



Kat Chat

Khandallah Arts Theatre Newsletter

April/May 2017

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE LOVELY PEOPLE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR SUBS THIS YEAR

Subscriptions are KAT's bread and butter – they help pay for all the boring things that are not directly to do with putting on plays but must be done to keep the club operating so that it can put on plays – like insurance and website fees and replacing the kettle when it dies.

So to the nearly-half-of-you on our “active” member list who have already paid your sub for this year, your committee says a great big thank you.

And we'd be very happy if the just-over-half-of-you who haven't paid yet do so soon – the details of what and how are at the end of this newsletter.

If you no longer consider yourself a KAT member, do please tell us so (email katmembership@gmail.com) so we can keep our records straight.

thank you!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY AND JUNE

Saturday May 20	Set painting workshop
Sunday May 21	Lighting basics workshop
Sunday May 21	Thespian Intelligence Challenge
Every weekend in June	Set construction for <i>The Wind in the Willows</i>
From now on	Bookings can be made for <i>The Wind in the Willows</i>

LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS AT OUR THEATRE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Set painting – tutor, Stephanie Woodman

Saturday May 20th 10:00 to 1:00

Stephanie will teach us some tricks to make a set look fantastic in very little time at all – such as how to make a piece of furniture look wood grained, a wall look as if it is built with real bricks, a forest to look as if it composed of real trees ... and much more



Lighting – tutor, Jann Tarrant

Sunday May 21st 12:00 to 1:00

Topics will include the effect of using different colours and combinations of colours, how to avoid shadows when we don't want them and how to operate the KAT board

Children: Jann will also run a half-hour workshop for the under-13s if there is enough interest. This will be from 11:20 to 11:50.



To book, send your contact details and the workshop you want to attend to katmembership@gmail.com.

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Meeting and performing at Cochran Hall, 110 Cashmere Avenue

We are also on Facebook – search for Khandallah Arts Theatre and 'like' the page



JOIN THE KAT TEAM FOR THE THESPIAN INTELLIGENCE CHALLENGE

This enjoyable competition is one of the annual get-togethers of Wellington theatre clubs. This year it is hosted by Stagecraft Theatre.

It's on Sunday May 21st at 7:00 at the Gryphon Theatre.

You don't have to know much about anything because it is really just an excuse to socialise with our friends in some of the other clubs. So if you'd like to come along as one of the KAT team, ring Jillian, our team organiser, on 479 5215.



GET TO KNOW SOME KAT PEOPLE WHILE HELPING CONSTRUCT OUR NEXT SET

There's a bit of sawing and hammering and possibly a bit of painting to be done on the set for *The Wind in the Willows*. Set construction is always a good way to spend a small amount of time doing something with and for KAT without making too much of a time commitment – and the regulars are very happy to teach you if you need it.

So if you'd like to put in a half day or two at the hall one weekend in June, ring Stephen, the production's construction manager, on 021 104 2079

