



# HARLEQUIN

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## MUSICAL THEATRE

### **Next Show:**

**The Importance of Being Earnest**  
**Directed by John Fausett**  
27 August – 10 September 2011

**Harlequin  
Musical Theatre**  
*Newsletter*

**May 2011**

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year we are holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 25 May 2011. This is at a later time as our auditor, was unable to finalise the financial statements earlier.

We are very sorry to lose Doly, our ex-officio treasurer and wish her well as she and her family head back to Indonesia. On the good news front one of our long time members Campbell Butcher will be taking over this important job.

We are a small committee and would love to have more members – if you are interested in joining the committee please contact one of us – included with this newsletter are nomination forms or they can be downloaded off the website. There is no age limit on joining the committee – young and old are welcome. The only requirements are enthusiasm, a love for theatre and the drive for ‘making it happen’.

### *Auditions*

Check out the website  
for details on auditions  
for The Importance of  
Being Earnest

Auditions 29/30 May  
2011  
Season 27 August – 10  
September 2011



To book an audition time  
phone: Susanne Dell on  
0274518880 or email:  
[susann@paradise.net.nz](mailto:susann@paradise.net.nz)

## **Presidents Report:**

### **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK**

Thanks to all who made this show happen. It finally went to stage in April and we were thrilled with the result. It was a long road but we got there. The cast and production team were fantastic and made it happen. We made lots of new friends and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the theatre for the next show.

### **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**

Auditions had been held for Joseph and unfortunately although we had filled the dream team of female parts we were unable to fill the male parts for the show. As a consequence and after much discussion and consultation with the artistic team the Committee decided to postpone the show and open on 21 April 2011. This decision was not made lightly as we had, in the recent past, already postponed The Witches of Eastwick twice and it was not something we wanted to do again.

The decision to postpone Witches was the right one and we were very pleased to be able to bring to the Harlequin a magnificent show but after the success of Witches we did not want to disappoint our audiences with a show not up to the same standard so we will be re-auditioning Joseph in November 2011.

On a positive note we have decided to produce a play – The Importance of Being Earnest – written by Oscar Wilde. John Fausett, who directed Witches and was scheduled to direct Joseph will be directing The Importance of Being Earnest. Audition dates are listed in this newsletter.

At the end of the year we will be staging A Christmas Carol, something for old and young – audition dates are also listed in this newsletter.

So, apologies for those who were looking forward to seeing Joseph this year, but as they say, WATCH THIS SPACE – Joseph will be appearing on the Harlequin stage April 2012.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Wednesday 25 May	7.30 p.m. - Annual General Meeting
Saturday 28 May	1.00 p.m. onwards Theatre working bee – all welcome
Sunday 29 May	2.00 p.m. Auditions – The Importance of Being Earnest
Monday 30 May	7.30 p.m. Auditions for The Importance of Being Earnest
Sunday 12 June	2.00 p.m. Combined Concert “We All in This Together” Hawkins Centre
Friday 17 June	8.00 p.m. Combined Concert “We All in This Together” Harlequin Musical Theatre
Sunday 21 August	2.00 p.m. onwards A Christmas Carol auditions
Monday 22 August	7.00 p.m. onwards A Christmas Carol auditions
Saturday 27 August	Opening Night of The Importance of Being Earnest
Sunday 6 November	2.00 p.m. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat auditions
Saturday 19 November	Opening Night – A Christmas Carol

# *We're All in this Together*

**A Musical, Theatrical and Orchestral Treat for Everyone**

*Featuring*

Auckland Wind Orchestra  
Rosehill College Band – Papakura concert only  
Pukekohe High School Big Band – Howick concert only  
Harlequin Musical Theatre  
Papakura Theatre Company  
Pukekohe Light Opera Club

**SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2011 – 2.00 p.m.**  
**Hawkins Centre, Papakura**

**FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2011 – 8.00 p.m.**  
**Harlequin Musical Theatre, Howick**

*2 Great Concerts for Christchurch*

*Director: Susanne Dell      Musical Director: Paul G Radden*

Tickets:

\$25.00 adults

\$15.00 Senior Citizens/Children/Full Time Student

\$60.00 Family ticket

Bookings:

For Papakura

Papakura Paper Power – 0800 727 258

For Howick

iticket.co.nz – 361 1000

All Proceeds to NZ Red Cross 2011 Earthquake Appeal

Come along and enjoy excellent music and singing. This is the first time we have had collaboration with the different theatres and orchestras and we have been amazed by the number of people who have wanted to assist and support these wonderful shows.

Hawkins and Harlequin have offered their venues free of charge and iticket are donating back to the Red Cross all booking fees from our concertgoers.

Some of the songs featured will be from the shows the theatres have staged over the last two years and also those from shows in rehearsal at the moment.

**AUDITIONS – ME AND MY GIRL**

**Pukekohe Light Opera Club**

**22 and 23 May 2011**

**Phone Coralie on (09) 236 3552 or email [coraliem@windowslive.com](mailto:coraliem@windowslive.com) for more information or an appointment time.**

**Check out the Pukekohe Light Opera Club website for more details.**

Director: Susanne Dell

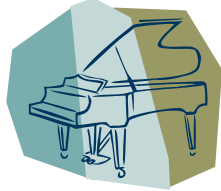
Musical Director: Sharon Tuapawa    Choreographer: Debbie White

**DON'T FORGET OUR MONTHLY CONCERT**

## **SONGS FOR YOU**

**LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

Contact Dayle on 576 7311 for further particulars



**Whats on:**

North Shore Music Theatre:

Miss Saigon – 20 May – 11 June

Papakura Theatre Company:

Oklahoma – 6 – 20 August

Combined Christchurch Concerts

12 June 2.00 p.m. Hawkins Centre

17 June 8.00 p.m. Harlequin Musical Theatre

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

**LOST PROPERTY**

Those who have some property left behind after *Witches* the theatre will be open on 28 May 2011 from 1.00 p.m. for pick up.

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

We are calling for expressions of interest for our final show for 2011 – A Christmas Carol. Contact us through the website [www.harlequintheatre.co.nz](http://www.harlequintheatre.co.nz) if you are interested in positions on the production team for this show.

**HARLEQUIN SUPPORTERS CLUB**

For \$50.00 donation you could be listed in the *The Importance of Being Earnest* 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 you 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!! You getting the idea? We can't survive without you. All and everything can be emailed to:

[newsletter@harlequintheatre.co.nz](mailto:newsletter@harlequintheatre.co.nz)

**Deadline for July newsletter is:  
25 June 2011**

**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) 5334 663  
or (021) 258 1148.**

**SOLD NIGHTS**

We have already sold one night for *The Importance of Being Earnest*. If you know of any organisation who is interested in booking the theatre for either *The Importance of Being Earnest* or *A Christmas Carol* 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](http://www.harlequintheatre.co.nz)**