

Globe Theatre Awards 2008

The Globe Theatre Awards for 2008 will be held on Friday – **22 February 2008** at 7.30 p.m. at the Globe Theatre. The adjudicator, Pat Snoxell, has been out and about during the year looking at all the productions and he is looking forward to presenting his adjudications on 22 February 2008. Tickets will be \$20 each and are on sale from 17 January 2008 at MTS Costume Hire.

Manawatu (NZ) International One Act Play Writing Competition 2008

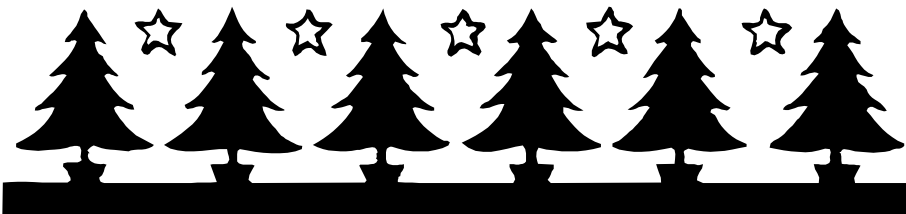
Massey University, PN City Council, PN City Library and Centrepoint Theatre announce an open call for playwrights for the 2008 International Play Writing Competition. The theme for the 2008 festival is '**New World**'. They are looking for writing that explores the theme 'experimentally' and in a theatrically challenging manner. Winning plays will have their work developed and presented at the Biennial Manawatu Festival of New Arts in Palmerston North in October 2008. For all details, please visit <http://ems.massey.ac.nz>. Deadline is 21 March 2008.

Wanted

We are constantly on the lookout for production personnel, being **Production Managers, Production Secretaries, Directors, Musical Directors, Choreographers, Stage Managers, Lighting Designers** etc. If you are, or you know of anyone who may be, interested in any of these positions, please contact the AMT Administrator on telephone 355 4165 to leave your details.

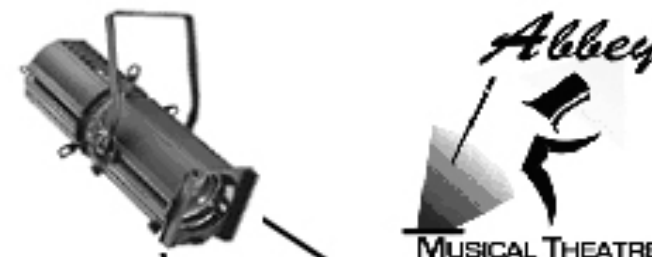
Thoughts for the Month ...

- If all the world is a stage ... where are the audience sitting?
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- The trouble with being punctual is that nobody is there to appreciate it.
- All my life I always wanted to be somebody – now I see that I should have been more specific,



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Editorial

Well, we are well and truly into the silly season and we hope that you're managing to keep your cool – even though the temperatures are rapidly rising.

We hope you're not commiserating too much about New Zealand's sporting (non) prowess lately ... but look on the bright side – can it get much worse?

Have you booked your tickets for "Footloose"? Ticket sales have rocketed and the "Full House" sign will be out on more than one occasion. However, you may still be lucky in getting a ticket if you get in quick.

From us to you – Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.



Administration Office – Christmas Hours

The Administration Office will be closing on **Friday – 21 December 2007** and will re-open on **Monday – 14 January 2008**.

Abbey Costume Hire – Christmas Hours

The Abbey Costume Hire (at 99 King Street, Palmerston North) will be closed from **Monday – 24 December 2007** and will re-open on **Thursday – 3 January 2008**.

C.A.T.S. Enrolments – 2008

Enrolments in C.A.T.S. (Children's Abbey Theatre School) for 2008 are now open. Please contact the AMT Administrator on telephone 355 4165 or by e-mail; admin@abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz for further information.

Obituary

(NZFOS) MTNZ Patron – Nola Speir QSM (02.08.28 – 20.10.07)

One singular sensation, every little step she takes; One thrilling combination, every move that she makes; One smile and suddenly nobody will do; You know you'll never be lonely with you-know-who; One moment in her presence and you can forget the rest; For the girl is second best to none, son; Oh – sigh – give her your attention, do I really need to mention, she's the one.

The above says it all about our MTNZ Patron, Nola Speir, QSM, whose passing has left such a huge void in the New Zealand theatre family. Nola contributed to NZ theatre and MTNZ as follows;

1978 – 1982	Zone 2 representative
1982 – 1987	Vice President (MTNZ)
1987 – 1997	President (MTNZ)
1996	QSM for services to musical theatre
1997 – 1999	Immediate Past President (MTNZ)
2000	Vice Patron (renamed Life Member)
2001	Awarded a MTNZ Merit Award in Christchurch
2004 – 2007	Patron (MTNZ)
2007	Instigated the Patron's Achievement Award

Nola will have never ending encores in all our hearts.



“RENT”

The production team of “RENT” are really pleased to announce the arrival of a dynamic and enthusiastic cast that has been chosen from seasoned AMT performers and fresh talent from around our region. We are so excited to see the talent that will be in the show and are looking forward to the amazing journey ahead. We encourage anyone interested in getting involved in this production in any way to telephone the Administrator on 355 4165. Our amazing cast is;

Mark	Phillip Gurney
Roger	Richard Scott
Collins	Richard Rewa
Angel	Liam Taylor
Benny	Andrew Jamieson
Mimi	Edan Hunt
Maureen	Renee Pink
Joanne	Amy Hunt
Ensemble	Amy Burlace, Anushree Sen Gupta, Erica Ward, Gail Lucinsky, Hannah Bain, Jacqui May Allison, Janine Bonny, Kirsty Proctor, Rhiain McGrath, Daniel Goodman, Daniel McGregor, Hayden Giles, Hoani Meha, Michael Jones, Zachary Davis



**On stage at the
Abbey Theatre,
Palmerston North
9-24 May 2008**