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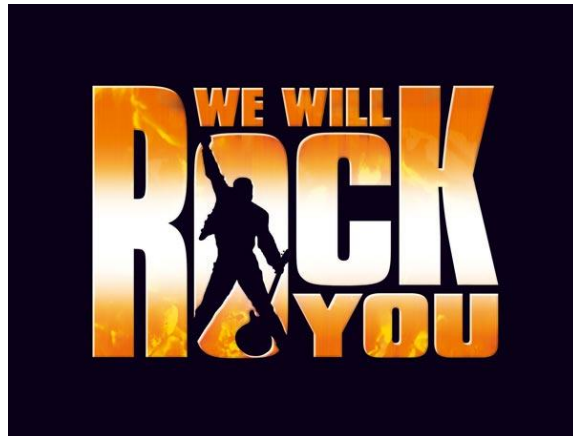
Your AMT membership expired on 31 January.

Therefore, this is a friendly reminder that renewal of your AMT membership is due if your membership expired on 31 January **2020** (noted on your membership card).

We have kept the fees at a very low \$30.00 per annum for adults – where else can you get the fun and enjoyment of participating in live theatre at this price? Please forward your payment to the Abbey office, noting it is for “Membership”. If you wish to make payment direct to the Abbey’s bank account, the account number is; **06 – 0729 – 0024947 – 00**

Please don’t forget to put your name in “Reference” field, along with “Membership”. If your personal details have changed from last year, could you please complete a membership form (can be found on the AMT website – www.abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz) and forward that to the Abbey office – admin@abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz

Please note that unless you renew your membership for the 2020/21 year, this will be the last “Stage Rage” you receive.



THE MUSICAL BY **QUEEN & BEN ELTON**

At a recent meeting, the Abbey Musical Theatre Board decided, having already postponed the April 2020 production of “SISTER ACT”, that “WE WILL ROCK YOU” should also be postponed as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions. When the decision to go back to Level 2 restrictions was announced, it was advised that there would be a limit on the number of people who could attend a gathering. Therefore, as rehearsals for “WE WILL ROCK YOU” had not started and, given the time pressures involved in staging a major production from “go to whoa”, it was decided that “WE WILL ROCK YOU” will be postponed for a year and will now be staged at the Regent on Broadway in **August 2021**.



We are extremely excited to be able to announce that we have secured the rights to perform



in the Regent on Broadway from

7 – 22 August 2020

Award winning Lavina Williams will play the hilarious role of Deloris, the wanna be diva who witnesses a crime and is sent to the last place the cops think she will be found. A convent! While hiding out, Deloris brings new life to the nuns with her musical talent and disco moves which in turn blows her cover. The chase is on, but the crooks are no match for the power of the sisterhood. Based on the popular movie starring Whoopi Goldberg, audiences should not miss this hilarious, feel good musical.



Lavina Williams is a singer, songwriter and musical actress. She is the winner of the prestigious 2017 Benny Award's "Pacific Entertainment Award for Top Female Vocalist". Lavina started her musical journey in 2004 in the world renowned Broadway musical "The Lion King" for Australia, Germany and Singapore, playing the roles of Shenzi, Sarabi and Rafiki. She was Motormouth Maybelle in Broadway's hit musical "HAIRSPRAY" at Auckland's Sky City Theatre in 2014 and then went on to become vocal coach for the Top 13 contestants of Season 2 of "The X-Factor" New Zealand. She then signed on as the musical director for New Zealand's first transgender musical, "People Like Us". In 2017, Lavina was the musical director for New Zealand owned and written "Dominion Road – The Musical". In 2018 and into 2019, she became the creative director, resident judge and vocal coach for the biggest talent TV show in the Pacific "Vocal Fusion – Season 6" in Papua New Guinea and is now the manager of the EMTV Vocal Fusion Franchise.



We are also pleased to announce that our end of year production for 2020 will be



This production will be held in the Wallace Development Company Theatre in November/December 2020.



NOTICE OF MEETING

The Palmerston North Operatic Society's



is to be held on

Tuesday – 23 June 2020

at the

Wallace Development Company Theatre,
Centennial Drive, Palmerston North

at 8.00 p.m.

The bar will be open from 7.30 p.m. However, refreshments will not be available at this year's meeting. Appropriate social distancing and contact tracing will occur.

Please register your attendance at the AGM
by e-mailing admin@abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz

**See you at the AGM where there will be a presentation
and an important announcement.**

