

Globe Theatre Awards

Congratulations to members of AMT who received awards at the 2011 Globe Theatre Awards on 24 February 2012. Recipients were;

- **Youth Achievement Award**
 - Alexia Clark as *Peggy Sawyer* in “42nd Street”
- **Best Lighting Design**
 - Willie Nes for “42nd Street”
- **Best Choreography**
 - Dean McKerras & Maxene Jeffares for “42nd Street”
- **Best Musical Direction**
 - Barry Jones for “42nd Street”
- **Best Performance in a Musical – Female**
 - Gail Shirley as *Dorothy Brock* in “42nd Street”
- **Best Director of a Musical**
 - Dean McKerras for “42nd Street”



Directing Musicals – An Introduction

Announcing the second MTNZ Directing School to be held in Hamilton on Queen’s Birthday Weekend, 1-3 June 2012.

The Course Director will be David Adkins and will be open to anyone from the MTNZ membership. However, the number of places will be limited. Registrations open from mid-April. Please contact Kate Ghent (MTNZ Administrator) on kate@mtnz.co.nz or telephone 027 203 3899 to register your interest.

Topics that will be included on this course will be;

- Roles of the management team.
- What does a director actually do; the vision, responsibilities, the need to educate, preserving the illusion, timetable formulas, rehearsal schedules, auditions, rehearsals, dealing with beginners and prima donnas, common directing errors.
- What happens after opening?
- Practical directing and script work – which includes participants “directing” each other using scripts provided by the tutor.



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Editorial

There are exciting times ahead in the theatre world. So much is happening all ready. “Sweet Charity” is on stage at the Abbey Theatre from 12 April 2012. Bookings are now open – so don’t miss out on this exciting fun-filled production. In August we will be staging “Chess” in the Regent on Broadway, and we finish the year with “Avenue Q” in the Abbey. If you would like to be involved with any of these productions, please e-mail admin@abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz and your e-mail will be passed on to the relevant production team. And don’t forget your AGM on 24 April 2012 ...



AMT Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Abbey Musical Theatre will be held on Tuesday, **24 April 2012**, in the Green Room at the Abbey Theatre. You should have by now received your first notice regarding this year's AGM. The meeting will start at 8.00 p.m. with wine and cheese available from 7.30 p.m. This year we are seeking nominations for the position of President (may only be filled by a member who has served at least one year on the Board) and five Board member positions. Nominations must be deposited at the registered office of the Society (397 Church Street East, Palmerston North), addressed to the Board Secretary, and must arrive **no later than** 8.00 p.m. on 10 April 2012.



Costume Hire

Abbey Costume Hire has new costumes available so why not pop in and check them out. The new costumes include 'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert', 'Knight in Shining Armour', medieval and art deco/flapper costumes.

WANTED ... WANTED ... WANTED

Abbey Costume Hire are always willing to accept any fabrics, notions or haberdashery you no longer required and are currently wanting **buttons** (very large buttons) to finish off some more new costumes for hire. If you have buttons you wish to donate, please contact Debbie Boniface at Costume Hire on 357 7977 or pop them into 22 King Street, Palmerston North.



"Hairspray"

As you are no doubt aware, AMT will be staging this fun-filled extravaganza in 2013. Why not check out the promotional video for this show on www.abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz (click on the "Hairspray" logo), or go to this link - <http://www.youtube.com/embed/CPFYKDrav7U>



Napier Operatic – 125th Anniversary

This is being held in Napier on 19-22 October 2012 (Labour Weekend). Anyone interested in attending, contact Tessa Brown, 4 Skerrett Crescent, Tamatea, Napier – (06) 844 1364, e-mail; christess@xtra.co.nz



ABBAY MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

Sweet CHARITY

12-28 APRIL

MUSIC AND LYRICS
CY COLEMAN &
DOROTHY FIELDS
Director : Ian Harman
Musical Director: Heilyn Hughes

Charity Hope Valentine, though only a hostess in a cheap New York City dancehall called the Fandango Ballroom, refuses to be disillusioned by the disappointments life has handed her. Ever the optimist, she dreams of one day meeting the true love who will bring her happiness and respectability.

Cast

Sam Lyons, Daniel Pooley, Conil Tod, Andrew Norman, Ashleigh Blummont, Candace McGrath, Paula Fredericks, Rachel Burne, Cara O'Neill, Genevieve Doube, Melissa Priest, Mizpah Holani, Rachelle MacBeth, Shelley Paewai, Tegan Hardy, Andrew Leipst, Daniel Goodman, Logan McBean

Featuring the songs;
"Hey, Big Spender"
"Rhythm of Life"
"If My Friends Could See Me Now"
"I Love To Cry at Weddings"
"Sweet Charity"
"I'm a Brass Band"

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Dessert & Show – \$35.00
(Group concession available)

Book at
Abbey Theatre Booking Office
(06) 355 0499

or book on line @
www.abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz

MTNZ 52nd AGM/Conference

The MTNZ 52nd AGM & Volunteer Training Weekend was recently held in Wanganui, hosted by AMDRAM Musical Theatre.

Congratulations are extended to the production teams of "42nd Street" and "Las Vegas Nights" for winning awards in their respective categories of the national programme competition. "Las Vegas Nights" placed 1st and "42nd Street" placed 3rd. Well done to all involved.

The 53rd AGM/Conference will be held in Dunedin, hosted by Taieri Musical Society & Musical Theatre Dunedin from 15-17 March 2013. Conference in 2014 will be held in Napier and it is hoped that Conference will be held in Christchurch in 2015, dependent on rebuilds etc. If anyone is interested in attending Conference, please e-mail admin@abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz and your interest will be passed on to the Board.