

Auditions

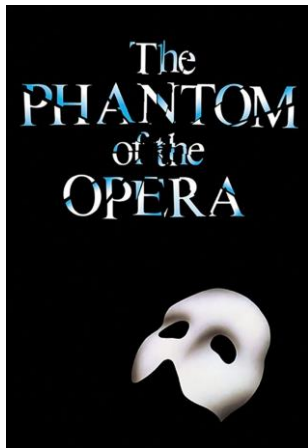
Our end of year production (and the first production in The Auditorium) will be ...



The dates for this production are 21 November to 14 December 2013 and auditions will be advertised very shortly. Watch this space.

Future Productions

Abbey Musical Theatre are excited to announce that our major production in 2014 will be;



Far beneath the majesty and splendour of the Paris Opera House, hides the Phantom in a shadowy existence. Shamed by his physical appearance and feared by all, the love he holds for his beautiful protégée Christine Daaé is so strong that even her heart cannot resist. The musical opened at Her Majesty's Theatre on 9 October 1986 with Michael Crawford and Sarah Brightman in the leading roles, and there have been dozens of productions worldwide since then. Andrew Lloyd Webber's mesmerising score along with jaw-dropping scenery and breathtaking special effects, magically combine to bring this tragic love story to life.

... AND ... in 2015 our major production will be;

MAMMA MIA!

Over 54 million people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that make *Mamma Mia!* the ultimate feel-good musical. *Mamma Mia!* is a stage musical based on the songs of ABBA and includes such hits as "Super Trouper", "Dancing Queen", "Knowing Me, Knowing You", "The Winner Takes It All", "Money, Money, Money", "Voulez Vous" and "SOS".

The 'Stage Rage' logo is a vertical blue bar with the words 'STAGE RAGE' in white, stacked vertically. To the right is the Abbey Musical Theatre logo, featuring a stylized figure in a top hat and the word 'Abbey' in a script font above 'MUSICAL THEATRE'. A spotlight from the Abbey Musical Theatre logo illuminates a yellow oval containing the text 'Issue 87 July 2013'. Below this is the logo for 'Member of mtnz MUSICAL THEATRE NEW ZEALAND'. At the bottom right is the website address 'www.abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz'.

Editorial

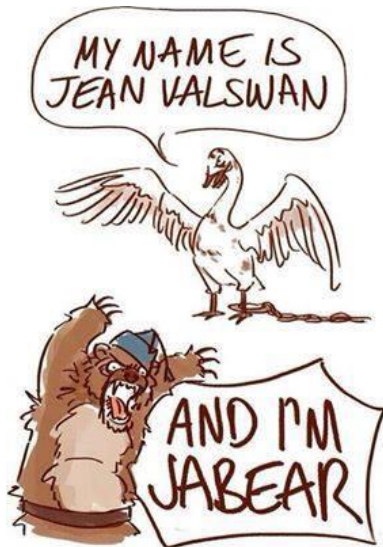
It's almost August and that means, it's almost opening night of "Hairspray". This show is going to be AMAZING and full of energy and enthusiasm from all involved. So don't delay – BOOK TODAY!!!! The next couple of years for AMT are going to be very, very, very exciting – and very, very, very busy ... so don't miss the opportunity to get involved with any aspect of your Society as we head towards new and exciting experiences from here on in.

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Our New Home

At a recent AMT Board meeting, it was decided that our new 'home' in Centennial Drive will officially be named **The Auditorium on Centennial Drive**. Whilst we have moved, we are still going to retain the name of Palmerston North Operatic Society - but trading as **Abbey Musical Theatre**. It was decided by the Board that AMT shows are well known in the community and we have not changed ... just our venue in which we stage shows has changed. We are currently rehearsing "Hairspray" (have you booked yet???) in the rehearsal room at The Auditorium and this is working out exceptionally well. It will be exciting to stage our first production in The Auditorium – this production will be our end of year show, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas".

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Lyrics by Scott Wittman & Marc Shaiman

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