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BUTTERFLY CREEK
THEATRE TROUPE

Troupedour

July 2007

Yes, we've been doing 'it' now for 20 years. After the success of our 1st two celebratory events (Midsummer Nights Dream and 6 Characters) we're further celebrating the troupe's achievements over those two decades with a weekend of events planned from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th October. Present and past members will be given the chance to register for the weekend soon, but meantime, put the dates in your diary - it will be a fun weekend!

The programme includes:

- ☺ a jaunt to a 'theatre event' together in Wellington (Friday night)
- ☺ a celebration dinner with opportunities to relive old memories (& old & new performances?) over good food and wine and great company (Saturday night)
- ☺ after the hall clean-up on Sunday, a BBQ lunch with children and families.

Details will be posted to you in the near future. Meantime, circle the weekend on your calendar and let your ex-member friends know its coming up. The bigger the crowd the greater the fun!

The AGM is on Thursday 16 of August.

The main items of the agenda are the performance and financial reports for 2005/06 followed by the election of the committee for 2007/008.

Like Dracula, we do need new blood to work with those of the existing committee who will be either arm twisted into, or voluntarily offering themselves, for re-election this year. So nominations for all officers or committee to Julia in advance please. Once the business has been completed we will be indulging in the usual BYO refreshments as Barry prepares us for the Panto, including a certain amount of (dry) slapstick practice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY *(note: all dates revised)*

Annual General Meeting : August 16th 8 pm in Green Room
Anniversary Celebration October 5,6,7

Pantomime

Auditions: August 26 & 28

Performances: November 28 -December 1 (possible matinee on 2nd)
& December 5 -8

SEE, WE CAN ALL LEARN NEW SKILLS!!

Having not operated the lighting for a production since "An Inspector Calls", I had to relearn the skills for the production of "Six Characters in Search of an Author". However that learning curve was nothing compared to the challenge presented by the hi-tech board at the Gryphon theatre.

Peter and Leon Baldock put up the lights and Devon from the Gryphon team explained the workings of the (to me) massive board and its companion computer screen. Without the luxury of multiple rehearsals I had to pull out all the stops. I couldn't take the board home to practice as I had done in Eastbourne, but by dint of support and determination I mastered the system and, apart from accidentally nudging the "flash" knob as I passed my hand over the board, I managed to master the complexities of their system.

Peter Baldock did all the climbing and plugging in prior to treading the boards; we are a real cooperative.

I photographed the board as an aide memoir and I'm happy to hold the hand of the next eager beaver to tackle this challenge. C'mon.....have a go. It's fun - and think of the power you have in your hands (pun intended)*Florence*

And this year's Panto is

Dick Whittington and his Cat

by Chris Denys and Chris Harris

to be directed by Barry Mawer.

Although it's a recent script (2001) it is "traditional" in that the Principal Boy is a girl, the Dame is a man, and it has heaps of knock-about action. It will have as big and as varied a cast as we can muster. A little known fact is that Dick actually came from Eastbourne! It's great fun—both for the audience and for those who perform and present it.

Being the last event in our 20th year celebrations we'll be pulling all our creative stops out to make it a lively, enjoyable fitting end to the year.



What's on about town

Date	Event	Produced by
Until 28 July	Dumb Show – Joe Penhall	Circa
Opens 21 July	Monarchy the Musical – Paul Jenden and Gareth Farr	Circa
19 July – 4 Aug	Take a Chance on Me – Roger Hall	New Players
25 July – 1 August	Dead Man's Hand – Seymour Matthews	Stagecraft
21–30 July	Off the Hook – Derek Benfield	Heretaunga Players
13 August only	King Lear - Shakespeare	Royal Shakespeare Company
14 August	The Seagull - Chekhov	Royal Shakespeare Company
14-25 August	The Crucible - Arthur Miller (directed by Ewen Coleman)	Wellington Rep
15-25 August	The Countess (***) 2 comps available—call Julia)	Hutt Rep
19,22 Sept	The Tales of Hoffman starring Patrick Power	Wgtn G&S Light Opera