

Curtaincall

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From the President:

Well it's that time of the year when we wished we had started our Christmas shopping in June...2009, there is still so much to do and so little time. However we have been busy, planning for next year. We have 2 big productions coming up next year. Firstly in May the Youth Theatre production of "Bugsy Malone" directed by Mary Gray. This is going to be a fabulous show, with a potential cast of 60 it is going to absolutely rock. Later in the year, well Late August to be exact, we bring to the stage "Me and My Girl" directed by Susanne Dell. The season is carefully timed to avoid the Rugby World Cup so there is no excuse not to participate or be in the audience just because Romania are playing Japan and you just can't miss it.

But before we get that far we have two other events to cover. Once again we entered a float in the Pukekohe Christmas parade. This year the theme was Global Christmas. A big thank you goes to Anne Doddrell and Anita Briggs for preparing the signs and costumes. Also thank you to all of you who helped put the float together and then dress up for a trip down the main street. It was worth it as we took out 2nd place in the Clubs and Churches category.

Last week we once again put on our annual Christmas concert for the districts Senior Citizens for the Lions Club. It was a great afternoon made especially memorable for our longer serving club members, by the attendance of Lydia Peacock. We owe a great debt of thanks to Lydia, for with out her PLOC as we know it, would never have existed. The show was well received by our audience with many looking forward to next year's show.

Can't really think of much more except MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY and lets have a great 2011.

Jeff Collie (President, unless someone else wants the Job lol)

Time for a wee poem.

King Solomon had ten thousand wives
He serenaded 'em daily
But what's the use of ten thousand wives
If you've only one ukulele.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
Richard Doddrell
And of course any
other members

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Production Update

Pukekohe Youth Theatre

AUDITION NOTICE

Bugsy Malone

Directed by
MARY GRAY

At
Harrington Hall Theatre

Performance Dates 7 - 21 May 2011

Audition will be held at Harrington Hall Theatre
Sat 5 and Sun 6 February 2011

An all children cast

Anyone between the ages of 10 to 14 years who would like to be part of this production please
call Anne Doddrell 09-237-8161 to arrange an audition time.
No previous experience necessary

Please prepare a SIMPLE song you know well and piano music if possible.
You will be asked to read a little dialogue from the show and to do some simple movement.
Dancers: Please bring a CD of your music NO LONGER than 2 minutes.

Look forward to seeing you!!!!!!

PLOC received 3 Napta nominations:

Best Performed Choreography - Idolize the 80's
Best Costume Design - Idolize the 80's
Best Youth Production - Noodle Rat Rotten Hat
Well done to all involved in these shows!

Also Blood Brothers, directed by Mary Gray, at Manukau Performing Arts (MPA) has been nominated for Best Direction and Best Musical - well done Mary!
Full list of nominations are on Napta website www.napta.org.nz

Awards evening is at the Aotea Centre on 19 February 2011 – contact Kevin Maddern (236-3552) regarding bookings

Me and My Girl. Synopsis

Me And My Girl tells the story of Cockney Barrow-boy Bill Snibson who is introduced to the haughty Hareford family by Parchester, the Family Solicitor, as the heir to the estate.

It seems the late 13th Earl of Hareford had enjoyed at least one brief period of amorous slumming secretly wedding a woman beneath his station. The Earl's will specifically states that the heir must be deemed a fit and proper person by the two very fit and proper executors, Maria, Duchess of Dene, and Sir John Tremayne.

The Duchess is determined to make the best of the situation by transforming Bill into a proper gentleman.

Fearing that she will lose her right to the Hareford fortune Lady Jacqueline dumps her wet upper-class boyfriend Gerald Bollingbroke, the Earl's cousin, and tries to seduce Bill. However, Bill has brought his cockney girlfriend Sally Smith along and she is not too happy about the situation.

Sally realizes that she will not fit into his new surroundings and returns to London. Bill loves her dearly and is very unhappy and is prepared to give up his inheritance but Sir John, who worships the Duchess from afar, transforms Sally into a partner fit for an Earl and all ends happily ever after.

See the audition notices for dates for auditions and put them in you calendar now.
The provisional dates are 22nd and 23 of May.

Sunday December 5th dawned another hot day, and several of us met at Old Vic to dress our float, then ourselves and climb aboard the truck kindly lent to PLOC by Weeks. It was great to have 6 younger PLOC members aboard, seemingly enjoying the proceedings. Anita came up with the idea of past shows we have performed belonging to different countries, thus we portrayed Zorba from Greece, Mikado from Japan, My Fair Lady from England, Fiddler On the Roof from Russia, Cabaret from Germany and so on. Ten in all. For our combined efforts the float managed 2nd place in the Churches and clubs section.



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