



KAT CHAT

Khandallah Arts Theatre Newsletter

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Welcome to the November edition of KAT Chat:

- ❖ Cinderella - 2017 play-in-the-park - auditions 13 November
- ❖ Club night Friday 11 November
- ❖ Johnsonville Lions Christmas Parade - 3 December



2017 Play-in-the-Park
Cinderella by Kaye Umansky directed by Marty Pilott
11-12 & 17-19 February

Have you told Marty you want to audition for Cinderella yet?

The main audition is on **Sunday November 13 at 2pm** at Cochran Hall, and on **Wednesday November 16 early evening** there'll be a call-back for some people, plus another chance if you can't make Sunday. There are parts for adults, teens and kids (8 and over). **Contact Marty if you plan to audition: 021 141 6345 or marty.pilott@outlook.co.nz**

We need production team help too, of course. There'll be a simple set to make and paint, a few costumes to make or alter, and some fun props to find or make. We'll also need stage crew and a publicity team. **Contact Mary, the production manager, on mary.c-h@outlook.com or 022 083 5499 to find out about what's involved in participating in this way.**



CHRISTMAS PARTY
Enjoy an Enticingly Entertaining Evening
Friday 11 November at 7.30pm



Grab your last chance this year to make the most of your KAT sub and come along to an evening of Dramatic Artistry, Musical Madness and Hilarious Chaos, as we play Pictionary with words related to the theatre, play along with Christmas carols on a range of bangers, shakers and ringers, and watch the rehearsed reading of the short play *Marble Arch* by John Mortimer, directed by Marj Lawson and starring Jess Doube, Adelle Broadmore, Jerome Leveneur and Simon Jackson.

Bring your family and bring your friends - they'll have so much fun that they'll wonder why you haven't introduced them to KAT before.

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JOHNSONVILLE LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Participate in the Parade and Promote the Play

Saturday morning, December 3

Yes, we're participating in the Johnsonville Christmas Parade again this year, and our float theme will be (surprise, surprise) *Cinderella*. We'll have plenty of flyers about the summer Play-in-the-Park to be handed out as we walk along beside the KAT float.

Come in your own costume, or select one from the KAT wardrobe. Princes, princesses, ugly sisters, fairy godmothers, cats, mice, prancing ponies, pumpkins, - all are needed to help create the KAT feast of fantasy at the parade.

If you're thinking of coming, contact Matt on matagouri.eco@gmail.com or 027 200 3362. He'll give you the details of where to be and when, and he'll tell you when we are opening the wardrobe too, if you want to find a costume there.

Shakespeare in Hollywood by Ken Ludwig

Directed by Mary Collie-Holmes

Shakespeare in Hollywood delighted Shakespeare buffs and comedy enthusiasts alike

Our October production is done and dusted and if you didn't get to it you missed a treat. Several people came twice they enjoyed it so much. They said: "clever sets" "great script" "so funny" "loved the Shakespeare not-quite-right quotes" "gosh, the acting's good, isn't it".

Calling all directors and would-be directors who want a "little" project to develop their skills with in 2017

Contact Adelle on adellejb@gmail.com or 027 248 1550, or Jillian on jillianc@clear.net.nz, 021 630 330 or 479 5215 if you'd like to direct one of the following:

- The April rehearsed reading
- One of the May short plays
- The November rehearsed reading

Rehearsed readings have 3 or 4 rehearsals and the cast perform with their scripts in their hands. They have simple sets and costumes, often just using what's "to hand" to represent essential furniture etc.

The plays in the short plays season are fully rehearsed, and performed without scripts. But because they are short (between 15 and 50 minutes) they don't require such a long rehearsal period as a full-length play does. The sets still have to be simple though and easy to set up and dismantle, especially if the director and cast want to enter their play in the Theatre New Zealand TheatreFest competition. This starts in early August, so you'd need to have a few rehearsals in late July to get up to speed again.



2016 Calendar

- 13 November Auditions for 2017 play-in-the-park (11, 12 and 17-19 Feb) *Cinderella* by Kaye Umansky directed by Marty Pilott.
- Friday 11 November Melodrama and Christmas party

2017 Programme

- 11-12 & 17-19 February *Cinderella* by Kaye Umansky directed by Marty Pilott
- 10 March AGM and a showcase of newish Australasian plays
- 7 April Rehearsed reading performance
- 4-6 May Season of short plays
- Saturday 10 June Workshops in sound, lighting, set design and set painting
- 21-24 & 27-29 July *Wind in the Willows* adapted by Alan Bennett from the book by Kenneth Grahame, directed by Shannon Tubman
- 18 August Evening of plays performed by children, selected & directed by Lisa Duggan
- Saturday 16 September Workshops in acting tricks for voice and body
- 12-15 & 19-20 October *August in Osage County* by Tracy Letts directed by Joy Hellyer and Paul Kay
- 17 November Party time, plus a rehearsed reading performance of a short play
- December date to be advised, a KAT float in the Johnsonville Lions Christmas Parade

And that's just the tip of the iceberg of course - all of these activities involve a little or a lot of pre-event participation - there's something for everyone to do.

Club nights are held on a Friday evening unless stated at Cochran Hall, Cashmere Avenue School, 110 Cashmere Avenue, Khandallah

What's on Elsewhere?

- Stagecraft - *The Comedy of Errors* by William Shakespeare - 16-26 November
- Heretaunga Players - *A Fete Worse than Death* by Richard James - 24 November-3 December
- Hutt Repertory - *On the Shore of the Wide World* by Simon Stephens - 23 November - 3 December
- Kapiti Playhouse - *Heaven Help Us!* by Tim Hambleton - 23 November - 3 December

See you on Friday 11 November

Jenny

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AUDITIONS

Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m.

Cochran Hall, 110 Cashmere Ave, Khandallah

Khandallah Arts Theatre's summer 2017 Play in the Park

Cinderella

As we have done since the year 2000, KAT will perform a play for children and their families in Khandallah Park in February. This time, it's Kaye Umansky's version of Cinderella, which is a delight for young and old - and great fun for the actors. There's lots of humour and a little bit of singing.

There are parts for adults, teens, and children from the age of 8.

DIRECTOR Marty Pilott

REHEARSALS Wednesdays from 6.00 p.m., Thursdays from 7.30 p.m., Sundays from 2.00 p.m.

start Wednesday **November 23**, and **stop** for Christmas/New Year break on Sunday **December 18**

start again on Sunday **January 8** (could start later to accommodate people's holidays).

PERFORMANCES Saturday & Sunday afternoons (2 performances each day), **February 11 & 12**, then **18 & 19**, and Friday early evening, **February 17**

CHARACTERS

Cinderella - the heroine

Semolina and **Ravioli** - her self-obsessed sisters

Baron Hardup - her ineffectual father

Scrabber the Cat and **Buttons** - her friends

Prince Charming and his security guard, **Gary**

The fairy godmother

Main mouse 1 and **main mouse 2** - to be played by older children or young teens

The mouse chorus - to be played by younger children, ages 8 and above (children will not be required at the Thursday rehearsals until the last week)

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