

AMT Board

AMT welcomes Andy Christensen as our newest Board member. Andy has been seconded onto the AMT Board until the next AGM in April 2013.



Did You Know ... ??? – “Phantom”

“The Phantom of the Opera” is officially going to be included in the 2013 edition of Guinness World Records. “Phantom” is recognised for the longest running show (musical or play) on Broadway, having reached the unprecedented milestone of 10,000 performances at the Majestic Theatre in New York earlier this year.



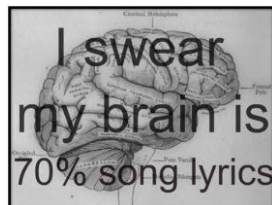
Did You Know ... Part 2??? – “Les Miserables”

Universal Pictures has moved the release date of its upcoming movie adaptation of “Les Miserables” from December 14 to December 25 according to Deadline.com. The studio decided to push the opening back now that eagerly anticipated films “Life of Pi” and “The Great Gatsby”, which were both scheduled to open at Christmas, have changed their release dates. Directed by Tom Hooper, the film adaption of “Les Miserables” stars **Hugh Jackman** as *Jean Valjean*, **Russell Crowe** as *Javert*, **Anne Hathaway** as *Fantine*, **Samantha Bark** as *Eponine*, **Amanda Seyfried** as *Cosette*, **Eddie Redmayne** as *Marius*, **Sacha Baron Cohen** as *Monsieur Thenardier*, **Helena Bonham Carter** as *Madame Thenardier* and **Aaron Tveit** as *Enjolras*. Based on the novel by Victor Hugo, “Les Miserables” first opened at London’s Barbican Theatre in October 1985 and in October 2006 the show became the second longest running musical.



Did You Know ... Part 3??? – “The Sound of Music”

The real children of Captain von Trapp with his first wife were named **Rupert** (1911-1992), **Werner** (1915-2007), **Hedwig** (1917-1975), **Johanna** (1919-1994), **Martina** (1921-1951), **Agatha** (b. 1913) and **Maria F.** (b. 1914). Maria had three children with George after their marriage – **Rosmarie** (b. 1929), **Elenore** (aka Lorli) (b. 1931) and **Johannes** (b. 1939).



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Editorial

If you didn't manage to get your ticket to see “CHESS”, you missed out on a goodie. We received rave reviews on this production with comments being made such as “*Musically brilliant ...*”, “*Lead performers fantastic ...*” and “*Musically, the best production of CHESS I have ever heard!*”

Rehearsals are currently under way for “Avenue Q”. We have assembled a wonderful group of performers for this side splittingly hilarious production (and the humans aren't bad either!!!). Further details on this production follow.

So, onwards and upwards.



Thank You

A big thank you is extended to everyone who participated in our recent production of "CHESS" and who contributed towards making it the success it was. Without the participation of those people involved, the staging of our productions would not be possible.



For Sale – "CHESS" Polo Shirts

There are a number of white "CHESS" polo shirts available for sale (never been worn). These were purchased for approximately \$20.00 each and are on sale at "reasonable offers accepted". If you are interested in purchasing one of these, please contact Allan Nagy on 021 918 068 or Kay Nagy on 021 890 806 with your offer price.



TrustPower Community Awards

Volunteers are the backbone behind every New Zealand community, dedicating more than 270 million unpaid hours every year for non-profit organisations up and down the country. TrustPower understands that, which is why they celebrate and reward volunteers through the TrustPower Community Awards programme. In this year's Awards, Abbey Musical Theatre was awarded first place in the Arts & Culture section of the TrustPower Community Awards. Congratulations are, therefore, extended to all AMT members on this great achievement.



Office Hours

The office hours at the Abbey Theatre have recently changed. The office is now open Monday to Friday, from 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m.



Abbey Theatre Restaurant
22 November – 15 December 2012



Cast List

Andrew Hodgson (Princeton/Rod) / **Chris Thompson** (Nicky) /
Alexia Clark (Kate Monster) / **Janine Bonny** (Lucy) / **Samuel Gordon** (Trekkie Monster) /
Scott Andrew (Brian) / **Kirsten Clark** (Christmas Eve) / **Sera Devcich** (Gary Coleman) /
Erica Ward (Bad Idea Bear) / **Lorna Beauchamp** (Mrs Thistlewat) /
Cam Dow (Ricky, Newcomer, Bad Idea Bear)



"Avenue Q" tells the story of a college graduate, Princeton, who comes to New York with big dreams and not much money and finds out the only place he can afford to live is Avenue Q. Moving in he meets his neighbours who seem nice. Little does he know they all are a bit out of the norm ... and the Superintendent of the building is Gary Coleman ? "Avenue Q" is an 'autobiographical and biographical' coming-of-age parable, addressing and satirising the issues and anxieties associated with entering adulthood. Its characters lament that as children they were assured by their parents and children's television programmes, that they were 'special' and 'could do anything'; but as adults they have discovered to their surprise and dismay that in the real world their options are limited and they are no more 'special' than anyone else. (Due to the subject matter, "Avenue Q" is not appropriate for young children.)



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