

WELLINGTON DISTRICT THEATRE FEDERATION

Supporting Community Theatre

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Welcome to Four New Representatives on the Committee

Bonnie Edwards represents **Kauri Theatre**, Felicity Cousins represents **Porirua Little Theatre**, Jillian Carpenter represents **KAT Theatre** and Lee Norris represents **Otaki Players**. They join Andrew Tait - **Heretaunga Players**, Braden Lister – **New Players**, David Cox - **Stagecraft**, Ewen Coleman - **Wellington Repertory**, Lauren Ford-Jones – **Mana Little Theatre** and Richard Bywater – **Kapiti Playhouse**. Ross Jordan Treasurer and Margaret Robertson Secreatry complete the committee.

Is your theatre missing from this list? It's easy to be on the committee as meetings are held on zoom usually on the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Get in touch!
president@wdtf.co.nz

2024 Festival of Plays, Long and Short.

There've been 10 more entries since March including 4 more short plays.

Kauri Theatre entered Rent by Jonathan Larsen, **Wellington Repertory** entered Murdered to Death by Peter Gordon, **Hutt Repertory** entered The Girl on the Train by Rachel Wagstaff & Duncan Abel, from Paul a Hawkins' novel. **Porirua Little Theatre** entered High School Musical, **Kapiti Playhouse** entered Oliver! by Lionel Bart and **Stagecraft Theatre** is presenting Persuasion based on Jane Austen– see dates below.

Four short plays (under 60 minutes) were entered: by **KAT Theatre** The Beggar and the King by Winthrop Parkhurst, A Game. By Dennis Noble, Legend by Floyd Dell and Aunt Leaf by Barbara Wiechmann.

Adjudicator Phil Peleton is enjoying the experience and is up to date with all his reports. Direct queries about festivals to festivals@wdtf.org.nz

24 Hour Play Challenge

Note the date: September Friday 20 and Saturday 21st at Gryphon Theatre once again with thanks to Stagecraft Theatre.

Ewen Coleman does it again!

Congratulations to Ewen, well deserved winner of the Welly Arts Person of the year.

New Legislation for Incorporated Societies – update your constitution

Check the compaiesoffice.govt.nz website for very clear guidelines of what is required under the new act. Plan this year to get the necessary changes to your constitution passed at next year's AGM so you're ready for the April 2026 deadline.

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WHAT'S COMING UP May - July?

8 – 18 May

Stagecraft Theatre: "Persuasion" based on the novel by Jane Austen

22 May – 1st June

Mana Little Theatre: "Miscast" A Musical Revue

23 May – 1 June

Coasters Musical Theatre: "Ordinary Days" by Adam Gwon

29 May – 8 June

Wellington Repertory Theatre: "The Misadventures of Peter Pan and Tinkerbell" – a play for children

12 – 22 June

Upper Hutt Musical Theatre: "The Prom" by Matthew Sklar, Bob Martin & Chad Beguelin

13 – 22 June

Butterfly Creek Theatre Troupe: "It Could Be Any One Of Us" by Alan Ayckbourn

22 – 30 June

New Players: "When Harriet Met Sally" by Cherol Filbee

8 – 13 July

Hutt Repertory: "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by Tim Kelly

10 – 20 July

Stagecraft Theatre: "Handbagged" by Moira Buffini

18 – 27 July

KAT Theatre: "Alice – The Musical" based on the book by Lewis Carroll

25 July – 3 August

Kapiti Playhouse: "The Motor Camp" by Dave Armstrong