

**ACT THREE  
PRODUCTIONS**



# STAGE RAGE

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# **ONSTAGE WITH ACT THREE**

**OCT 3      WDC Theatre      7:30 PM**

Come and relax in our all new seating and  
show your support for our local society.

Performances from MYTH, Six to Sixty, Act Three past and present  
members including Amy Hunt, Erica Ward, Jo Sale, Michael  
Doody, Chris Green and many more.

**TICKETS FROM [WWW.ACTTHREE.CO.NZ](http://WWW.ACTTHREE.CO.NZ)**





So ... on 11 October 2019, I rocked on up for movement auditions for “SISTER ACT” ... movement – light movement Hannah said ... she lied!, but we did it anyway!. We (the nuns) started rehearsals on 17 November 2019 – the show was going to open on 17 April 2020. However, three weeks before opening night, the Abbey Musical Theatre Board came to the devastating decision to pull the plug and then Lockdown happened – so this was a good decision. We then looked at some possibilities and said that maybe, since “WE WILL ROCK YOU” had also been postponed, just maybe we could resurrect “SISTER ACT” for August 2020. So we talked to our partners in crime, The Regent On Broadway, Bounce and Pixel, and they said yes. So we started rehearsals for a 7 August 2020 opening under our new trading name of ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS ... and open we did! Then ... three shows in and we closed again as we went back into Level 2. The government decided to keep New Zealand in Level 2 and so, on Monday, 24 August 2020, we had another chat with the Regent and came up with a plan on how we could still go on with the show. Then all hell broke loose! Plans were made, taken to the council (PNCC), then to Parliament and ... finally ... on Tuesday, 25 August 2020, at 7.05 p.m., we got the OK to re-open “SISTER ACT” under Level 2 conditions. Thank you to Allan Nagy for his hard work on this. We re-opened and continued with another eight performances. Wow! What an emotional ride! I need to thank each and every one of the company for your support, for hanging in there when it looked pretty dire and also to your loved ones, who kept the home fires burning while we were focussed on getting this show back onto the boards. Andrea (Maxwell), Barry (Jones) and Hannah (McDowall), your vision was incredible and I thank you so much. Samantha (Peters) and Lorna (Stanley) ... without you steering the ship, we would not be feeling like something amazing just happened. We made history for the longest rehearsal period ever 😊!!! We thank the Manawatu audiences for coming out and showing New Zealand what is possible for theatre in this time of COVID-19 – thank you for your willingness to show the company the love you did. “SISTER ACT” may have (finally) left the building, but this show will not be forgotten!

*(Merryn Osborne)*



# SEATING



This is a photo of the new seats that have been installed into the Wallace Development Company Theatre. We're sure you will all agree that they look fantastic ... and take it from us, they are sooooo comfy! Thank you very, very much to everyone who gave some of their time to help with this HUGE project.



At the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 June 2020, the following members were appointed to the ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS Board for 2020/21;

***Merryn Osborne (President), Allan Nagy, Andrea Maxwell, Samantha Peters, Lorna Stanley, Paula Fredericks, Jacob McDonald, Jane Watson***

Unfortunately, however, Jane Watson has resigned and, therefore, **Ben Pryor** has been seconded to the ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS Board for the remainder of the 2020/21 year.

Welcome Ben.



## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

We are looking for volunteers to join our Act Three Productions whānau. Volunteers for Barista and Bar must be 18+ years and Front of House volunteers must be 16+ years.

