

ACT THREE
PRODUCTIONS



STAGE RAGE

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CHICAGO

What a fantastic production “CHICAGO” was. We hope you all managed to see the crème de la crème of Palmerston North talent on stage. If you didn’t, you were one of the few that missed out. It was pleasing to have to put the “HOUSE FULL” sign out for a number of performances. We thank each and every one that was involved in some way with this show, whether it was assisting the production or watching it from the auditorium. It was extremely heartening to realise that after COVID-19, theatre in our region has bounced back with gusto and managed to survive a lot better than was anticipated.

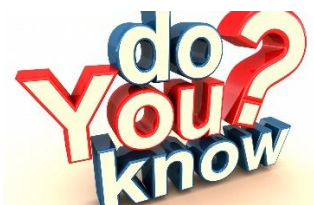


Your ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS (ATP) membership expired on 31 January.

Therefore, this is a friendly reminder that renewal of your ACT THREE membership is now due if your membership expired on 31 January 2021 (noted on your membership card). If you wish to make payment direct to the ACT THREE bank account, the account number is 06 – 0729 – 0024947 – 00. Please don’t forget to put your name in the “Reference” field, along with “Membership”.

If your personal details have changed from last year, please complete a membership form (can be found on the ATP website – www.actthree.co.nz).

Please note that unless you renew your membership for the 2021/22 year, this will be the last “Stage Rage” you receive.



Do you have, or know of anyone who has, a fence on a main route around Palmerston North, or the surrounding area, that would be prepared for us to put up an advertising sign (for shows) on it? If so, please e-mail aknagy@inspire.net.nz with the details.

MTNZ Conference - ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS are submitting a proposal to MTNZ to host the 2025 conference in Palmerston North as our society will celebrate its 125th anniversary that year. We are, therefore, looking for people to help put together this proposal, which is due in June 2021. If you would like to be involved, please contact lorna@actthree.co.nz



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

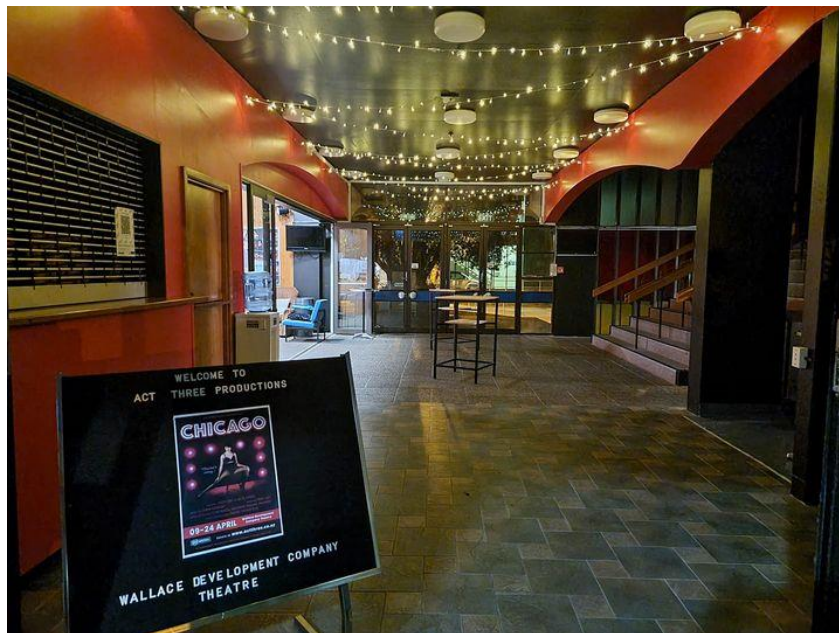
Following this year's AGM, the ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS Board for the 2021/22 year is;

President: Merryn Osborne
Board Members: Allan Nagy, Andrea Maxwell, Jacob McDonald, Paula Fredericks, Lorna Stanley, Samantha Peters
Board Secretary: Kay Nagy
Patron: John Spelman

The Board thanks Ben Pryor, who decided to stand down from the Board, for his services over the last year.

Life Membership was awarded to the following members;

- **Craig Maxwell**
- **Barry Jones**
- **Linda Warren**
- **Merryn Osborne**



Did you notice something different when you went to see "CHICAGO"?

We are always looking for ways for our patrons to enjoy their theatre experience and we thank the team who recently upgraded our foyer.





ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS will have the following merchandise available to purchase on www.actthree.co.nz by the end of this month.

