the top of the Empire State Building, a ticket to Ellis Island – home of the Statue of Liberty, and a day excursion to the Bronx Zoo.

At this stage, a ticket to one major Broadway production (yet to be announced) will be included in the price. Meals, additional show tickets and retail therapy will be at your own expense. We will, however, provide advice re ticketing and use of the ‘Half-tix’ booths.

So – what will it cost for this “ROAD TRIP”??? It is anticipated that the total cost per person will be \$6,000NZD (twin share accommodation). This costing is based on current air fares and accommodation rates and are subject to 2010 exchange rates. A non-refundable deposit of \$300NZD per person will be required by 31 January 2010 to secure your place on this trip. Numbers will be limited and the balance of the monies will be required 60 days prior to the departure date or a date determined by the airline dependent on the conditions attached to a particular fare.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact Allan Nagy via e-mail – [aknagy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aknagy@xtra.co.nz).

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## Editorial

Is it cold enough for you? Winter is just around the corner so get your electric blankets checked, sweep those chimneys, check your gas heaters and don't overload your multi-boxes with electric appliances in an endeavour to stay warm.

“Putting It Together” has now finished. Although this was not as financially successful as we had hoped, artistically it received rave reviews and we must congratulate everyone involved in this excellent production.

We are now fully into rehearsals for “Miss Saigon”. If you would like to be involved in this production in any way, please contact either the Administrator of (06) 355 4165 or e-mail [miss.saigon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:miss.saigon@xtra.co.nz).

# AMT Annual General Meeting

The AMT AGM was held on Tuesday, 21 April 2009. Congratulations are extended to Martin Carr and Kevin Monk who were re-appointed as Board members.

Our Patron in 2008/09, Ron Osborne, stood down this year. The commitment and dedication that Ron has shown to the Palmerston North Operatic Society has been outstanding and we are extremely grateful to Ron for his efforts in promoting the Society over many, many years. Thank you, Ron.

Our Patron for the 2009/10 year is Iain Lees-Galloway, our local MP, and congratulations are extended to him on this appointment.

## Abbey Costume Hire

Abbey Costume Hire in King Street has moved!!! – to further down King Street on the opposite side of the road (behind No. 1 Shoe Warehouse – between Farmers and Barbarellas). Come on in and check out our new premises which are bigger, brighter and warmer. There is a bigger picture display of costumes available for hire and our saleable stock has increased ... there's heaps more goodies to purchase.

## Green Room Refurbishment

A quick update on the Green Room refurbishment project – it is happening but unfortunately there were a few hiccups along the way and it is not quite complete. It is hoped that it won't be too long before we can all enjoy the new surroundings. Again, our special thanks are extended to Steven Sayer, Craig Lundy, John Spelman, Jared Gardner, Aaron Skinner, Linda Warren, Al Warren, Larry Walker and Allan Nagy for giving freely of their time to renovate this area for the use and enjoyment of you, our members.

In the very near future, we will be painting and anyone who wishes to lend a hand with this will be welcome. Please contact Al Warren on (06) 353 6762, or leave a message at the Abbey office.

## Ways to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity

- Page yourself over the intercom – don't disguise your voice.
- Every time someone asks you to do something, ask them if they want fries with that ...
- Put your wastepaper basket on your desk and label it "IN".
- Put decaf in the coffee machine for three weeks – once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addiction, switch to espresso.
- Go to a poetry recital and ask why the poems don't rhyme.



Director - Stephen Robertson  
Musical Director - Barry Jones

**14-29 AUGUST 2009**

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW  
at TicketDirect  
(Event Ticketing Centre,  
Regent Theatre)

### Cast

<b>Kim</b>	Melinda Chua	<b>Chris</b>	Bradford Meurk
<b>Engineer</b>	Scott Andrew	<b>John</b>	Karl Perigo
<b>Thuy</b>	(to be confirmed)	<b>Ellen</b>	Amy Hunt
<b>Gigi</b>	Carrie Green		

### Company

Indah Mayasari, Siok Khim Taylor, Luana Sheardown, Raine Trinidad, Jayna Lopa-Skinner, Sharli Lopa-Skinner, Amanda Celia Choduri, Shirley Ghozalli, Aretha Atmadjaja, Charlotte Kim, Gabrielle Nguyen, Amanda Norman, Antony Riley, Andrew Norman, Ben Michael, Lindsay Yeo, Jared Gardner, Nicholas Davies, Michael Jones, Greg Southey, Adam Jenkins, Zachary Davis, Kesava Beaney, Jem Brusola, Masayuki Kato, Reo Takaoka, Jason Poon, John Kueh, Peter Kwon

### Backing Vocalists

Shane Brown, Raelene Watts, Grant Miller, Danny Goodman, Maryanne Kensington, Erica Ward, Pat West, Andrea Cawood, Hayden Giles, Joel Millington, Emma Young