OCTAGON THEATRE Newsletter – April - May 2025

A special thank you to everyone involved in **SPIDER'S WEB.** Superb... The fact that it was a sold-out production with an extra night says it all and again, The Octagon is deeply grateful for the hours, the sweat, the tears (yes there were some) and the laughter that everyone put in to making this, yet another memorable production.

The Rest of the Year

Joyful and Triumphant 20th June until 5th July Sylvia 29th August until 13th September <u>Allo Allo</u> the next chapter 14th November to 29th November.

Upgrades

The hall and the web site have been completed. (thankyou to the team). Contractors are due to start on replacing windows as soon as it <u>STOPS RAINING!</u> So hopefully, soon.

In the meantime, we are preparing for the new committee and management team that will be elected at the AGM on May 21st

Subscriptions Please...

Subscriptions are now due for all members as our financial year has ended. \$20. 00 for individual members and \$30.00 for a family membership. Whangarei Repertory Society Inc <u>Account No:</u> 06 0493 0103082 00 Please include your name.

<u> Arriving At The Theatre</u>

The management team recently discussed the time that some patrons arrive for performances.

A social drink and a catch up are understood but some are <u>arriving very early</u> (up to an hour before the meal service begins). Early arrivals mean that the front of house team has no time to vacuum, set up and check that all is in place safe and ready.

The committee therefore have instructed that <u>doors will open 30 minutes</u> before the meal service begins.

Afternoon Matinee: 12:30pm Meal served at 1pm Evening Performance: 6:30 pm. Meal served at 7 pm

Out of Mind

Written by Deborah Steele, Dargaville Little Theatre are fund raising so that they can perform this award-winning play at Mondial du Theatre, the World Festival of Amateur Theatre in August in Morocco.

Don't Miss This One

Show Dates and Times:

Friday July 25th 7pm Saturday 26th July Two Shows 4pm and 7pm

www.octagontheatre.nz

BOOK NOW -

It's That Time... AGM

The Annual General Meeting of The Whangarei Repertory Society Inc is scheduled for Wednesday May 21st at 7pm at the Octagon Theatre 13 Aubrey Street, Regent, Whangarei.

Those wishing to participate <u>must</u> be financial members to vote.

An agenda will be published in April and nominations for committee membership will be open two weeks prior to this meeting. All financial members are encouraged to attend.

Nomination forms can be obtained at the Theatre or from the secretary

SYLVIA

Coming in August

A heart-warming and humorous play about the relationship between a man and his dog.

Greg and Kate have recently moved from the suburbs to New York. While Kate has a promising career, Greg on the other hand, is disillusioned with his. He finds a dog in the park called Sylvia – or is it that she finds him? A beautiful relationship develops and blossoms between the two of them, much to the disagreement of his wife, Kate.

Check out the web site for details

Filling The Gap

ACTING BLIND

Over two nights, nearly 100 patrons rocked with laughter as intrepid actors tried to make sense of a script, they had never seen... stage directions that made little sense and some interesting extra instructions from a highly creative (some would say evil) audience. The productions brought much enjoyment and laughter and an opportunity for the audience to experience participatory, impromptu theatre.

The gap between productions occupying the rehearsal / stage facilities is a mere two weeks, but that time gives a great opportunity for productions such as Acting Blind.

If you missed it... you missed a real treat... watch the web site for more possible experiences such as this.

To the team that brought it to the stage... thank you.