FRONT: 65 mm x 80 mm

BACK: 120 mm x 120 mm



MEN'S ICE TEE

MEASUREMENTS

T10012 MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	54	56	58	62	66	71	79

WOMEN'S ICE TEE

MEASUREMENTS

T10022 MODERN FIT	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	44	46	48	50	52.5	55	57.5	60	66.5	71

Price: \$25.00 each

FRONT: 65 mm x 80 mm

BACK: 120 mm x 120 mm



MEN'S ICE POLO

MEASUREMENTS

P112MS MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	52	55	58	62	65	71	79

WOMEN'S ICE POLO

P112LS MODERN FIT	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	46.5	49	51.5	54	56.5	59	62	65	68

Price: \$40.00 each

FRONT: 65 mm x 80 mm

BACK: 120 mm x 120 mm



WOMEN'S ZIP HOODIE

MEASUREMENTS

SW762L EASY FIT	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	45.5	49	52.5	56	59.5	63

MEN'S ZIP HOODIE

MEASUREMENTS

SW762M EASY FIT	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	54	57	60	63	66	70	74	82

Price: \$50.00 each





On the final night of *CHICAGO*, Noeline Steward hung up her programme pinny for the last time, having decided to retire after 45 years of volunteering for the Society in one form or another.

Noeline started volunteering in 1975 to help usher when ACT THREE was formerly known as the Palmerston North Operatic Society and the Opera House was still standing. Then came more ushering and offering to set tables at the old Abbey Theatre for the dinner theatre restaurant shows. A short foray into waitressing, however, was cut short after an unfortunate incident involving a plate of tomato soup and a patron's white suit. It's decades later and Noeline has continued to help usher and sell programmes at not only the Wallace Development Company Theatre but at the Regent on Broadway where, due to her 'short' stature, she brings along her own stool to make her easier to be seen by patrons.

Noeline, thank you for your dedicated service to the Society over so many years – you epitomise what it is to be a volunteer!

Noeline will still be seen around the theatre from time to time as she tends to buy at least six tickets for any show her daughter Joanne is in ...





LEGALLY BLONDE



The Musical™

On stage at the Wallace Development Company Theatre
25 November – 11 December 2021

Director: **Jo Sale**
Musical Director: **Lottie Perry**
Choreographers: **Formation**
*(Cara Hesselin, Alex Hughes,
Ruby Jamieson & Paula Fredericks)*

Auditions are being held on 2-3 July 2021
at the Wallace Development Company Theatre

For more information,
contact Bridgette Lynch (Production Secretary)
on legallyblonde@actthree.co.nz





On stage at the Regent on Broadway
12 – 28 August 2021

TICKETS ON SALE NOW – at Ticketek

Cast List

GALILEO – Jason Chasland
SCARAMOUCHE – Danica Manson
BUDDY – Gary Clark
KILLER QUEEN – Amy Hunt
BRIT – Andrew Jamieson
OZ – Erica Ward
KHASHOGGI – Lachlan Ferguson

ENSEMBLE

Annabel Orwin-Higgs, Ben Pryor, Jacob McDonald, Jayden Colban, Joshua Gaiger, Kate Duggan, Logan Tahiwii, Shawanda Scanlon-Parker, Tyler Purdy, Val Andrew

DANCERS/ENSEMBLE

Alex Hughes, Ashleigh Blummont, Cara Hesselin, Diego Ramos, Emma Carey, Frankie Curd, Hannah McDowall, Jake Maskill, Jessie Feyen, Leanora Potten, Matthew Lyne, Mikaera Bassett, Paula Fredericks, Ruby Jamieson, Tayla Clark, Terado Bassett, Zac Maskill

BACKING VOCALISTS

Andrea Cawood, Bradley Forsyth, Brendan O'Hagan, Bridgette Lynch, Glenn Maskill, Gemma Humphrey, Greg Dow, Jody Marshall, Kay Aish, Maryanne Kensington, Neil Riddle, Rob Waayenburg, Shane Brown, Steve Jenkins, Suzi O'Donnell

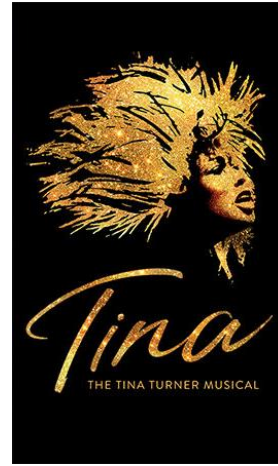


ON SEPTEMBER 14
BROADWAY IS BACK
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



**IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING:
BROADWAY IS COMING BACK!**

HAMILTON, WICKED and THE LION KING – Broadway's three biggest hits – have just announced that they'll reopen Broadway, all on September 14. Soon we can all safely enjoy the shows we love, so get your tickets now!



