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DISTRICT COMMITTEE

We are delighted to announce that **Braden Lister** of **New Players** and **Andrew Tait** of **Heretaunga Players** have now joined the committee. They join David Cox - Stagecraft, Ewen Coleman - Wellington Repertory, Richard Bywater and Ross Jordan - Kapiti Playhouse, Ross Foubister - Khandallah Arts Theatre, Lauren Ford Jones - Mana Little Theatre, Margaret Robertson TNZ Life Member and country member John Gilberthorpe - Greytown Little Theatre.

Using Zoom is a painless way to have your say so if your group is not represented find someone who is available at 6pm on a first Wednesday of the month for a meeting that will last no more than an hour.

LOCAL THEATREFEST closing date 23rd July

Venue: Majestic Theatre, Masterton hosted by Masterton Theatre Company

Dates: Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th August

Adjudicator: Phil Peleton

Entry Information at

<https://www.theatrenewzealand.co.nz/index.php/theatrefest/conditions-of-entry>

The organisers have heard that there could be up to 14 entries this year!

FULL LENGTH PLAY FESTIVAL with Rob Ormsby, adjudicator

Three more entries have been received: **Wellington Repertory's** *Popcorn* by Ben Elton; **New Players** *Murder on the Menu* by Devon Williamson; **Mana Little Theatre's** *Murdered to Death* by Peter Gordon which makes a total of eight so far.

Another entry form is attached with this newsletter.

24-HOUR PLAY CHALLENGE with Rob Ormsby as assessor.

September Friday 10th (evening) and Saturday 11th at the Gryphon. This will be a blast!

For out of town groups who don't want to travel to Wellington two nights in a row, consideration is being given to using Zoom for the early evening Friday reveal of lines and props.

WEBSITE

Apologies that our new website at www.wdtf.org.nz is not completed yet and the old one is very out of date.

Theatre New Zealand is now fifty years old plus one year, hence 2020+1.

There's to be a CELEBRATORY PROGRAMME with the NATIONAL FINAL OF THEATREFEST at Te Whaea, Newtown, the weekend of 17 – 19 September.

Here's a sneak peek at Workshop and National Hui plans for Friday 17th and Saturday 18th September. You will be sent more detailed information later. Something for everyone, mark the dates!

Friday 17th Evening. 7.00-9.30. (2.5hrs)

Group Devising & Structuring Your Production

Dr Sally Richards (Wellington) Group A: Youth/Actors

Lara Macgregor (Dunedin) Group B: Teacher/Directors

Saturday 18th Morning. 10.00 - 1.00. (3.0hrs)

Working Together: National Hui on Cultural Diversity in Community Theatre & Education.

Mihi Whakatau & Kaiwhakataki (MC): Te Rau-o-te-Rangi Winterburn

Nathan Hoturoa Gray (Wellington). Writer, Lecturer, Cultural Advocate.

Author of: *Cultural Practice in the Theatre Space*.

Rawiri Paratene ONZM (Auckland). Actor, Director, Writer, TNZ Co-Patron

Creating an 'indigenous voice' in a European-based Industry.

Murray Lynch ONZM (Wellington). Playmarket Director. Dramaturg, Director

The Development of The Kiwi Voice in Theatre/Current Trends.

Tupe Lualua (Wellington). Senior Tutor in Movement and Creative Practice at

Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School.

A Pasifika perspective, creatively and culturally.

Saturday 18th Afternoon.

Master Class Sessions. 1.30-4.30. (3.0hrs)

Directors and Actors Lara Macgregor (Dunedin).

Understanding the art of the director/actor relationship from audition day to opening night.

Scenography Dr Sean Coyle (Wellington).

The symbiotic relationship of The Visual Aspects of Theatre.

WHAT'S ON in July and August 2021

Hutt Repertory	<i>The Raft</i> by Carl Nixon	July 7 – 17
Stagecraft Theatre	<i>She Kills Monsters</i> by Qui Nguyen	July 21 - 31
Khandallah Arts Theatre	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> Mark Hudson	July 22 - 31
Butterfly Creek	<i>It Runs in the Family</i> by Alan Ayckbourn	August 5 – 14
New Players	<i>Murder on the Menu</i> by Devon Williamson	August 25 – Sept 4
Wellington Rep.	<i>Suddenly Last Summer</i> by Tennessee Williams	August 25 – Sept 4

Remember to enter the Full Length Festival two weeks before performances begin.

Entry Form attached