

Abbey Office – Christmas Hours

The Abbey Office will close on Friday, 16 December 2011, and re-open on Thursday, 12 January 2012.



Costume Hire – Christmas Hours

Abbey Costume Hire will close on Friday, 23 December 2011, and re-open on Monday, 16 January 2012.



MTNZ AGM/Volunteer Training Weekend 2012

The Musical Theatre NZ 52nd AGM & Volunteer Training Weekend is being held in Wanganui from 16-18 March 2012. Earlybird registrations for this weekend (due by 31.12.11) are \$220 (Registration will be \$250 from 1 January 2012).

AMT members are able to attend a forum or seminar only if they wish (cost = \$20 each forum/seminar) or may attend the Saturday night function only if they wish (cost = \$120 per single ticket).

If you are interested in attending the AGM & Volunteer Training Weekend, or just a forum/seminar, or just the Saturday night function, please contact the Administrator at the Abbey Office by Friday, 9 December 2011.



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Editorial

Our Christmas production, “Las Vegas Nights”, opens this week on Thursday, 24 November. If you haven’t already booked to see this entertaining way to mark the end of another year with family, friends and workmates, then you need to do so immediately – book now to avoid disappointment.

As this is the last newsletter for 2011, we wish you and yours a very, very, Merry (and safe) Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to your involvement and participation in the fabulous productions we have coming up in 2012.



2012 Programme

24 November – 17 December 2011

We are announcing a change to our first production of 2012. Instead of staging "Ring of Fire", we will now be staging "Sweet Charity" in the Abbey Theatre on the same dates.



12-28 April 2012

10-25 August 2012

22 November – 15 December



Charity Hope Valentine, though only a hostess in a cheap New York City dancehall called the Fandango Ballroom, refuses to be disillusioned by the disappointments life has handed her. Ever the optimist, she dreams of one day meeting the true love who will bring her happiness and respectability. Featuring songs such as; "Hey, Big Spender"; "If My Friends Could See Me Now"; "There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This"; "Rhythm of Life"; "Sweet Charity"; "I'm a Brass Band"; "I Love To Cry at Weddings"



This highly acclaimed musical develops the ancient and distinguished game of chess into a metaphor for romantic rivalries and East-West political intrigue. The principal pawns form a love triangle – the loutish American Grandmaster, the earnest Russian champion and the Hungarian-American female chess second, who arrives at the international championships with the American but falls for the Russian. From Tyrol to Thailand the players, lovers, politicians, CIA and KGB make their moves to the pulse of this monumental rock score. Several numbers, including "One Night in Bangkok" and "I Know Him So Well" are international hits.

Auditions for "Chess" will probably be held early 2012. Expressions of interest in auditioning for "Chess" can be e-mailed to aknagy@xtra.co.nz

CHARACTERS

- FREDDIE TRUMPER (American Grandmaster)
- FLORENCE VASSY (Frederick's lover/second)
- ANATOLY SERGIEVSKY (Russian Grandmaster)
- WALTER DE COURCEY (Head of American delegation)
- ALEXANDER MOLOKOV (Head of Russian delegation)
- ARBITER
- SVETLANA SERGIEVSKAYA (Anatoly's wife)
- COMPANY (Citizens of Merano/Reporters/Delegates etc)



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