***MJ, SIX, & TINA* TO BEGIN BROADWAY PERFORMANCES**

Three of Broadway's most exciting new titles, *MJ*, *SIX* and *TINA – The Tina Turner Musical* will join *HAMILTON*, *WICKED* and *THE LION KING* back on Broadway in 2021.

MJ, beginning performances on 6 December 2021, is the electrifying new Broadway musical that takes audiences inside the creative process of one of the greatest entertainers in history. Featuring over 25 of Michael Jackson's biggest hits, *MJ* allows us to rediscover the man in the mirror – with an explosion of music and theatricality as unforgettable as the artist himself.

SIX, beginning performances on 17 September 2021, is a global phenomenon since its early days as a student production in a 100-seat venue during the 2017 Edinburgh Fringe Festival. From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the six wives of Henry VIII take the mic to remix five hundred years of historical heartbreak into an exuberant celebration of 21st-century girl power! *SIX* is the global sensation that everyone is losing their heads over.

TINA – The Tina Turner Musical, beginning performances on 8 October 2021, reveals a comeback story like no other, of a woman who dared to defy the bounds of racism, sexism, and ageism to become the global Queen of Rock n' Roll. *TINA – The Tina Turner Musical* is a celebration of resilience and an inspiration of triumph over adversity.

***DIANA: THE MUSICAL* ANNOUNCES NEW BROADWAY DATES FOR THIS NOVEMBER**

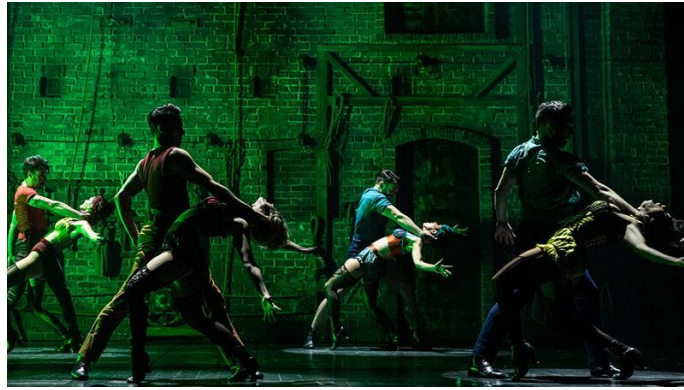


Diana: The Musical is coming back sooner than you thought! Producers Grove Entertainment (Beth Williams), Frank Marshall, and The Araca Group announced today that *Diana: The Musical* is coming back to Broadway one month earlier than anticipated. Previews are now scheduled to resume on Tuesday, 2 November 2021. Opening night is now set for Wednesday, 17 November 2021.

Diana: The Musical celebrates the life of Princess Diana and the light of her legacy that continues to shine across the world. The musical features a book and lyrics by Tony Award-winner Joe DiPietro and music and lyrics by Tony Award-winner David Bryan.

Diana: The Musical tells the story of one of the most beloved women of modern times. Engaged to a prince she barely knows, 19-year-old Diana Spencer is thrust onto the world stage and, overnight, becomes the most famous woman in the world. As she struggles to navigate her way within the rigid structure of the royal family, Princess Diana finds herself trapped in a loveless marriage, eventually finding her voice by devoting herself to those in need. Forced to endure a media spotlight brighter than the world has ever known, Princess Diana defies all expectations to emerge as her own woman and create a legacy that will endure forever.

MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL TO RESUME BROADWAY PERFORMANCES



The Tony Award-nominated musical *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* will resume performances on Friday, 24 September 2021

Producers Carmen Pavlovic and Bill Damaschke jointly said, “*Moulin Rouge! The Musical* is a story about artists fighting to keep their theatre open on their own terms. This has served as our rallying cry as we’ve navigated the complexities of the Broadway shutdown and planning for our reimagined future.”

“Zidler greets the audience at the top of the show with ‘YOU are welcome here’ and we look forward to extending this salutation with renewed meaning to our audiences, creative team, cast, musicians, and crew as the red windmill starts to turn again at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre. It is a tremendous privilege to reunite our much-loved company on a shared journey towards the re-opening of Broadway and beyond.”

Enter a world of splendour and romance, of eye-popping excess, of glitz, grandeur and glory! A world where Bohemians and aristocrats rub elbows and revel in electrifying enchantment. Pop the champagne and prepare for the spectacular splendor ... Welcome to *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*.

Baz Luhrmann’s iconic film comes to life onstage, remixed in a new musical mash-up extravaganza. *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* is a theatrical celebration of truth, beauty, freedom, and – above all – love. *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* is more than a musical; it is a state of mind.

As in the film, *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* celebrates over 160 years of music – from Offenbach to Lady Gaga. The stage musical features many of the iconic songs from the movie and also includes recent hits released since the movie premiered 20 years ago.

