



Welcome to Wonderland!

By the time you read this, Wonderland: An Original Musical will have opened and you will know what a great show it is.

At the time of writing, we are moving through the inevitable phase of organised chaos! The band are settling into the green room (their home for the foreseeable future) and the paint room is being cleared for the offstage choir! There are no nooks and crannies in the Gryphon that aren't being used for something! Rachel Hilliar's fantastic set is almost complete. Darryn's lighting effects will blow your socks off! The cast are bursting with song and enthusiasm! Bruno is everywhere! Julie Anne and Sarah are the "organised" part of the chaos and holding it all together.

2017 SEASON

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

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

**STAGE
Whispers**
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A Cast for Mr Foote's Other Leg

The production of Mr Foote's Other Leg has taken its first few steps, and it's all very exciting.

After an excellent auditions weekend, with so many talented folk dipping their toes in, the director was able to hand-pick an outstanding cast for Foote's leg.

We've now had a great first read-through, which

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turned into a fun game of 'guess that accent', and rehearsals will kick off very soon. Meanwhile, the sure-footed crew are already making great strides, with planning well underway.

Needless to say, the director is fizzing with excitement about all this, just like a freshly poured glass of champagne, which is a happy coincidence. This show is going to be more fun than you could shake a leg at.

Just look at these talented people!

Cast

- * **Sam Foote:** Alan Carabott
- * **Peg Woffington:** Charlie Potter
- * **David Garrick:** Luke Gumbley
- * **Mrs Garner:** Shannon Tubman
- * **Frank Barber:** Phillip Mtambo
- * **Dr John Hunter:** Tony Hogan
- * **Charles Macklin/Benjamin Franklin:** Chris O'Grady
- * **Prince George:** Josh Kingsford
- * **Miss Chudleigh/Stagehand 1:** Lisa Aaltonen
- * **Hallam/Stagehand 2:** Michael Pohl
- * **Stagehand 3:** Sarah Arndt
- * **Stagehand 4:** Claudia Richards

Crew

- * **Director:** Amy Whiterod
- * **Production Manager:** Sam Perry
- * **Stage Manager:** Corinna Bennett
- * **PA/Prompt:** Sue Haddock
- * **Set Design:** Amy Whiterod
- * **Set Construction Manager:** Ben Haddock
- * **Props:** Holly Dance
- * **Special Props:** Sonya Thomas
- * **Wardrobe Coordination:** Novena Bridge
- * **Prosthetics Adviser:** Jarrod Bailey
- * **Lighting Co-Designer:** Mike Slater
- * **Lighting Co-Designer:** Aaron Blackledge
- * **Sound Design:** Simon Boyes
- * **Publicity Team Contact:** Sarah Wood

THE STAGECRAFT COMMITTEE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE 2018 SEASON.

The Importance of Being Earnest

By Oscar Wilde

Directed by Anthony Hogan

28 Feb - 10 March

King Lear

By William Shakespeare

Directed by Joy Hellyer and Paul Kay

27 June - 7 July

Wolf Hall and Bring Up the Bodies

Adapted for stage by Mike Poulton

Based on the novels by Hilary Mantel

November 2018

Directed by Ewen Coleman, with Catherine McMechan and Andrew Goddard

Stagecraft is delighted to announce that in November 2018, in partnership with Wellington Repertory Theatre, we will be bringing Mike Poulton's adaptations of Hilary Mantel's Man Booker Prize winning novels 'Wolf Hall' and 'Bring Up the Bodies' to the Gryphon, directed by Ewen Coleman with Catherine McMechan and Andrew Goddard. This will be the New Zealand premiere.

Brontë

By Polly Teale

Directed by Jayne Grace

23 May - 1 June

A New Zealand Premiere

Yes, Prime Minister

By Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn

Directed by Andrew Cross

29 August - 8 September

"Spotlight 17" - the Theatre New Zealand (TNZ) TheatreFest National Finals and Conference Weekend

An exciting weekend of theatre and theatre-activities will take place in Wellington over the weekend of 15th & 16th September at the Hannah Playhouse and the Whitirea Performance Centre.

Centrepiece of the weekend is the Final of the nation-wide TNZ One-Act TheatreFest. This takes place at the Hannah Playhouse on Saturday evening commencing at 7.30pm (opened by the Mayor of Wellington, Justin Lester) and then concluding on Sunday afternoon commencing at 1pm. This year the adjudicator is local - Jon Pheloung ANZDA (who recently appeared in Stagecraft's "Daughters of Heaven"). On Sunday afternoon the winner of the Queensland One Act TheatreFest will also perform its winning entry. Jon will announce the TheatreFest winners at about 4.30pm. Entry is \$25 per session (Saturday evening/Sunday afternoon) or \$40 for both.

But wait, there's more! On Saturday, at Whitirea, four workshops will be running: once in the morning (9.30 - 12.30) repeated in the afternoon (1.30 - 4.30). Stage Combat, Freeing the Voice, Improvisation and Script/Character analysis for actors. Cost is \$35 per workshop.

Yet more ... On Sunday morning TNZ will hold its AGM. Stagecraft is a member of TNZ so all Stagecraft members are welcome to attend. This starts at 0930 and will be followed by an open forum to talk about any matter theatrical and will conclude with this year's key-note speaker, Peter Hambleton. Entry to this is free.

To learn more about what is planned come join us for the

'Director's Reveal' on Sunday 5th November.

Kick off time is to be confirmed but usually around 6.00pm, giving you time to catch the 3pm matinee of 'Mr Foote's Other Leg'. For more information follow the Stagecraft and Wellington Repertory facebook pages.

Directors will be present to give you a brief run down, or present snippets of the show they are directing. They will be on hand to answer questions for those keen to be involved both onstage and back stage.

Please invite friends. We are particularly keen to recruit more people for wardrobe and for operating lighting, sound and/or projections.

Christmas Party: Save the Date

This year's Christmas party will be held on Saturday 16 December 2017.

There will be a buffet dinner for those interested, followed by entertainment.

More details to come soon.