



**HARLEQUIN THEATRE -
JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE.
WHAT AN EXCITING YEAR 2011 IS GOING TO
BE WITH OUR 50TH JUBILEE COMING UP AT
THE END OF APRIL. WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL BE
ABLE TO ATTEND SOME, IF NOT ALL OF THE
EVENTS THAT WE HAVE PLANNED OVER THAT
WEEKEND.**
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FOUR FLAT WHITES IN ITALY:

**WHAT A GREAT SHOW WE SAW AT
CHRISTMAS. ROGER HALL'S COMEDY ABOUT 2
COUPLES TRAVELLING THROUGH ITALY
TOGETHER HAS BEEN POPULAR ALL ROUND THE
COUNTRY AND OUR PRODUCTION WAS NO
EXCEPTION. DIRECTOR, MARILYN BOUZOID
DID SOME VERY CLEVER THINGS WITH THE
SET, AND THE CAST DID A FINE JOB IN THEIR
VARIOUS ROLES. IT WAS INTERESTING
LISTENING TO SOME OF THE COMMENTS FROM
PATRONS AS THEY WERE LEAVING. MANY OF
THOSE WHO HAD TRAVELLED TO ITALY COULD
RELATE TO THE SCENARIOS THAT WERE
PRESENTED AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
RECOGNISED SOME OF THE CHARACTERS THAT
WERE SEEN ON STAGE!!
CONGRATULATIONS TO MARILYN AND HER
CAST AND CREW FOR GIVING US A
WONDERFUL OCCASION TO END THE YEAR.
A SPECIAL THANK YOU SHOULD BE GIVEN TO
JILL THOMPSON, OUR PROPS MANAGER WHO
DID A MAGNIFICENT JOB WITH A HUGE
AMOUNT OF PROPS. SHE WAS AT THE THEATRE
EVERY NIGHT BEFORE 6.30PM PREPARING ALL
THE FOOD AND DRINK FOR THE VARIOUS CAFE
SCENES AND DIDN'T GET AWAY UNTIL WELL
AFTER 11PM. THANKS FOR A GREAT JOB JILL.**
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NEXT PRODUCTION:

**OUR NEXT PRODUCTION IS GOING TO BE A
LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN OUR USUAL
PRODUCTIONS. PLAYWRIGHT JEAN MCCONNELL
HAS WRITTEN A SERIES OF SHORT PLAYS (16
IN ALL) CALLED "DECKCHAIRS"
THE PLAYS DO NOT RELATE TO EACH OTHER
EXCEPT THEY ALL HAVE TWO WOMEN IN THE
CAST AND THE STAGING FOR ALL OF THEM IS
JUST TWO DECK CHAIRS.
DIRECTOR, DIANA BOULTON HAS CHOSEN 5
PLAYS, EACH BETWEEN 15 AND 30 MINUTES
LONG. AUDITIONS WERE HELD ON SUNDAY
THE 19TH OF DECEMBER AND WE HAVE 5
LOVELY LADIES WHO ARE GOING TO PERFORM
THESE PLAYS. MARIA HINTON WILL PERFORM
IN ONE PLAY, BARBARA BARR IN TWO PLAYS,
KATHERINE GRAYDON IN TWO PLAYS AND OUR
TWO AWARD WINNING ACTORS FROM THE
NORFOLK ISLAND FESTIVAL YVONNE WAY AND
MARGARET JESSON WILL PERFORM TWO AND
THREE PLAYS RESPECTIVELY.
WITHOUT GIVING TOO MUCH AWAY, THE 5
PLAYS ARE:**

**"SHOPPERS" - ROSEMARY AND ANGELA, TWO
WELL TO DO SHOPAHOLICS AND LONG TIME
FRIENDS, MEET EVERY FRIDAY FOR A DAY OF
SHOPPING.**

**"EARLY BLIGHT" - HELEN AND HER DAUGHTER
JANE HAVE A HEART BREAKING EXPLORATION
OF A DOOMED MOTHER AND DAUGHTER
RELATIONSHIP.**

**"DANCERS" - BETTY AND WYNN ARE ON THEIR
WAY HOME FROM AN AFTERNOON TEA DANCE
AND DISCUSS WHO THEY MET THERE.**

"SHORTCHANGED" - RETIRED HEAD MISTRESS, MISS WESTLAKE, IS TRYING TO GET INTO A PRESTIGIOUS RESIDENTIAL HOME. SOCIAL WORKER, JULIE, MIGHT NOT BE AS HELPFUL AS MISS WESTLAKE WOULD HOPE.

