## Westville Theatre Club

November 2021





Can you believe how fast this year has flown? We are in November, Christmas is just round the corner, and somehow we have survived another year dominated by Covid and coping with a new way of life. So well done I say to all of you! And onwards and upwards!

" I Love a Piano" was once again a truly lovely experience. The high standard of our very gifted piano players is amazing. Thank you so much Heather, Tanya and Giselle. It was sad that the Saturday's performance had to be cancelled because of the lack of an audience, but the Friday and the Sunday were very well attended.

We then move on to "The Waters Once More", which is going to be such a great show, with such a talented cast and some fabulous music. So please come along and enjoy a really good show. It is one not to miss! Then to round off your WTC year we are putting on "Musical Moments & Dinner For One". This will be a special performance as Geoff Shaw is returning to the UK next year, making this his last WTC performance as our beloved James.

We have had a very full year at WTC and its thanks to our Chairman and Committee for keeping the flag flying high. Thank you to everyone who has supported the shows put on. It only remains for our Chairman and Committee to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and a wonderful and exciting 2022.

In This Cue: Booking details & show dates for "The Waters Once More" and "Musical Moments & Dinner For One". Please get details from the posters



## **BRYAN PAYNE**

It is with great shock and sadness that we learnt of Bryan's sudden passing on Monday morning 15th November 2021. Bryan has been such an active member of WTC and has brought us years of fun and laughter. Bryan was an actor, a singer, and even did some dancing at the



Playhouse. He was in several Playhouse shows as well as many WTC shows and sang with other



groups and friends. He was always ready to perform and gave his everything to all his

performances. He was always the life and soul of the party, he always spread his 'magic' where-ever he went. He has so many dear friends and we are going to miss

him terribly. Bryan we know you will be singing with all the other WTC members who have gone before, and no doubt will be spreading your joy and laughter



where ever you are. We are so sad to have lost you so soon. RIP dear dear friend.











Feedback for I Love a Piano:

I went to watch this special show on the Friday night. The entire audience

was entranced with the magical piano playing of the evening. Giselle has



blossomed into a beautiful young lady with such poise and such skill. Thank you Giselle. Heather of course is absolutely wonderful and we all know and love her beautiful talent and skill and most of all her love for her music which touches all of our

hearts. Tanya brings her own special magic and her joy and beautiful piano playing is just so lovely to hear. It's a special pleasure when Heather and Tanya get together and play their duets, such fun, and their laughter and

