

Town & Around

"The House at Pooh Corner"	9-19.07.03	Globe Theatre
"Pack of Girls"	17-26.07.03	Feilding Little Theatre
Anna Leese	20.07.03	Regent on Broadway
"Annie"	7-16.08.03	Regent on Broadway
"Clowning Around:	22-27.09.03	Abbey Theatre
"Little Shop of Horrors"	26.11 – 20.12.03	Abbey Theatre

"Little Shop of Horrors" - Auditions

Our Christmas production, "Little Shop of Horrors" will be directed by Steven Sayer, with musical direction by Martin Pitt. The pre-audition evening will be held on Friday, 19 September 2003, at the Abbey Theatre, with auditions held on Saturday, 20 September 2003. Audition information will be available from the Abbey Office from 1 September 2003. Further audition information will be posted on the website. Any other enquiries re this production should be forwarded to Allan Nagy by e-mail (nagy@xtra.co.nz) or cellphone 021 458 371.

Ticket prices for this production will be: \$46.00 – Dinner & Show
\$26.00 – Coffee & Show

This will also be the first production in the theatre to have use of the Theatre's new air conditioning system.

Things You'll Never Hear Said in a Theatre! – By the Director

- No, today is the tech. Rehearsal – we'll rework that scene later.
- I think the scene changes are too fast.
- Of course I think that we'll be ready in time for opening.
- The crew? Why, they're just wonderful!

Ways to Spice Up Your Night at the Theatre

- Hand out lyrics to the "Forbidden Broadway" versions of shows and have a sing along before the show.
- See if you can make the "Les Mis" kids cry.
- If a boy goes on as Young Cosette, call him a sissy – if a girl goes on as Gavroche, tell her she's butch.
- Blow out Lumiere ("Beauty & the Beast")

Thought of the Month

Nothing is impossible if the heart is willing. (*Joe Rokocoko*)

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Editorial

Well ... so how many of you went out to either Ashhurst or Pahiatua last week to play in the snow??? We're picking there was a few of you. The weather has warmed up very slightly since then, but it's still not tropical. We have an interesting few months ahead of us with "Annie" opening in a month's time, closely followed by our CATS production, "Clowning Around", and then our final production for the year, "Little Shop of Horrors". So, watch this space for further information.

Annie

Roll up, roll up! Get your "Annie" tickets from Ticketek, now on sale. Get behind AMT and support our hard working "Annie" company. Rehearsals are going well, the Director and Musical Director are happy with progress, and all systems are go. So, be ready for the start in just over four weeks. Spicers Portfolio Management, as our main sponsor, is enthusiastic about the show and are proud to support AMT in its "Annie" season. They have their clients on board and have a special evening on Thursday, 14 August. The Spicers' Gala Opening for the show season on Thursday, 7 August, is on track and will be another fantastic night. The "Annie" season will be one that will make Palmerston North proud. Come once, come twice; tell your family and friends – be there or be disappointed! Opinion has it that we have the best "Annie" company to date. Snooze ... and you will lose! Performance days and times to suit all. Get in early and ensure you have a grand seat in the Regent on Broadway to view this spectacular show.

Performance Dates

Wednesday	6 August	Preview Night	7.30 p.m.	(Letitia, Georgia T)
Thursday	7 August	Opening Night	7.30 p.m.	(Dania, Rosie)
Friday	8 August	Evening	7.30 p.m.	(Letitia, Georgia T)
Saturday	9 August	Evening	7.30 p.m.	(Dania, Rosie)
Sunday	10 August	Matinee	2.00 p.m.	(Letitia, Georgia T)
Thursday	14 August	Sponsors' Night	7.30 p.m.	(Dania, Rosie)
		(public bookings available)		
Friday	15 August	Evening	7.30 p.m.	(Letitia, Georgia T)
Saturday	16 August	Matinee	2.00 p.m.	(Dania, Rosie)
		Final Night	7.30 p.m.	(Letitia, Georgia T)

Message from Former "Annie" Cast Member

"Hello, Palmerston North Operatic Society. It's Janelle Jeffery here. I was one of the orphans for the 1991 production and the understudy for Kelly Hunt as 'Annie'. I just wanted to say, 'Have a fantastic show and good luck to all the orphans.' I was fortunate enough to see your production of 'Les Miserables' last year and it was great to see that Palmerston North Operatic Society has been keeping up the fantastic standard of shows. 'Annie' for me was a brilliant show for forming many long lasting friendships and having a great and memorable experience. Pat Snoxell is a fabulous Director who really knows how to get the best out of the children and, of course, the dog! I still keep in touch with Kelly Hunt, Lorena Brayshaw, Janna Ferry and Chris Crowe, all of whom were in the cast with me. I have been performing ever since, having graduated with an Honours Degree in Theatre and Film two years ago. I am now a qualified performing arts teacher but am teaching English at Avondale College in Auckland. Keep up the fabulous work. Have fun and may 'Annie' be as memorable for you as it was for me. Break a leg. Janelle Jeffery (the former 'July')."

Administration Office – Reduced Hours

Please note that the Abbey Administration Office will be operating on reduced hours from **29 August** through to **26 September 2003** inclusive. Messages for the relieving Administrator during this time can be left on the Abbey Office answerphone (355 4165) or on e-mail (admin@abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz).

Tables for Sale

The old dining tables from the Abbey auditorium (which seat 10 people) are available for purchase. These are good, solid wooden tables and would be excellent for either a BBQ or hobby table. (We have been advised that they are also great for dancing on – as long as you are in the middle – or for building the barricades, when rehearsing "Les Miserables".) These tables/barricades are selling for \$40.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact the Abbey Office on 355 4165 between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. (see above for reduced hours).

Wine Trail

Expressions of interest are being sought for a Wine Trail to the Hawkes Bay, with the probable date of Sunday, 19 October 2003. If you are interested, please contact the Abbey Administrator.

"Clowning Around" - CATS

This year's annual CATS production is "Clowning Around".

Production Dates: 22–27 September 2003 (Monday to Saturday)

Performance Times: Monday – Friday 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Abbey Theatre

Ticket Prices: \$10.00 Adults (16 & over)
\$6.00 Children (15 & under)
\$5.00 Pre-school
\$30.00 Family (2 adults & 2 children)

Tickets will be on sale from 1 September 2003 at the Abbey Theatre Office.

This will be a great family show, ideal for a school holiday treat for all ages. Please show your support for our younger talented performers and mark these important dates in your diary NOW so that you don't miss out.