



Newsletter - February 2021

Kia Ora Good Folk

A belated Happy New Year to you All

Vintage Weekend

What a success! The audience was well and truly entertained by the various acts. Entertainment at its finest and the feedback has been most encouraging. We thank all who participated in the show, particularly those who came from out of Whanganui to entertain us – Peter Leith and Stefan Brown.

Spiritual Banana: Friday 19 February at 7:30pm

Book your seats at the Opera House or buy at the Theatre on the night. Under the pseudonym Banana Jolie, Joana Simmons is bringing her one-woman solo comedy cabaret SPIRITUAL BANANA to the Rep stage for one performance only. After seven years as a performing artist in Australia, Joana escaped the lockdown in Melbourne to bring her solo comedy cabaret, Spiritual Banana to Aotearoa. Critic comments include:

"she's that good a comic"- Adelaide Advertiser; "so much talent in one human being"- Theatrereview;

So, don't miss this treat as Banana Jolie is amazing and we can claim her as one of Whanganui's own.

Rehearsed Readings - Short Play Competition: Saturday 27 February at 7:00pm

Pre Covid-Lock Down last year, we issued an invitation to budding playwrights to write the short play they have always wanted to write with the theme of 'overcoming adversity'.

The response was impressive, and we have four plays to present at the Rehearsed Readings. There will be a panel discussion of each play with audience input welcome too. Entry is free/koha and there will be the usual cuppa at half time. So please come and listen to these plays and encourage the playwrights in their endeavours. You might get inspired to write your own.

Next Play – Death and Taxe\$

We are going into production on this play written by another locally raised playwright – April Phillips. There will be more information about performance dates shortly.

Annual General Meeting: Sunday 21 March at 2:00pm

It has been a very different twelve months and we would love to have your company at the AGM, so please note your diaries and join us at the Theatre for a wrap-up of the old year and election of a committee for the next 12 months. Membership forms are available from the Theatre and can be downloaded from our website www.wanganuirepertytheatre.co.nz.

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