### **TRAINING DAY - SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER**

**Barista Workshop**  
12.00 - 2.00pm

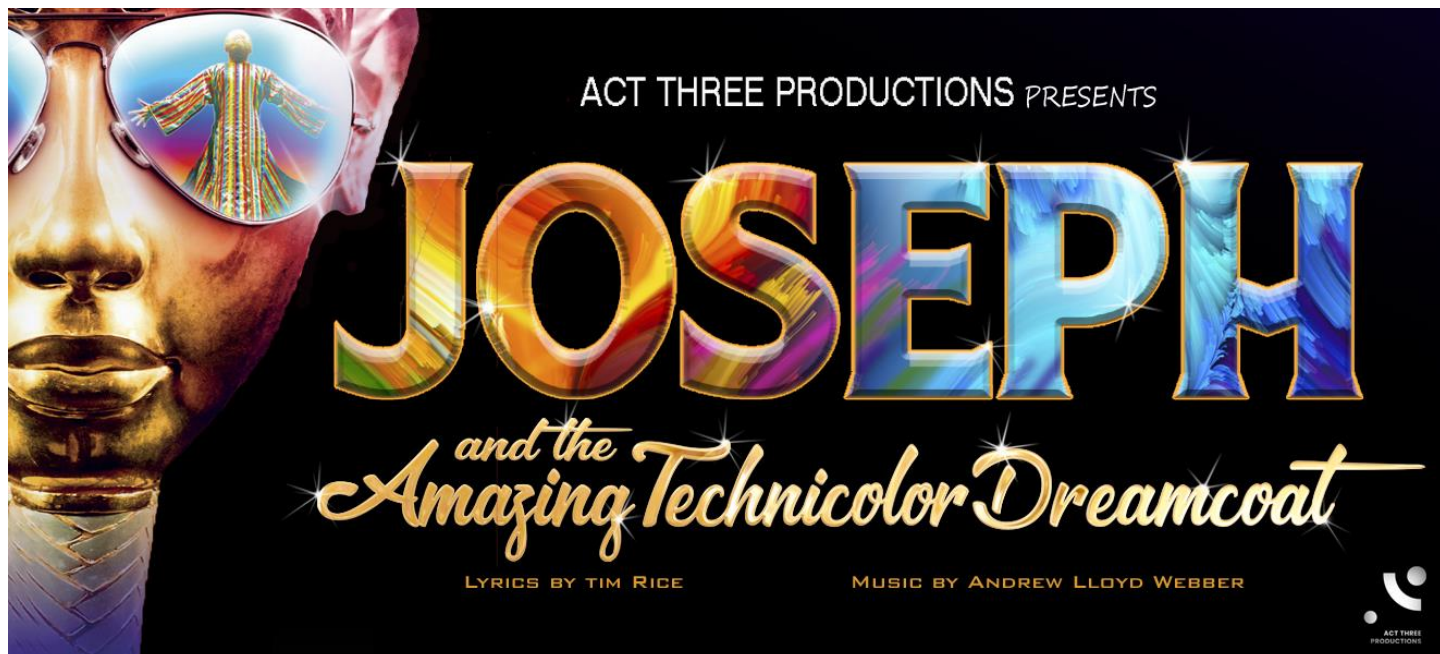
**Front of House Training**  
2.00pm - 2.30pm

**Bar Training**  
2.30pm - 3.00pm

Please register your interest by contacting Lorna Stanley on [lornacstanley@gmail.com](mailto:lornacstanley@gmail.com)







**On stage**  
**19 November – 5 December 2020**  
 Wallace Development Company Theatre

**Director – Steve Sayer**  
**Choreographer – Alex Hughes**  
**Musical Director – Sarah Judd**

### Cast List

JOSEPH	David Mock
NARRATOR	Jenna Baxter
JACOB	Kevin Crawford
POTIPHAR	David Hands
MRS POTIPHAR	Peta Lynch
PHARAOH	Ben Pryor
BROTHERS	Mikaera Bassett, Greg Dow, Taylor Ellis, Bradley Forsyth, Matthew Lyne, Tyler Purdy, Terry Stewart, Logan Tahiwai, Dalton Watson, Andrew Mock
WIVES	Eileen Dunbar, Sera Hartley, Katie Monaghan, Suzanne O'Donnell, Sarah Payne, Leanora Potten, Shawanda Scanlon-Parker, Georgia Skipper, Vanessa Stephens
ENSEMBLE/DANCERS/ YOUTH CHORUS/ BACKING VOCALISTS	Alexandria Burnell, Grace Cohen, Ruby Look, Caleb Lynch, Nadia Mabey, Saem Millward, Lucy-Boo Pearn, Rob Waayenburg, Jon Samia, Kaydee Zabelin, Stephanie Franssen



# COMING ATTRACTIONS



April 2021  
(Wallace Development Company Theatre)



August 2021  
(Regent on Broadway)

LEGALLY  
BLONDE  
*The Musical*

November/December 2021  
(Wallace Development Company Theatre)