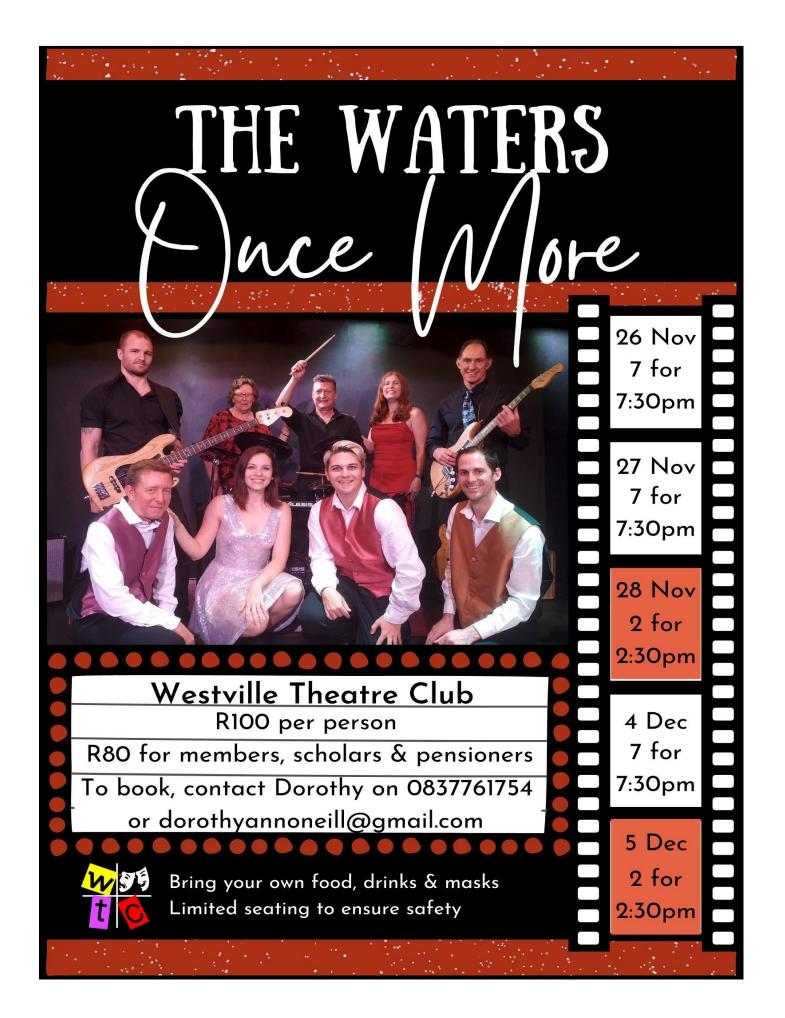


pleasure when they play together is so wonderful to see. So we thank you three for a wonderful magical night











"THE WATERS ONCE MORE"

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The Waters Once More is a reprise of the best songs from "Test The Waters" and "Yesterday Once More" Their amazing band is now joined by Heather Dix, and six singers featuring some exquisite harmonies which are sure to knock your socks off.

Easy Listening music presented in an entertaining and colorful way. Book early to avoid disappointment as there are only five performances. Friday 26, Sat 27, Sunday 28 Nov (matinee) and Sat 4 & Sun 5 December (matinee). Times 7.00 for 7.30pm and 2.00 for 2.30pm for the matinee. To reserve your seat, contactDorothy at <u>dorothyannoneill@gmail.com</u> or 083 776 1754



MORE DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN WHEN THERE ARE DEFINITE DATES FOR THIS FESTIVAL

## DINNER FOR ONE—A POTTED HISTORY—By Jill Sysum



Geoff and I first did Dinner For One in 1999 in a variety show at Westville Theatre Club called "A Touch of Christmas" Geoff spent every waking hour, including at work, perfecting his "James Walk" The first show was such a success that people kept asking "are you doing Dinner For One" again. We did it every other year at the club for some time, and then due to unforeseen circumstances, Geoff was unable to perform for a few years. When we finally thought it was time to give it

"another go", the show was so wonderfully received, and we



were "back" again. During this period we had also formed a group called "Madhouse Five" which we would go and perform at Old Aged Homes and **Retirement villages as a way of giving back** to our community. Madhouse Five, was primarily a singing show, but we did Dinner For one on at least 5 occasions. We literally had Dinner For One in a suitcase, we would turn up at the venue, find a spot, get a table and some chairs, and off we would go. It was a fantastic time, and we had so much fun. It was always so rewarding to have brought pleasure to people who no longer had access to live theatre. After doing Dinner For One with "Madhouse Five" we came back to the club







and have done it every year for the last three or four years. Personally it was always such a pleasure to be "Miss Sophie" to Geoff's "James" He would have me in fits of laughter, and my hardest role was to keep a straight face during a performance. It was also

such a pleasure to work with Geoff. Geoff is always the perfect gentleman, and a wonderful person. I have been very privileged to be "Miss Sophie" for all these years. I have never regretted a single

moment. I will always remember these years with such fondness. Definitely highlights of my life. No doubt there will be others coming forward to carry the Dinner For One torch, but for me there is only one James, and that is Geoff Shaw.

Lawrence and I wish Anne and Geoff all happiness in the UK. We will really miss them, but I will especially miss my "James"





Bring your own food & drinks (& mask) R100 p/p (R80 for members, pensioners & students) To Book: Contact Dorothy 083 776 1754 or dorothyannoneill@gmail.com

## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS : The Waters Once More Musical Moments & DINNER FOR ONE

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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE A CURRENT WTC MEMBER THERE ARE BARGAINS TO BE HAD FOR FULLY PAID UP MEMBERS.

To pay your membership contact: Caroline 082 879 0771 or EFT:WESTVILLE THEATRE CLUB, Standard Bank Westville, Branch Code 045426, Account No. 25254 8345, Reference: YOUR NAME AND "MEMBERSHIP"

Family: R220- Single R150- Student/Pensioner- R100

We Need New Members!! Should you know of anybody who would enjoy being a WTC member, please give their details to anyone on the committee

Should you wish to stage a play or a show, please send your full proposal and budget to the committee for consideration.



If you have any news for the Cue, please contact Jill : 083 782 1054 or jill@ionline.co.za

