

The set is almost complete, the paint is drying, props and furniture are assembled, and the finishing touches to the costumes are being made. The cast are ready to move into the theatre, all in the lead up to the opening night of what is shaping up to be a most entertaining production of The Merry Wives of Windsor.

While some of the cast have experienced playing in the round before, for many of them though it is a new and exciting venture but all are up to the challenge in bringing one of Shakespeare's liveliest and funniest plays to Stagecraft's stage.

It is especially thrilling to have several of the costumes made specifically for the production and this, along with having live musicians on stage, all adds much to the authenticity of presenting a Shakespearean play as close as possible to how Elizabethan audiences saw it.

Much time, effort and hard work has been put in by the large cast and production team and we hope this exhilarating and innovative production will be seen and enjoyed by many of Stagecraft's members and supporters.

Ewen and team



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2017 SEASON

THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR
 BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
 DIRECTED BY EWEN COLEMAN
 15-25 MARCH 2017

DAUGHTERS OF HEAVEN
 BY MICHELANNE FORSTER
 DIRECTED BY HELEN MACKENZIE
 17-27 MAY 2017

LORD OF THE FLIES
 ORIGINAL NOVEL BY WILLIAM GOLDING,
 ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY NIGEL WILLIAMS
 DIRECTED BY DAVID G. COX
 28 JUNE - 8 JULY 2017

WONDERLAND
 BOOK AND LYRICS BY KIRA JOSEPHSON, MUSIC BY BRUNO SHIRLEY
 DIRECTED BY KIRA JOSEPHSON, MUSICALLY DIRECTED BY BRUNO SHIRLEY
 30 AUGUST - 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

MR FOOTER'S OTHER LEG
 BY IAN KELLY
 DIRECTED BY AMY WHITEROD
 1-11 NOVEMBER 2017

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**THEATRE BOOKINGS -
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The cast of The Merry Wives of Windsor is:

- * **Falstaff: Paul Kay**
- * **Mistress Ford: Louisa McKerrow**
- * **Mr Ford: Chris O'Grady**
- * **Mistress Page: Julia Harris**
- * **Mr Page: Jeff Osborne**
- * **Sir Hugh Evans, Welsh parson: Harry Gibbons**
- * **Doctor Caius, French doctor: Alexander Sparrow**
- * **Shallow, Country JP: Bill Robinson**
- * **Slender, cousin to Shallow: James Boag**
- * **Fenton: Tom Kereama**
- * **Host: Catherine McMechan**
- * **Pistol, attending Falstaff: Felix Laube**
- * **Nym, attending Falstaff: Jessica Sutton**
- * **Simple, servant to Slender: Patrick McTague**
- * **Rugby, servant to Dr Caius: Richard Christy-Jones**
- * **Robin, page to Falstaff: James Stevenson**
- * **Mistress Quickly: Katie Boyle**
- * **Anne Page: Charlotte Potter**

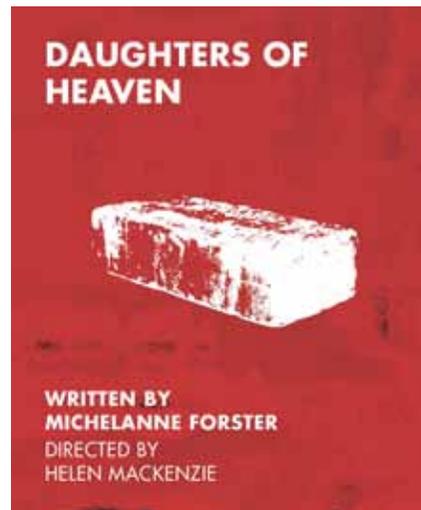
BARRY MEYERS

We are very sorry to report that our friend Barry Meyers died peacefully last evening. While some of you may not have known Barry, there will be many who did – and those who knew him would all have felt great affection for him. He was actively involved in Wellington theatre for many years and, while his “base” was Khandallah Arts Theatre, he was involved in productions for other companies too, notably Stagecraft and Wellington Repertory.

"I was so sorry to hear Barry has passed away. I have worked with him on stage and back stage for years. Nothing was too hard or impossible for Barry. he was a theatrical "brick", a musical "brick" and briefly an on-stage operatic "brick". Barry had a small acting part in the NZ Opera Company's opera TOSCA, during the Wellington season a few years ago. I was the opera tea lady in the St. James Theatre green room, and served Barry many cuppas when not on stage. .

*RIP Barry.
Rose Hudson."*

*"Very sorry to hear of Barry's passing. My thoughts are with his family, friends and the Wellington theatre community, who will be feeling the loss greatly. Sending my best wishes to everyone.
Gabbie Stewart (UK)"*



Wow, audition weekend was intense – but it was so exciting to see over 60 people audition for this show! The cast is:

Juliet Hulme	Michelle Keating
Pauline Parker	Cathy-Ellen Paul
Bridget O'Malley	Jessica Sutton
Hilda Hulme	Deanne Graham
Dr Henry Hulme / Prison Officer / Justice Adams	Allan Burne
Honora Mary Rieper / Police Matron	Angela Bickford
Herbert Rieper / Terrence Gresson	Grant Beban
Walter Perry / Dr Reginald Medlicott	Jon Pheloung
Alan Brown	Barry Mawer

**We're looking forward to starting rehearsals later this month.
Helen Mackenzie, Director**

Submissions for our 2018 season are due Friday 2nd June 2017. As always we are keen to consider a range of different productions, but 2018 is also Stagecraft's 60th anniversary year of being a theatre company in Wellington so we're keen to find five standout plays that will help us celebrate our significant year. Details on how to submit are on the Stagecraft website, or contact a member of Stagecraft's committee if you're looking for any guidance.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The next social night is 6pm Sunday 19th March (after the matinee of The Merry Wives of Windsor).

It's going to be reading of 'Noises Off' a well known large cast comedy. We have a set of scripts on order for the occasion. So flick me an email to let me know you can make it, bring some nibbles and drinks and let's have some fun!

Noises Off has a cast of nine (4 x F, 5 x M). We will mix up the casting and genders to make sure everyone who wants to will get a chance to read. Noises Off follows the actors, directors and production team while they rehearse the play within the play. The audience watches a rehearsal, what happens backstage during a production and finally the production itself.