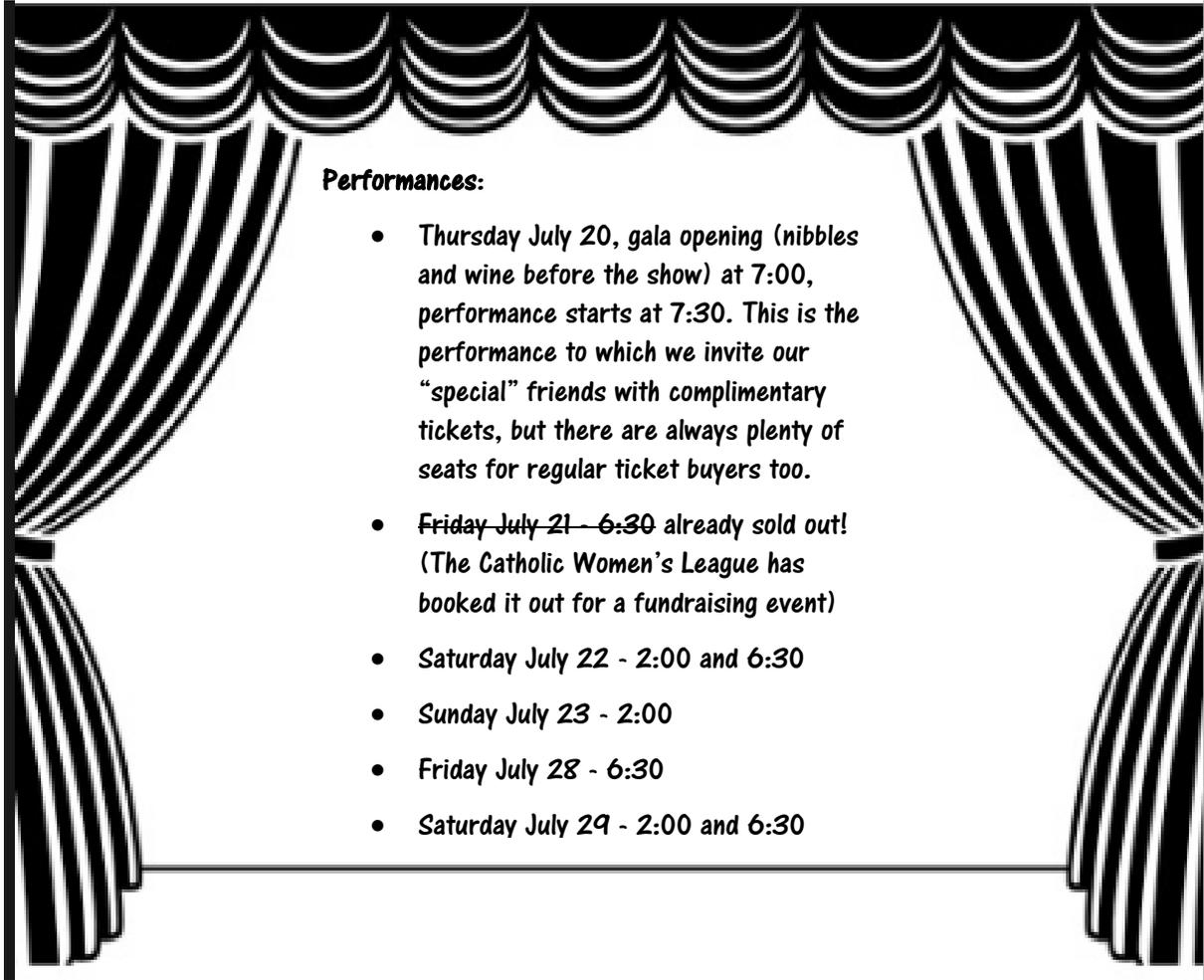
THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS OPENS JULY 20TH – BOOKINGS OPEN NOW



The Wind in the Willows is a whimsical and very funny adaptation by Alan Bennett of Kenneth Grahame's classic story about the adventures of some delightfully human-like animals of the English countryside.

Preparations for our production of this play-with-music are now in full swing with director Shannon Tubman and musical director Loretta Lander rehearsing with a cast of 11 children and 8 adults. Many of the actors play several parts, human as well as animal, so possibly the hardest working people for this production will be the wardrobe team. Michelle Soper, Sarah Lawson, Sandy Broad, Beth Pethig, Penny Harrison and newcomer Claire Jackson are all experienced and creative sewers so the costuming is bound to be superb.

This play will be popular with adults and children alike (except the very little ones - at just over 2 hours, it will be too long for some pre-schoolers), so you'd be advised to book your tickets soon.



Performances:

- Thursday July 20, gala opening (nibbles and wine before the show) at 7:00, performance starts at 7:30. This is the performance to which we invite our “special” friends with complimentary tickets, but there are always plenty of seats for regular ticket buyers too.
- ~~Friday July 21 - 6:30~~ already sold out! (The Catholic Women’s League has booked it out for a fundraising event)
- Saturday July 22 - 2:00 and 6:30
- Sunday July 23 - 2:00
- Friday July 28 - 6:30
- Saturday July 29 - 2:00 and 6:30

Ticket prices: waged \$20; unwaged \$15; children (12 and under) \$10

To book: email katbookings@gmail.com and give:

- your name and contact details
- your chosen performance day, date and time
- the number of seats you want at each ticket price

To pre-pay: deposit your payment in the KAT bank account: 12 3223 0021419 00. Enter your name and “tickets” in the details boxes.

To pay at the door: we can take cash, cheque or credit card

THE CLUB-NIGHT READING OF THE PINK HAMMER WAS VERY FUNNY

We’re sorry we weren’t allowed to advertise publicly that our last (April 7) club-night reading was to be of *The Pink Hammer* by Michele Amas because the public performance rights for Wellington’s non-professional companies haven’t been released yet (although they have in many other parts of the country).

It is a wonderful play, which has been described as “outrageous, laughter filled and heart-warming” and all present thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to director Lynn Coory and her cast for giving us a great night out.



HOW TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2017

Pay by internet banking

- 1 make your payment on-line to the KAT bank account **12 3223 0021419 00**, with **your name** and **sub2017** in the details section
- 2 email katmembership@gmail.com or text 022 427 8082 (membership secretary Alice) to say you've paid
- 3 include in your email/text any **updates to your contact details or the names of the people you are paying for** (if a double or family) and, if you hope to do anything specific with KAT this year, tell her about that too.

Pay by cheque

1. Print and complete the attached form
2. Post cheque and form to Khandallah Arts Theatre, Box 22031, Wellington 6035

The subscription rates

Child/student: \$20

Single: \$30

Double/family: \$40

