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# A HISTORY OF THE LEVIN PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY (INC)

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Musical Theatre on Queen



**LEVIN PERFORMING  
ARTS SOCIETY**

This history of the Society has been prepared by sourcing old programmes of past productions, minute books, correspondence, and using the knowledge of past and present members. It is complete and accurate as possible however it is possible that there could be some significant omissions.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

For ease of change and addition, this history of the Society has been prepared in sections covering -

- This brief introduction
- Past productions of the Society
- Significant milestones in the history of the Society
- Life Members of the Society
- Friends and supporters of the Society
- The birth of the Levin Performing Arts Centre
- Awards
- Past committees of the Society

Because of the absence of old records, it is extremely difficult to firmly establish the exact birth date of the Society. What is known is that as The Levin Amateur Theatre Society, productions were staged prior to 1914. From the records and knowledge available, it appears that although the Society was an entity from the early 1900s, active pursuit of live theatre was put on hold during the war years of 1914-18, and again in 1939-45. In addition, there is an indication that the Society went into some form of recess in the late 1940s and early 1950s, but was actively pursuing live theatre again in 1956 through to the current day.

In 1983 The Society purchased the old lube bay part of the Levin Dairy Factory. This area was used for costume hire, set building and rehearsals until being sold in 1989 after the purchase of the Society's current home.

Through various ups and downs, the Society has continued its proud tradition of presenting quality live theatre entertainment, with some big-name productions being produced.

## A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY



A view of the humble beginnings of the Levin Performing Arts Centre. This was taken from the back of the main hall and today looks very different as this is where the stage now stands.



Time for a quick game of table tennis while work continues above.



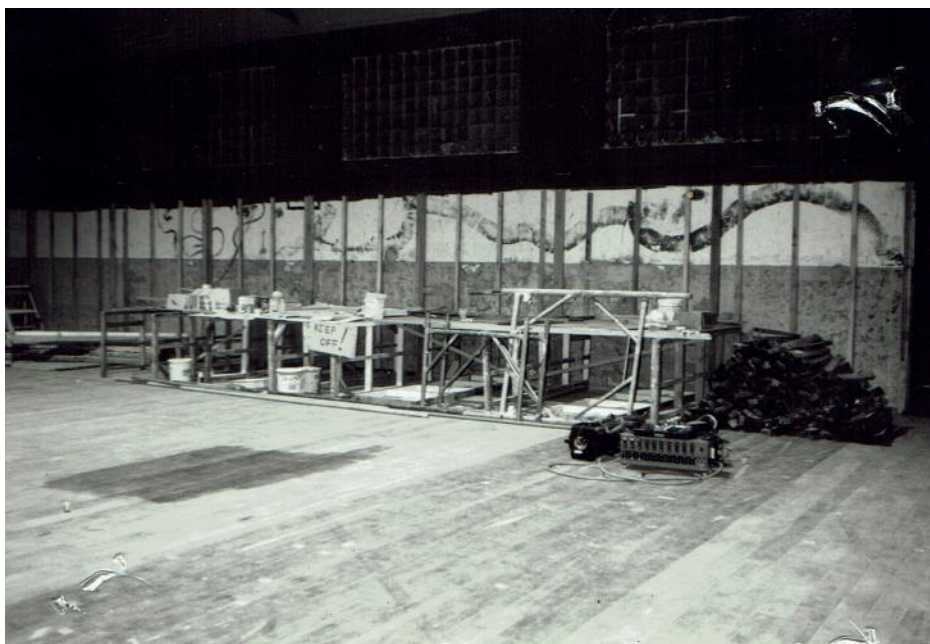
The ticket booth rescued from the old Regent Theatre in Levin.



Just a few of the hard-working people who turned an old dairy factory into a theatre which is still putting on award-winning shows.



**Hard at work building what would become the Levin Performing Arts Centre.**



**From a shell of a building a theatre was born.**



**The start of what would become a kitchen that has served countless delicious meals.**



The Levin Performing Arts Centre as it is today.



## SOCIETY PRODUCTIONS

### **Pre-1914**

The Open Gate  
Written In the Stars  
Alone In the World  
The Ticket of Leave Man

### **1926-1955**

Yours and Mine  
A Country Girl  
Diana Develops  
Tilly of Bloomsbury  
Dangerous Corner  
The Show Girl  
Charley's Aunty  
High Jinks  
Reveille

### **1956**

Sweethearts

### **1957**

The Belle of New York

### **1958**

Naughty Marietta

### **1959**

Rose Marie

### **1960**

Rio Rita

### **1961**

South Pacific

### **1962**

Oklahoma

### **1963**

New Moon

**1964**

Where's Charlie?

**1965**

The Desert Song

**1966**

A Music Hall

Aladdin

**1967**

Me and My Girl – Director Daphne Hunt

Cinderella

**1968**

Brigadoon

**1969**

The Boyfriend

Dick Whittington

**1970**

The Merry Widow

Jack and the Beanstalk

**1971**

The Vagabond King

Hansel and Gretel

**1972**

The Student Prince

Ali Baba

**1973**

West Side Story

Father Goose

**1974**

Fiddler on the Roof

The Knight Sky

**1975**

Little Red Riding Hood

Music Hall

**1976**

Music Hall '76  
Humpty Dumpty  
Man from La Mancha

**1977**

The Old Woman in a Shoe

**1978**

The Adventures of Raggedy Dan

**1979**

The Magic Merry Go Round  
The Sound of Music

**1980**

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

**1981**

Silver Jubilee of Shows

**1982**

Oklahoma – Director Carroll Bengé

**1983**

Carousel – