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Did you know that a portion of all **Fierce** ticket sales goes to **Women's Refuge New Zealand?** ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS has been so lucky to be supported by our local community over the past three years and we wanted to give some back. Just another reason why you should buy a ticket to **Fierce**!





TICKETS ON SALE NOW



As you may or may not be aware, ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS has been advised by our landlord, Wallace Development Company Limited (WDCL), that our lease on the Wallace Development Company Theatre is not being renewed and will expire in 2023.

If you have been to the theatre within the last couple of months you will have no doubt noticed the demolition work currently being undertaken. Over the next six months or so there will be more demolition works occurring, along with some construction work on a couple of buildings on the site that have been leased by WDCL. Therefore, we ask that you adhere to safety measures and take care while on site. In essence, any demolition or construction sites should be avoided due to the obvious hazards.



Due to the expiration of our lease, the ACT THREE Board has been actively seeking new premises.

Currently in Palmerston North there are no suitable performance venues available for us to relocate to and ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS is not in a position to lease/build a venue of our own. The Board therefore made the decision to look for suitable premises for us to use for rehearsals, as well as incorporating our administration services and some possible storage space. Going forward, we will need to hire other performance venues for our productions, i.e. the Regent for large scale productions and The Globe for smaller shows.

To this end, the Board has managed to secure a lease on a venue at 79 The Square. This venue was previously the Configure gym on the first floor above Kathmandu and Decjuba.



It is envisaged that in this venue we will be able to have one large studio for rehearsals, along with one or two smaller studios, and it is anticipated these will be hireable venues. Our admin office and Archives will be able to be accommodated within this venue, with a small amount of storage space as well. We will need to source off site storage for our larger pieces of equipment and 'tools of the trade' etc.

\*\*\* Any offers of suitable storage space would be gratefully appreciated. If you are able to assist with this, please contact **Allan Nagy** (President, ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS) @ allan@actthree.co.nz.

It is also anticipated that in our new venue we will be able to incorporate a 'green room' for socialisation after rehearsals, for 'club nights' and for organised social activities.

This is an exciting time for ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS and we will do everything we can to make our new premises an inclusive and welcoming space for all our members and their Whānau.



Part of our plans for the new venue will involve renovations to the existing facility. Therefore, along with volunteers to help with the general mahi, we are looking for tradies in the electrical, building and plumbing fields to add their expertise to our volunteer base.







\*\* If you have such a contact within your family, friends or whanau, or indeed yourself, please contact Allan Nagy.

Of course, we also need to physically relocate to the new venue and we will, therefore, be asking you – our members – for your assistance with this. We will advertise the days and times when we will require assistance in moving our equipment and belongings to the new venue. Many hands make light work and it is anticipated that you will be able to help us in moving your society to its new 'home'.



#### Kia ora whānau

Come and celebrate the end of the year with us, our last show and our last get together in our amazing venue. This invite is to you, our current financial members, and your immediate family members. We would love to see you there! The bar will be open for the night with members' prices available for all ticket holders.

Tickets can be purchased from;

https://ACTTHREE.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/80183, or in person from our office.

You must have a current financial membership at the time of ticket purchase. If you wish to renew your membership, please contact our office.



Did you know ...

ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS has the following merchandise available to purchase on www.actthree.co.nz

#### ACT THREE EDIT TEE

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Marlborough Events Centre, Blenheim

17-19 March 2023

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THE 63RD MTNZ CONFERENCE, AGM AND TRAINING WEEKEND
BLENHEIM 2023

# MTNZ Annual Conference 2023 registrations are OPEN!!!!

We are proud to finally be heading to Blenheim for The MTNZ Annual Conference, AGM and Training Weekend 2023. MTNZ was founded here and our weekend theme aims to capture that "from the four corners' of Aotearoa we are coming back to our place of origin.

After a difficult few years isolated from one another and at times in 'isolation'; coming together to reinforce our passion for community theatre has never been more meaningful.

Follow the link below or head to our website for the conference registration info pack, and explore what the weekend has in-store.

#### CLICK HERE FOR THE REGISTRATION INFO PACK, OR TO REGISTER

This year we have 25 development workshops across the two days, covering a wide range of application for community theatre, and those who volunteer/work in the sector.

**Workshop/Development Training Opportunities:** 

Overview HERE

#### The Amazing Training Facilitators:

You can check out our training and development presenter bios HERE

The iTICKET National Theatre Awards dinner is on Friday night – themed Underwater World.

The John Herber Gala Ball - Priscilla themed "A Queen for the Night" is on Saturday Night.

Kate and the Life Members are back with the ever popular OneMusic Kōrero Cafe; followed by Zone time.

The Annual General Meeting is on Saturday morning, with lunch sponsored by G&T Productions.

The Marlborough ASB Theatre Tours are on Sunday morning.

The MDR Theatre EXPO is on across the majority of the weekend.



Congratulations to **Sheridan Hickey** who is one of four Palmerston North residents who were honoured with a Civic Award on 8 November 2022.



There are few aspects of the city's performing and community arts scene that Sheridan has not organised and influenced during the past half century.

Education, drama and speech have been her vocation, which she has combined with governance and advocacy work on behalf of performing arts and cultural activities, both locally and nationally.

One of her legacy projects was a collaboration with Rangitāne and the former Ethnic Council of Manawatū to hold the first international festival in 1993, which evolved into the city's headline Festival of Cultures.

Sheridan served for many years on the Palmerston North Community Arts Council, organised the annual Shakespeare Festival, and has been a member of the Regent Theatre Trust Board, Globe Theatre Trust Board, and Te Manawa Museum Trust Board. She was appointed to the Palmerston North Performing Arts Trust Board in 2004, and has chaired that board until the present.

Also a Justice of the Peace, Sheridan is the nominal chair of the Earle Creativity and Development Trust, and continues work as a volunteer, for the Friends of the Regent, and just last month, at the Performing Arts Competitions of New Zealand national young performer awards.

Mayor Grant Smith described the four winners of the city's highest recognition for voluntary service as "incredible individuals". "These four individuals have gone above and beyond the call of duty for Palmerston North, and it's great to be able to truly thank them for their dedication and commitment to making the city a better place."

Congratulations, Sheridan.

## The Art of Getting Ready - Finding Your Pre-Show Routine

(by Dean Linnard | 5 October 2022)

It's the day of the show, y'all! You've rehearsed, made it through tech week, celebrated your opening night and now you've entered your run. You have a show tonight at 8.00 p.m. What are some best practices regarding getting ready for curtain? What do your body, voice and mind need in order to be in fighting shape by showtime? Today we're going to explore pre-show routines.

First, a disclaimer; every actor is different. There is no "one-size-fits-all" methodology here. No two actors are the same and accordingly no two pre-show routines will be identical. I encourage trying different things until you settle on what works for you. Some actors might want to do a hundred push ups before their show begins. If that floats your boat, go ahead! If that isn't your jam, by all means please don't strain yourself! Take the time to locate what you need to get yourself ready for your performance. Your pre-show routine might change as you get older, might vary depending on the show or type of character you're playing, might alter depending on the size of the theatre or the time of year. All this is valid. Stay adaptable and empathetic to your own needs. Listen to yourself.

All that said, here is a basic outline of what a healthy show day routine might look like.

#### **During the Day**

So, the curtain doesn't rise until 8.00 p.m. but your preparation begins much, much earlier. Try to get a full night of sleep. During the day try to rest and conserve your energy as much as possible. Avoid yelling or talking on the phone. Try to centre yourself on the task at hand. Most actors are balancing a million things during the day; jobs, auditions, commutes, family, life! This is all beautiful; full humans make better actors. The trick is finding a healthy balance. The show deserves your full self and your full attention. That might mean skipping out on optional social events during the day. Your friends will understand.

Try to eat a healthy dinner, something that will fuel you up. Regarding specific food choices, there are a million schools of thought; some actors want something light (just a wee little salad), some actors want something hearty (steak, please!), some actors don't want to eat anything because it makes them feel bloated. I would advise eating something, but exactly what is entirely up to you. Treat your body well. Give yourself the energy you need in order to deliver the best performance you can.

#### At the Theatre

Now you've arrived at the theatre! An important part of any pre-show routine is truly arriving at the theatrical space. This means grounding yourself in the building (or barn, or field, or whatever venue you're lucky to call home!). I like to go out onto the stage before the house opens and just check in with that environment – reassess the view, go over some lines, mark through some blocking. And please greet your co-workers! Checking in with your theatre family will centre yourself and allow you to be truly alive to the energy of that specific evening. Say hi to your glorious fellow actors, the crew, the stage management team. And don't forget the Front of House folks! Make yourself comfortable.

After any mandatory pre-show activities (fight call, etc.), it's time for your personal physical warm up. Do whatever your body requires to be in its optimal shape for the performance; stretching, yoga, floor work – all are wonderful. I highly recommend investing in a foam roller and/or a tennis ball. These will help you work out any kinks in your back or muscle tension. Whatever you end up doing, be sure you do it with purpose. Shows can be marathons. An athlete would never launch into a game without extensive preparation. Find what you need to get ready then distil that to its easily repeatable essence.

Give yourself a nice vocal warm-up. If you're in a musical, this might involve scales. But regardless of the play's genre, it behaves you to activate the muscles of speech, to wake up the tongue, the lips and, most importantly, your breath. Breath is life, my children. Without it, we are nothing. Your breath is your foundation; before you go out on stage make sure your foundation is strong.

Great! You've now warmed up your body and your voice. What of your spirit? I know I'm running the risk of sounding a little hippy-dippy, but I think it's also important to warm up that intangible part of yourself that you utilise when you act. You can call it your spark, your talent, your essence, your energy, God, the spirit, the ancestors, your character, your soul – or give it no name at all. Go ahead and take a moment to root into that thing, whatever it is. You've checked in with the space and with your fellow artists; now it's time to check in with yourself. Centre yourself on the task at hand. Open yourself up to the possibilities of the moment. Insert any other positive affirmations you might like here. Now we're reading to get cooking!

#### **At Places**

Now you're in costume and make-up. Places is called. Right before curtain, don't forget to breathe. Nerves are wonderful. The only people who never feel nervous are dead people. Don't be a dead person. Allow your feelings to exist. Honour them. Tell yourself whatever you need to hear to get you in the zone; hook into character, setting, story – whatever feeds you. Go out there and have fun!

Now – rinse, wash and repeat. You have a pre-show routine! Rituals are fabulous. I strongly urge you to find a pre-show practice and stick to it. This will enable you to create some regularity and cue your body into when it's time to focus.

Also, a quick P.S.: Another vital thing to add to your pre-show list; please brush your teeth. Your co-stars will thank you.