"THEATRICAL DIGS" - GLAMOROUS AND CONCEITED ACTRESS PASCALINE HOLBEIN MEETS HER MATCH WITH THE ELDERLY AND ECCENTRIC MAGGIE FESTOON.

THIS PRODUCTION WILL BE CAFE STYLE IN THE LOUNGE WITH SUPPER AND THE BAR WILL BE OPEN.

PLAYING DATES ARE 9,10,11,12 MARCH.

BOOKINGS WILL OPEN MID JANUARY BUT GROUP BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME.

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UNITED TRAVEL:

UNITED TRAVEL HAS BEEN AROUND FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS AND BEFORE THAT IT WAS KNOWN AS MASTERTON TRAVEL CENTRE. AS OF 01 JAN 2011, UNITED TRAVEL WILL CHANGE IT'S NAME TO WORLD TRAVELLERS MASTERTON. WORLD TRAVELLERS IS A NEWLY FORMED GROUP AND CURRENTLY HAS 16 MEMBERS AND GROWING.

WORLD TRAVELLERS WILL STILL BE THE BOOKING AGENT FOR HARLEQUIN THEATRE.

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

SUBS ARE NOW DUE AND A RENEWAL FORM IS ATTACHED AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU PAYING YOUR SUBS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY POST, BUT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE ADVISE THIS ON YOUR RENEWAL FORM. WE MAKE A LOT MORE CONTACT WITH MEMBERS WHO ARE ON EMAIL BECAUSE OF THE TIME TO PRINT, ADDRESS ENVELOPES AND SEND. IT ALSO HELPS WITH OUR COSTS

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50TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

THOSE OF YOU ON EMAIL WILL HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM FOR OUR 50TH JUBILEE 29 APRIL-01 MAY.

THOSE OF YOU WHO RECEIVE THIS BY MAIL WILL FIND DETAILS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.

WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER A GREAT PROGRAMME WITH LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS. WE ARE CURRENTLY BUSY TRYING TO LOCATE PAST MEMBERS WHO ARE

SCATTERED AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THAT IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO LIVES OUT OF THE DISTRICT WHO HAS HAD AN ASSOCIATION WITH THE THEATRE, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN ADD THEM TO OUR LIST. ALL DETAILS OF THE JUBILEE ARE ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.HARLEQUIN.ORG.NZ.

WE DID HAVE ROGER HALL BOOKED IN AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER AT THE DINNER ON THE SATURDAY NIGHT BUT SADLY HE HAS HAD TO CANCEL AS HE IS TRAVELLING TO EUROPE BUT WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ADVISE THAT OUR GUEST OF HONOUR WILL NOW BE DAME KATE HARCOURT.

WE DO NEED SOME OTHER HELP AT THIS STAGE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A CATERING CO-ORDINATOR TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CATERING AT THE THEATRE ON SATURDAY THE 30TH. THIS WILL BE FOR THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA AND LUNCH. THE CO-ORDINATOR WILL HAVE A SMALL TEAM OF HELPERS AND THE JOB IS JUST TO MAKE SURE THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY. IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH, PLEASE CONTACT GRAEME BURNARD.

IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING ANY PART OF THE JUBILEE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR REGISTRATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE MAY HAVE TO MAKE SLIGHT AMENDMENTS TO SOME OF THE TIMING ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAMME DEPENDING ON HOW MANY ATTEND.

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COMMITTEE:

BECAUSE OF RESIGNATIONS AND PEOPLE MOVING AWAY, OUR COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY SITTING AT 7 AND THIS MEANS A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK FOR A SMALL GROUP. WE ARE REALLY KEEN TO SEE SOME NEW BLOOD ON THE COMMITTEE. WE MEET ONCE A MONTH ON THE 3RD MONDAY (THIS IS NOT SET IN CONCRETE) AND EVERYONE ON THE COMMITTEE HAS TASKS THAT TAKE UP SOME TIME DURING THE WEEKS BETWEEN. WE NEED TO SPREAD THE LOAD. DON'T WORRY IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULDN'T BE ANY USE BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEATRE. NOR DID ANY OF US WHEN WE STARTED! PLEASE GIVE IT SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT AND IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HAVE YOUR NAME PUT FORWARD AT THE AGM, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE THEATRE DURING THE YEAR!