

Manawatu Business Awards

On 4 September 2007 the Manawatu Business Awards were held at the Novotel in Palmerston North. Abbey Musical Theatre had been nominated in the 'Spirit of the Community' category and was fortunate to have been chosen as a Finalist. The winner was announced as Arohanui Hospice. However, Abbey Musical Theatre was **Highly Commended** in this category.

Costume Hire

Costume Hire is on the move to **99 King Street** (the old Salvation Army Op. Shop) – huge premises which will allow costumes to be seen more clearly.

We have purchased a considerable number of new costumes, some from the USA. We will also have a shop selling all kinds of accessories.

The new Costume Hire site will open on **1 October 2007** at 11.00 a.m. The Church Street site will be closed from Saturday, 22 September 2007.

We are also in need of wire coat hangers if you have any to spare. If you are able to donate any coat hangers, please contact Carol (Administrator) at the Abbey Office on 355 4165.

Annual Financial Report

At the AMT AGM held on 17 April 2007, it was advised that the annual financial report had been presented in draft form as the accounts had not yet been audited (due to difficulties experienced finding an Auditor), although the report was at that time at the Auditors' office.

It was agreed that the financial report would be passed, subject to the audit report, and that the audit report would be sent to financial members. Therefore, enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the Auditors Report from Gunn & Cotton (Chartered Accountants).

The complete audited accounts are available to view at the Abbey Office should any member wish to do so.

Thoughts for the Month ...

- If winning isn't important, why do they keep score? (*Adolph Rupp*)
- Think about this ... no one ever says "It's only a game" when his team is winning.

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Editorial

Spring has sprung! Yahoo! And it's about time, too! Have you noticed how everyone seems to remember how to smile when the sun comes out ... ???

We have lots to tell you about this month. Lots has happened already this year – but wait ... there's more to come.

Please take note of the change to the office hours noted within this newsletter and don't forget to book your tickets for "How the West was Warped" and "Footloose". Bookings can be made at the Abbey Office – details contained within.

Finally – don't forget ... Daylight Saving starts on Sunday, 30 September 2007. Don't forget to put your clocks **forward** one hour – and **GO THE ALL BLACKS!!**

“CATS”

“CATS” was a resounding success which was verified by the 11,500 patrons who attended during the season. This is a record attendance to date for any show presented at the Regent on Broadway. We would like to thank everyone involved, including the patrons, for their support of this fantastic production. Enclosed in this newsletter are copies of some letters that have been received since “CATS” finished.

Banners - Please note that there are still some “CATS” banners (street flags) available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing one of these, please call in to see Carol at the Abbey Office. They are selling for \$30.00 each.



Cast List

Andrew Jamieson, Merryn Osborne, Paul Lyons, Carrie Green, Gail Lucinsky, Daniel Goodman, Phil White, Katrina Benjamin, Renee Pink, Raelene Watts, Erin Simmons, Jared Gardner, Michael Jones, Phillip Gurney, Grant Miller, Pythia Horne, Richard Rewa, Jeremy Matthews, Liam Taylor, Grant Joyes, Adam Shaw, Sue Paton, Andrea Cawood, Kathryn Carpendale, Averil Wills, Alanna Tong, Paula Fredericks, Narina Riddle, Morgan Marsh

For further details on “Footloose”, please see the attached flyer.

Administration Office

Please note that the Abbey Administration Office will be **closed** from 12 October to 6 November 2007.

Bookings for “Footloose” can be made prior to this date and paid for in November.

The Booking Office phone – 355 0499 – will have the answerphone cleared regularly and any bookings made will be noted with the date of the call and confirmed after 6 November. For any URGENT matters during this time, please contact an AMT Board member for assistance.

Toi Whakaari 2008 Courses

Closing dates for applications for the following Toi Whakaari 2008 courses follow.

12 October	- Bachelor of Design (Stage & Screen)
12 October	- Bachelor of Performing Arts (Management)
12 October	- Diploma in Entertainment Technology
12 October	- Diploma in Costume Construction
31 October	- Master of Theatre Arts in Directing

All information is available at www.toiwhakaari.ac.nz.

Ever Wanted to Work Backstage?

AUT University and THE EDGE® are offering you the rare opportunity to learn from the best the entertainment industry has to offer. This course is ideally suited to people who already have an interest and are keen to develop skills and explore possibilities within the entertainment industry. The AUT – THE EDGE® **Introduction to Entertainment Technology** course will engage you in an exciting, hands-on, full-time two week programme starting on 3 December 2007. Course includes;

Theatre Etiquette / Lighting / Sound / Audio Visual / Staging / Safety Issues

Learning Environment: THE EDGE® professional venues such as:

- Auckland Town Hall
- Herald Theatre
- Aotea Centre
- The Civic.

Class size is limited to 25 students.

Course Cost: \$534.88 (incl. GST)
Dates: 3 – 14 December 2007 (Monday to Friday)
Times: 8.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

To apply, complete an AUT enrolment form. In addition, please supply a CV stating relevant work experience and/or a letter of support from your employer/school.

Applications Close: 19 November 2007

For any queries, contact Leonie DuVal on leonie.duval@aut.ac.nz or telephone (09) 921 9999, ext. 8713 – www.aut.ac.nz.