



HARLEQUIN

MUSICAL THEATRE

Next Show:



April/May 2012

Harlequin Theatre

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Centre)

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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Director – John Fausett
Musical Director – Oliver Gilmour
Choreographer – Susanne Dell

Notes from the Production Manager

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

We are now well into rehearsals with Oliver working on the singing and shortly cast is about to start putting the singing and the dancing together.

We are short some men – and are looking for a couple of brothers as well as some body guard body builder types. The brothers have to be able to sing and move well and the bodyguards, although singing well would be an advantage is not entirely necessary.

As well as on stage we are looking for people to join us offstage, with set building, painting, props, and anything else that crops up. We are having a lot of fun – come and join us.

The set building will be starting shortly so give one of us a call and let us know your availability.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Louise Barry

Production Manager

GIVE US A HAND!

We are looking for fabulous people to help backstage – with our younger cast members and keeping the Green Room clean and tidy. Any amount of volunteered assistance, big or small will help!

“I think there’s nothing like live theatre. Everyone wants to be part of it. So why not try it?”

Joel Grey (Master of Ceremonies, Cabaret - 1972)

President's Report:

Welcome to 2012. After our busy year last year it was nice to have a break over the Christmas/New Year period. Just a shame about the weather.

Harlequin has lined up some fabulous shows this year starting off with Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat opening on 21 April 2012. Directed by John Fausett who directed The Witches of Eastwick for us in 2011, and musically directed by Oliver Gilmour this show features a double cast of children and of course Joseph and his 11 brothers.

Our aim this year is to have sell out houses and getting our name to the forefront of local entertainment in the Howick/Pakuranga area.

As part of this goal we have taken the opportunity to be part of the Arts Festival Out East which is part of the Howick Local Board's activities to showcase Arts and Culture within the Howick district.

On Saturday 24 March the Harlequin Swing Orchestra and invited guests will be presenting an evening of musical theatre featuring songs from "Witches" and "A Christmas Carol" two of our shows last year as well as songs from other shows and swing music commencing at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale through www.iticket.co.nz or 361 1000 from 17 February 2012 at a cost of \$25.00 per ticket. Bring your dancing shoes as well as there will be the opportunity to dance in the second half of the show with this fantastic swing orchestra.

On Sunday 25 March we are very fortunate to have An Afternoon of Jazz with the St Andrew's Big Band and St Andrew's Trio. Some of you may already have seen them performing at the St Andrew's Church under the baton of Hamish Arthur. This young orchestra has agreed to join forces with the Harlequin to entertain as part of the Festival. Tickets for this event will also be on sale through www.iticket.co.nz or (09) 361 1000 from 17 February 2012 at the cost of \$20.00 per ticket.

Gather a group together with this wonderful weekend.

Memberships are now due. We have enclosed with this newsletter a membership form with all the details on it as to how to join.

As you can see below we have a lot of activities happening at the Harlequin. Join us for an exciting 12 months.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday 18th February

Saturday 25th February

Friday 9th March

Saturday 24th / Sunday 25th March

Saturday 21st April

Car boot / theatre goods sale and sausage sizzle

NAPTA Awards Evening

Family and friends Quiz Evening

Howick Arts Festival performances at the Harlequin Theatre

Opening Night – *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

Prizes to be won!
Book with
Rebecca -
harlequinmusicaltheatre@gmail.com

Make a table of
your friends and
family or meet
new people- \$10
per person

Family QUIZ Night Fundraiser

For family and friends of the cast
and crew of Joseph AND
members of the Harlequin Theatre
(and their families and friends)!

Friday 9th March – 7 to 9.30pm

Harlequin Car boot / Theatre Goods Sale!

Saturday 18th February 7am to 2pm

We're selling some of Harlequin Theatre's costumes, props and knick-knacks. People can also purchase a space inside the theatre for \$20 or a car park space for \$5 to sell their own used goods (like a car boot sale).

Come along and help us sell! Purchase a space to sell your own things! Help us with the sausage sizzle! We want this event to be a fun-filled day so come along and help out. Contact Rebecca on 021 258 1145 or harlequinmusicaltheatre@gmail.com to book a space to sell some things or volunteer to help out. We need lots of helpers! This is a great opportunity to help the theatre raise funds and meet other Harlequin members.

The flyer for this event is attached to the back of this newsletter! See you there!



News from the world of musical theatre.....



Ghost – The musical version of the Patrick Swayze / Demi Moore film is set to open in Melbourne in 2013. It is currently playing in London's West End and will open in New York in March 2012. The score is by Glen Ballard and Dave Stewart (of The Eurythmics).



Legally Blonde the Musical – Legally Blonde won three Laurence Olivier Awards in 2011, including Best Musical. It is currently playing in London and is due to open in Melbourne in September 2012.



Sweeney Todd – Michael Ball (the original Marius in Les Miserables) will join Imelda Staunton in a revival of Sweeney Todd in London's West End in March 2012. This production was highly regarded at the Chichester Festival Theatre in 2011.



