

WELLINGTON DISTRICT THEATRE FEDERATION

Supporting Community Theatre

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WDTF is still here! The AGM in April brought changes in personnel and entries are flowing in for our Full Length and Short Play Festival and it's time to bring you up to date. Before that though we must pay tribute to Hayden Rogers who passed away very suddenly in the middle of June, six months before his 50th birthday.

Haere ra Hayden

For nearly 30 years Hayden Rogers has been an integral part of the Wellington theatre scene. He stepped up to be our WDTF President at a young age and served from the early 2000s for 18 years. He was awarded the honour of one of our first Life Memberships for this service. He took part in many club activities district wide, acting, directing and taking photos especially for Butterfly Creek Theatre Troupe, Hutt Repertory and KAT Theatre. He was a good friend of many and generous with his time. His loss has been marked in recent programmes and photo displays and he will be sorely missed.



2019 Hayden directing *The Dreaming* at KAT Theatre with Corrina Gordon and Vicki Wolfe. This production was a Regional Finalist in Theatre New Zealand's TheatreFest.

AGM in April

President David, Vice P Braden and Secretary Margaret were re-elected and we have a new treasurer. Ross Jordan was thanked for his work as Treasurer when he stepped down and we welcomed Mike McJorow to the role. We also have a couple of new representatives: Max Webb represents Hutt Repertory and Chris Cox represents Hutt City Musical. Your society can easily be represented too as we meet when necessary on a 6pm Zoom for just 40 minutes on a Wednesday to suit the majority.

update on **2025 Festival of Plays**, Long and Short. Adjudicator Ruth Sarratt
The entry form can be found on the website under Resources/Festival Entry Form.

Since March a further 9 productions have been entered in the festival:

KAT Theatre *Expectations* (5 short plays) Wellington Repertory *Dial M for Murder*, Mana Little Theatre *Wahine Auaha Short Play and Comedy Festival*, Stagecraft *The Heiress*. Butterfly Creek TT *The Nerd*, Kapiti Playhouse *The Full Monty*, KAT Theatre *Home, I'm Darling*, Wellington Repertory *Hansel, Gretel and Little Red*. Butterfly Creek TT *The Pink Hammer*.

Direct enquires about festivals to festivals@wdf.org.nz

24 Hour Play Challenge at the Gryphon

September 12 and performance 13th Entry form to come.

Gather together a team of up to 6 and start the creativity on Friday evening 12th when you learn what props and compulsory lines Assessor Ruth Sarratt has set for inclusion. 24 hours later from 6pm Saturday 13th you will perform your play to an appreciative audience. The emphasis is on taking part and having fun but there are some certificates and goody bags to be won.

Gala Evening Sunday December 7th - a celebration of 2025 WDTF productions. Note the date in your diary.

On the Boards July - December

If your production is not listed here it hasn't been uploaded to the website and that's not good for publicity!

Heretaunga Players Murder on a Budget by David Tristram	July 24 - August 2
Kapiti Playhouse The Full Monty by Simon Beauty	July 24 - August 2
Hutt Repertory One More Time by Altana Tovar	August 25 - 31
Stagecraft Theatre Iron by Rona Munro	August 27. Sept 6
Mana Little Theatre Easy Money by Roger Hall	August 27 - Sept 6
New Players Crazy Ladies by Devon Williamson	September 17 - 27
KAT Theatre Jekyll and Hyde by Neil Bartlett	October 2 - 11
Coasters Musical Theatre Legally Blonde by Heather Hach	October 2 - 11
Wellington Repertory The Great Gatsby adopt by Ken Duncam	October 29 - Nov 8
Butterfly Creek TT The Pink Hammer by Michele Amas	October 30 - Nov 8
Hutt Repertory And Then There None by Agatha Christie	November 25 - Dec 5
Stagecraft Theatre Superior Donuts by Tracy Letts	November 26 - Dec 6