



## Te Aroha Dramatic Society

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## **Next on stage at Te Aroha Little Theatre - Peter Pan the Pantomime**

**June 28 –30 and July 4 – 6 at 8.00pm; July 1<sup>st</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm**



Last time we told you about our mid-year production Peter Pan the Pantomime. The audition was something to behold with about 60 people in the auditorium. It was exciting and a bit scary; what do you do with 20 children for one play? Well you give them all a part and they go home happy campers. Fortunately, a panto is an accommodating art form expanding as required so we now have 8 small Lost Children and 10 Pirates in addition to the main speaking parts. Our dame is played by Graham Vincent (Morrinsville's 12 Angry Men, Te Aroha's Remain in Light) and other actors you know include Karen Graham (Run for your Wife) as Smee, Zara Spencer and Sarah Brodie (Remain in Light) as Peter Pan and Wendy respectively. We also welcome some new faces to our stage; Jill as Captain Hook, with Annette and Robyn as Mrs and Mr Darling. and of course there are the children. Faces you will recognize belong to Liam Kent, Seren O'Sullivan and Tirza Pape (Remain in Light). The younger children, in group scenes, range in age from 5 to 11, while the older ones have a range of speaking parts. This is a great adaptation of a classic story and as expected is full of larger than life characters who have exciting adventures. As you know The Little Theatre always goes all out on set, costumes and special effects and this production is no exception. You will be amazed. Tickets will be available in June so keep a look out for our advertising. Special price for primary school children.

And can you help please??..... we need 4 striped tshirts either black and white or blue and white. They are to fit 6 – 9 year olds but small to average adult sizes would be ok. Say if you want them back as we may have to alter them. Phone Eileen on 0274880504 if you can help. I'm happy to come and pick them up.

## **Our End of Year Production**

Come to the theatre again later in the year and be sure to fill your pockets with laughs, giggles and guffaws. Paul Fergusson (Run for your wife) ably assisted by John Remfry will bring you Roger Hall's wonderful and hilarious **Middle Age Spread**. Three couples meet for a dinner none of them

wants to be at. A comic tragedy about the lives and marriages of middle-class, middle-aged New Zealanders. Despite being written in 1977 the issues both personal and national are as relevant today as they were then. Not to be missed so keep an eye out for more details in future newsletters

### **W**hat our people are doing:

A little light relief in town last weekend. Barbara Bakewell (Eileen Joyce) and Gussie Gardener (Wanda Brittain) bringing the latest gossip to “Round and About in Te Aroha” at a Mountain Lions fundraiser for the Senior Citizens Association.



We caught up with Phill Palmer again recently. He is busy these days with his own film production company and will begin an acting school in Auckland in July. He plans to bring that to Te Aroha in the future if there is sufficient interest. He has recently finished acting in a short film shot in



Auckland and is the producer of promotional short film recently shot in various North Island locations. Given his long strived for “overnight” success we asked how it all started. To quote Phill:

“Many moons ago a very good friend, the late Alan Flat, convinced me to audition for a play that was to be in a One Act Play Festival in Te Aroha. It was called *The Dumb Waiter*, written by renowned British playwright Harold Pinter, and directed by the late Joan Hibbett. I thought it was about a deaf and dumb waiter, ie a non speaking role, so I agreed. How wrong could I be! It was an absurd, tragicomic, very wordy play, perhaps considered to be the best of Pinter’s early work. Paul Power, my co-actor won Best Actor Award and I received the Best Up and Coming New Actor Award. I got the acting bug, the scene was set, and the rest is history”.

You may have seen Phill recently in a TV ad for Go Healthy supplements. He is the extremely wet fisherman!

(If you can update us on the career paths of any actors who have been part of The Te Aroha Dramatic Society please let the Editor know)

### **O**n stage at other theatres in the region:

**June 9 – 23: Cambridge Gaslight Theatre.** *Blind Eye* by April Phillips and directed by Mike Williams. Wally and Vera live a simple life until he is attacked bringing in new people and uncomfortable truths. Nothing in life is black & white, but how do you deal with the grey?

**June 14 – 17: Matamata Little Theatre.** *A Radio Show*. If you would like to be a “voice” or assist with sound effects turn up at rehearsals with pen and paper. This is a collaborative production. First rehearsal Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Rehearsal supervisor is Richard Prevett.

**July 8: Paeroa Little Theatre.** Sheryl Krisansen’s Academy D Showcase. An entertaining variety show for all ages.

**August 4: Paeroa Little Theatre – No Holds Bard.** A glorious tour de force which brings four of Shakespeare’s greatest creations kicking and screaming into the deranged brain of a single man. Includes a 30 min. Q and A with **Michael Hurst** after the performance.

**November: Paeroa Little Theatre.** Popular panto Cinderella. Auditions in July.

**Play Reading: Paeroa Little Theatre** is looking for people interested in a play reading of the classic Greek comedy *Peace By Aristophanes*. There will only be a couple of practices and scripts will be in hand for performance. If interested in trying something a little different contact the theatre on (Google the play title or appropriate theatre for more details)

### **Actors' Workshop Weekend**

Ian Harrop is holding an "An Approach to the Script" workshop at Te Aroha Little Theatre on August 11 – 12 from 10.00am. For more details ring Ian on 07 884 9292 or 021 2160443.

### **Costume Hire**

Any time is a great time of year for dressing up. Because of the nature of our wardrobe you are not restricted to a particular costume. We can mix and match and create a costume that suits you personally. Bring in an idea or a picture and we'll help you assemble your personal "character". Prices are very easy on the pocket and remember that not only are you getting a great costume you are helping to support a group in your own community. Phone numbers below direct you to the ladies who can help you. Give them a call.



**Marilyn: 027398051 or 884 8004;**

**Eileen: 0274880504;**

**Jocelyn: 0211315133**

### **Our Building**

Do you remember my saying we had finished all our projects? That is until someone had a 'good idea'? Well some one (and we wont mention names here) thought it would be a good idea to insulate and line the walls of the stage wings. It is a good idea as that area gets very cold and affects the temperature of the theatre when the curtains are opened; so no sooner said than done. Despite being in the middle of constructing a complicated set for Peter Pan the team is up ladders putting in insulation and putting up gib. board. Well done guys you are awesome.



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Or call in to the theatre any Tuesday morning between 10am and 1pm. (we have real coffee!)

See you at "Peter Pan" in June.

Best regards

Eileen (Editor)