

# Curtaincall

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## Merry Christmas PLOC People!

The PLOC Committee Anne, Richard, Jeff, Coralie, Kevin, Anita, Jim, Shady, Jenny, Joan, Karen, Doug, Mary & Kelly wish you and yours all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Enjoy the festive season and have some special time with your loved ones.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

**Matthew Surrey**

our youngest member, born 2 December 2009. All our love to Marie, Chris and the entire Surrey family, **Emily Clauson, Wendy Dewhurst, Kelly Manning,** and any other PLOCers celebrating a birthday November and December.



### **STOP THE PRESS! NAPTA ANNOUNCEMENTS JUST IN!**

'The Birthday Party' received 7 NAPTA nominations. Best play, Best set design – Bob Lack, Best props design, Best Actress in a play – Wendy Dewhurst and Penny Stafford-Bush, Best Actor in a play – Bob Lack and Kelly Manning.

What a fantastic end to the year! Well done team. Congrats to all nominees (which include a fair number of PLOC members). You can see the full list of nominations at [www.napta.org.nz](http://www.napta.org.nz).

## **Auditions for PLOC Youth Theatre**

***Noodle Rat Rotten Hat***

**Caw, Caw, Calling all kids!**

Auditions for this fantastic show are on 3 & 4 February 2010, 5.30pm to 8.30pm @ Harrington Hall. Auditions are open to anyone between 10ish to 16ish years old. For more information and an appointment, phone Coralie on 09 2363552 or 0273507093.

# From the President

Hi,

They say the years go quicker as you get older. I must be freakin' old then, because 2009 just flew by! My PLOC life has been fascinating and I have a bunch of people to thank for making it challenging, intriguing and heaps of fun.

- First of all, to you PLOC members. You support the club in a number of ways either by your subs, by being in audiences or by helping with shows. I especially want to acknowledge people who have spoken, phoned or emailed me with feedback (positive or otherwise) about our shows. I genuinely appreciate all feedback and listen to it. I appreciate that you care enough to say something!
- Our sponsors. We can't put on shows without you, so every cent you invest in us, we appreciate and try to give you your money worth.
- Our various casts and crews. Our membership has grown over the last 18 months and we love welcoming new people to our club (as well as our regulars, but you know that!).
- Our brother and sister clubs around the region who continue to support and inspire us by putting on fantastic shows.
- The PLOC Committee. These people work tirelessly to ensure PLOC continues to produce fine entertainment for Franklin and beyond.

A few memories from this year have stuck with me.

- The passing of our patron, Ernie Alexander was pretty huge. Ernie was a great guy who loved his family and served his community for many years.
- The ?? birthday of Doug Kern. Doug is living proof that birthdays are good for you – the more you have, the longer you live.
- Pauline Vella's stirring version of 'Send in the Clowns' in *A Little Night Music*.
- Kees van Duin's beautiful Maori pronunciation in 'Blue Smoke', during our *Music Hall* season.
- Climbing on the Harrington Hall roof with Richard Doddrell trying to find that friggin' leak!
- The fantastic teamwork and comradarie in *The Birthday Party*. Oh, and hearing the distinctive laugh of our Mayor, Mark Ball in the audience.

I'm really looking forward to 2010. We have lots to entertain and engage you. We hope to host a few other performances as well. Come and be part of a show.

Have the very best Christmas. Noho ora mai ra. Take care until next time.

Kelly, Pres.

## Archive help needed

Mary Gray is completing our archives for storage at the Pukekohe library. If you have any old show posters or programmes, Mary would love to hear from you. See our website for a full list of what Mary is after.

## PLOC people

**Barnaby McArthur** is doing very well in London. He has just finished a professional acting job in *And Then They Came For Me - remembering the world of Anne Frank*. He starts *Godspell* early next year. On ya Barney!

## PLOC people 2

**Te Rina Thompson** has finished her 1<sup>st</sup> year at Toi Whakaari, NZ Drama School. It's been a huge year for Te Rina and she has done incredibly well. Tee and Barney both received a huge start at PLOC and they will be stars! (They already are.)

# 2010 Shows!

Our first show for 2010 is a PLOC Youth Theatre production, **Noodle Rat Rotten Hat**. It's the Little Red Riding Hood story with some great twists and lots of other fairy tale characters thrown in. It will be HEAPS of fun. Season is 14-22 May 2010.

We're looking for a cast of kids from 10 to 16 years old. As well as actors, we're after singers, dancers and gymnasts. There is a core cast of 13 and there will be other roles available. We'd love to see lots of kids at auditions.

The show is being co-directed by Jenny Lane and Kelly Manning. Jenny is a graduate from PLOC Youth Theatre and Kelly was a youth once, so they are ideally suited to the show.

We are also looking for mums and dads to help with set building, costumes, make up and child care. If you're keen to help out, contact our Production Manager, Coralie Maddern on 09 2363552 or 0273507093. Coralie can also give you audition info.

## **IDOLISE** *the* **'80s**

From the era that brought the world The Rubik's Cube, Max Headroom and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, when bubble skirts and blue eye shadow were cool. A time when the Atari was cutting edge technology comes this "totally awesome" musical revue.

Billy Idol, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Boy George, Poison, Phantom of the Opera, Milli Vanilli (who?), big shoulder pads, rock-solid hair, MC Hammer pants... ah, the '80s.

August/September is the time to get out your pink lycra tights, put on your boat shoes, grow your mullet back and drink some wine cooler. ***This show will be a party!!!!***

More details and audition opportunities will be announced early next year.

### **PLAY**

At the end of 2010 we will be putting on a play. We are still choosing it and will announce it as soon as possible. Watch this space!

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