



Editorial

Rehearsals for our next exciting production, the revival of “EVITA”, are well under way and the show is due to open at The Auditorium (on Centennial Drive) on 9 April 2015 – only a couple of haircuts away (or not even that!). If you haven’t already booked your tickets, don’t delay and book today!!! Rehearsals are showing that this production (in our totally biased point of view) is going to be amazing, fantastic, splendiferous and “.....” (insert your own phenomenal adjective here). The company of this production are working extremely hard to ensure that this show will be one of the most memorable shows you see this year – in fact, maybe even this decade. Bookings are available at the Abbey Booking Office during the week, by telephoning (06) 355 0499 or by booking on line through AMT’s website – www.abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz

On another note;

- If you have not as yet paid your AMT membership for the 2015/16 year, this will be the last newsletter you receive until you do so.
- If you would like to pay your membership through internet banking, the bank account number is **06-0729-0024947-00** - please put your name in the ‘Reference’ field.
- If you **have** paid your membership for the 2015/16 year (thank you), but have not received your membership card, you may call into the Abbey Office and pick this up. The Abbey Office is open between 12 – 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- Also – if you have received a “paper” copy of this newsletter via ‘snail mail’ and you would prefer receiving it via e-mail, please advise your e-mail address to the Administrator at admin@abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz





9-25 April 2015
The Auditorium
 (Centennial Drive, Palmerston North)

Direction & Musical Staging – Scott Andrew
Musical Direction – Barry Jones
Choreography – Megan Shaw

Cast

Eva Peron Joanne Sale
Che Bradford Meurk
Juan Peron Ben Jones
Magaldi Richard Brown
Mistress Madison Horman

Ensemble

Merryn Osborne, Jess Linsley, Katherine Lyons, Sarah Payne, Sarah Leishman, Hannah Mills, Hayley Tinning, Tia Rongokea, Rebecca Palmer, April Xu-Holland, Dianne Smith, Shane Brown, Leith Marshall, Dave Chisholm, Nick Ross, Samuel Gordon, Trent Pedley, Taylor Hansen, Hayden Giles, Terry Stewart, Grant Miller, Cam Dow, Sator'e Chambers, Ayesha Satya, Sarah Judd



Romance is in the air ...

Congratulations to those AMT members who got engaged recently;

- **Samantha Fletcher & Kieran Peters**
- **Candace McGrath**



AMT Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Abbey Musical Theatre will be held on Tuesday, **28 April 2015** at The Auditorium. Information regarding the AGM and positions available on the Board will be e-mailed out in the next week.



MTNZ AGM/Volunteer Training Weekend 2015

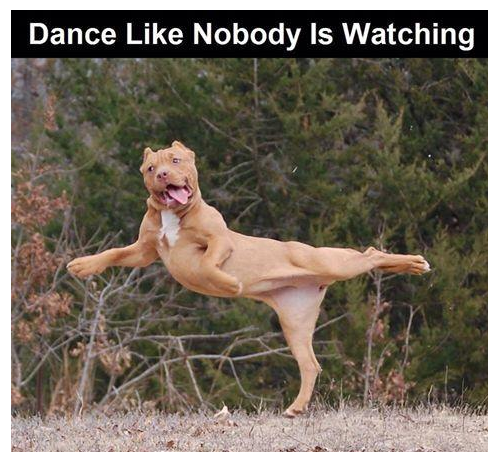
The Musical Theatre NZ 55th AGM & Volunteer Training Weekend was held in Christchurch on 20-22 March 2015 and the nine AMT members who attended had a blast!

Of special note at this year's Conference were;

- **John Spelman** received a Merit Award for outstanding service to Musical Theatre.
- **Kate Ghent** (General Manager, MTNZ) and **Marc Collier** (President, Napier Operatic Society) received Merit Awards also.
- **Ian Reid** (past President of MTNZ) received Life Membership to MTNZ.
- **Graeme & Diane Philip** (of John Herber Limited) – who are principal sponsors of MTNZ – also received Life Membership to MTNZ.
- **Caroline Jackson** (of Napier Operatic Society) was awarded the ETNZ Community Theatre Youth Technical Achievement Award – Caroline designed the set that we are using for "EVITA".
- **Abbey Musical Theatre** was award **2nd Place** in the Programme Competition (Multi A) for "The Phantom of the Opera".

For anyone who may be considering going to the Musical Theatre NZ 56th AGM & Volunteer Training Weekend, this will be held in Roto-vegas (Rotorua) from 18-20 March 2016.

Conference in 2017 will be in New Plymouth; in 2018 in Blenheim; and in 2019 in Auckland.



MAMMA MIA!

You can dance!!!!
You can jive!!!
Having the time of your life ...

And they did ...

They arrived in their multitudes for the audition weekend of "MAMMA MIA!" and were thoroughly put through their paces by the Direction Team. After a full weekend of sweat, nerves, hysterical laughter, tension, friendly rivalry and a few tears, we are happy to say that "MAMMA MIA!" has been cast.

Tickets for this production are already on sale and if you want the best seats in the house for the night of your choice, book now!!! Tickets are selling fast!!!



Are you looking for some new shoes? How about these ...?



2014 Globe Theatre Awards

The annual Globe Theatre Awards were held on Friday, 27 February 2015, at the Globe Theatre and the following awards were presented.

Female Supporting Actor

Gail Shirley – as *Madame Giry* in "The Phantom of the Opera"

Musical Direction

Barry Jones for "The Phantom of the Opera"

Direction

Scott Andrew for "RENT"

Best Production

"The Phantom of the Opera"

Most Entertaining Characters with Comic Timing

Scott Andrew & Richard Brown as *Monsieur Andre & Monsieur Firmin* in "The Phantom of the Opera"

Convincing Connection Between Two Characters

Terrence Stapleton & Jason Harkett as *Tom Collins & Angel* in "RENT"

Lifetime Achievement Award

Kay Nagy



Please don't become the girl sitting behind me



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