NAPTA Awards and Scholarship Evening



Waipuna Conference Centre

Saturday 25 February, 2012 - Drinks from 7pm, Awards from 7:30pm

An evening of Entertainment & Celebration recognising the achievements of Musical Theatre in the Auckland Region (Whangarei to Pukekohe) during 2011.

The evening will take the form of a "Tony Awards" style ceremony hosted by the effervescent *Mr Adey Ramsel*. Guests will be offered a drink on arrival, and canapes will be served during the half time intermission when more refreshments will be available from the cash bar.

The entertainment is being directed by *Mr David Adkins* and he has lined up a very talented cast to perform many of musical theatre's greatest hits.

This will be a night you won't want to miss and, after the official part of the evening closes, we'll give you the chance to catch-up with old friends, dance and celebrate.

www.napta.org.nz

Nominees from Harlequin Theatre are:

Best Hair and Makeup: Linda Charles, Tanya Barlow (*The Witches of Eastwick*)

Best Props Design: Judith Tizzard, Liz Kelly, Neroli Gifford, Louise Barry (*A Christmas Carol*)

: Liz Kelly (*The Witches of Eastwick*)

Best Sound Design: Richard Braid (*A Christmas Carol*)

Best Supporting Female in a Musical: Sharon Hewlett (*The Witches of Eastwick*)

Best Musical Direction: Lynette Leggett (*A Christmas Carol*)

Best Lighting Design: Michael Craven (*A Christmas Carol*)

Best Costume Design: Yvonne Dinnage (*The Witches of Eastwick*)

Best Set Design: Adey Ramsel (*A Christmas Carol*)

Best Special Effects – Harlequin Musical Theatre (*The Witches of Eastwick, A Christmas Carol*)

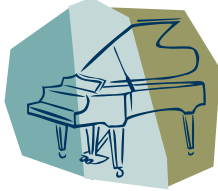
Come along and support Harlequin's nominees! Bookings are through iticket.co.nz or (09) 361 1000 or through Harlequin by phoning Sue on 0274518880 or susann@paradise.net.nz Tickets are \$89.00.

DON'T FORGET OUR MONTHLY CONCERT

SONGS FOR YOU

LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Contact Dayle on 576 7311 for further particulars



What's on:

Oliver! – Manukau Performing Arts, 28th April - 12th May

Chess – Auckland Musical Theatre, 12th to 26th May

Thoroughly Modern Millie – Centerstage Orewa, 9th to 23rd June

Into the Woods – Pumphouse, Takapuna 3rd – 17th November

As well as supporting the Harlequin, support the other theatres who are also offering quality entertainment!

HARLEQUIN SUPPORTERS CLUB

For \$50.00 donation you could be listed in the *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* programme as a supporter of the Harlequin. There is also the opportunity for full, half or quarter page advertisements. Contact one of the committee if you would like some more details.

Next Newsletter:

This year we will be giving deadlines for our newsletters. Our newsletter is only as good as the information it contains. Please email anything to us, whether it be 'What's on' around town, theatre gossip, events, letters, cast news, show news, stories, reviews, news about new pro shows coming or been, in fact ANYTHING!! Are you getting the idea? We can't survive without you. All and everything can be emailed to:

newsletter@harlequintheatre.co.nz

**Deadline for the March newsletter is:
29th February 2012**

Front of House Needs...

Do you love the "smell of the grease paint" and the excitement of an opening night but don't particularly wish to strut your stuff on stage? No problem! Why not become a Front of House Volunteer? We do everything to keep the theatre going, from ticketing and the selling of refreshments to ensuring that our audience is seated in their correct seats and the show starts on time, all without having to sing a single note.

So if this sounds like you, come and make new friends and join the Harlequin Front of House team by contacting:

Ruth Sharp on (09) 533 4663 or (021) 258 1148.

SHOW TICKETS

Help us promote our shows! If you know of any organisation who is interested in booking the theatre for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* for a good night's entertainment please contact Ruth on (09) 533 4663 or (021) 258 1148.

Harlequin Musical Theatre Website: *Check out all our latest information, show details, auditions, show dates, social events, theatre gossip, photos and outside shows coming to the theatre:*

www.harlequintheatre.co.nz



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Harlequin Theatre Goods Sale

Saturday 18th February, 7am to 2pm

Harlequin Musical Theatre, 563 Pakuranga Road

Free admission

Come and sell your pre-loved goods with us! Book a space in the theatre to sell your goods or come along to browse through good quality second-hand items from both the theatre and other sellers!

Our event will be set up like a car boot sale, where sellers can purchase a space in the theatre for \$20 or a car park space for \$5 and sell their goods (no other payment to the theatre required). The Harlequin Musical Theatre will also be selling pre-loved costumes, props and other knick-knacks. Lots of bargains to be had and even a sausage sizzle to keep you going!

If you would like to buy a space inside the theatre for \$20 or a car park space for \$5 to sell your goods, please email Rebecca at harlequinmusicaltheatre@gmail.com or phone 021 258 1145.

We are located behind the Howick and Pakuranga Recreation Centre on Pakuranga Road - see you there!

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