

Westville Theatre Club

SEE YOU AT THE THEATRE!

WELCOME TO OUR 50TH YEAR

Hi there theatre lovers.

For those of you that haven't liked our Facebook page yet, (Why not? Go do it now!) you will not know that your committee has been very busy since our latest Cue.

We had a fun day ripping out to old stage one Saturday and then Shawn just about single handedly rebuilt the stage supports, reshaped the extensions, built and installed a sub woofer self amplifying housing beneath the stage floor and fitted and painted a new cushioned stage floor that muffles sounds and absorbs dance steps.

It looks and feels amazing. The dancers are going to love performing on this revamped stage and I am sure that all of the other performers will enjoy it too. We are going to redesign the wings too, so that they do not waste as much stage space as they have done in the past.

Dorothy has been busy downstairs with costumes, props and our 'changing rooms'. It is an ongoing project with one bin load of unwanted or broken stuff already carted away. Keep up the great work there Dorothy!

Gill has taken over our website. She

has revamped it and it looks awesome. She has also become the editor of this Cue.

Dorothy is working with Elzette on our new Facebook page. Don't forget to go and like it (Have I said that already?) and be kept abreast of the latest happenings.

The rest of your committee have not been idle though, busy doing too many things to mention here to keep your club running smooth.

Having attended many shows in our cosy little venue, I have occasionally felt somewhat hot under the collar in the stifling heat created when eighty plus theatre lovers are supporting the local arts, often hearing comments from other patrons about this problem. The mad rush at intervals for the door and some fresh air are testament to the sometimes uncomfortable conditions.

Believe it or not, your committee listens to you and we have decided to install not one, but TWO 24000BTU split unit air conditioners that experts tell us will be sufficient to swathe our patrons in chilled

comfort whilst enjoying our shows. This will most likely be done in the next month or so. Yay!

This is our fiftieth year and we are planning lots of events and shows to celebrate this.

It begins with a social evening on 12th February and lots thereafter involving club members from our past as well as us newbies. Please do your best to support these events. You will be emailed about each one.

As always we are looking for directors or even wannabe directors who would like to stage a show for the theatre club. Don't be scared if you have never done this before, your committee is here to help. It can be song, dance, music, play, pantomime or any of the performing arts. Contact us if you want to become famous!

Looking forward to our half century celebrations.

See you at the theatre!

Bob T

"The stage is a magic circle where only the most real things happen,
a neutral territory outside the jurisdiction of Fate where stars may be crossed with impunity.
A truer and more real place does not exist in all the universe."

W T C G E T S A N E W S T A G E !

We are very excited about the prospect of staging our next show on a brand new stage.

Over the Christmas break, Shawn and a few members have been working hard on constructing a new stage as the old stage had become unstable and dangerous.

A big thank you to Davidson's Discount Boards, New Germany for their donation of 18 sheets of 21mm plywood and Pro Paints, Pinetown for their

donation of 25 litres of black sheen roof paint.

The new stage has been fitted with rubber between the frame and surface to assist with sound dampening as well as making it slightly sprung for the comfort of our dancers. In addition, the stage now accommodates a sub-woofer to enhance the audio system.

On behalf of WTC, we would like to thank Shawn and those members who assisted him for our wonderful new stage.



Pre paint job picture

WTC SOCIAL

Entry: R30
EVENING OF MUSIC
 Paid up members Free

Featuring:
Stormy Monday (Richard & Sylvia Tempest)
 and
WTC Panto band

12 Feb, 7pm
Westville Theatre Club

Contact Dorothy 083 7761754
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SLEEPING BEAUTY -A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

SLEEPING BEAUTY inside the 21st century #2015 just proved that amateur theatre is alive and well and living in Westville. The age of the crew ranged from 14 to well over 60 with 6 of the cast of 12/13 appearing on stage for the first time, with some singers also having their baptism of fire.

From the start of rehearsals we knew that time was going to be against us, but that did not stop this lively cast from dashing to or from other commitments to attend, putting in extra effort at home, and we knew that the cast had gelled when a post on Facebook read 'You know you're part of a family when you can comfortably wear each other's clothes.'

A four piece band, with substitutes when necessary, appeared out of nowhere. The presence of the live band and its noise made the show sparkle and allowed the singers leeway to relax and enjoy themselves. Lines were learnt, songs with new lyrics drummed in, danc-

es were choreographed, props were made and before we knew it opening night was upon us. Once the nerves had settled the show flowed and not even fluffed lines, props falling down or the stage going up in smoke could stop this group. And no, nobody died of shame in the making of this show.

So congratulations to ALL who participated in this production, even those who were with us for a short time, and remember you only regret the things that you did not do. See you at the next auditions.

-Mervin Lowe



PROMPT! -A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

A massive shout out to the cast and crew of Prompt who continuously added a new dimension to the play that Magdel Brand and I wrote.

When we started writing this play, we envisioned a fast-paced, witty production that would leave the audience giggling and gasping. The actors took this assignment to the next level by implementing their own styles which shaped their characters uniquely.

Their cathartic acting mixed with the crew's lighting and sound brought the production to life.

I couldn't be more proud of the standard put forward by the cast and I couldn't be more grateful for the hours of technical support we received from the crew, front of house and the committee.

Everyone who was involved in Prompt would like to say an added thank you to our WTC fan club, your support meant the world to all of us.

See you at the Theatre!

-Dee Fleuriot



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50TH ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTIONS

At a committee meeting held at Westville Theatre Club on 19th January 2016, it was unanimously agreed that, as 2016 is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the club, members should be encouraged to produce and support Westville Theatre Club shows to celebrate this major milestone in the history of the club.

Further production hall bookings for this year will be for the exclusive use of productions that fund Westville Theatre Club

shows.

In light of this decision we are calling on any WTC member who has a performance idea to please contact the committee.

We need all members to be actively involved this year to ensure our 50th Anniversary year raises as much funds and awareness of the club as possible so we can start our next 50 years off in style!

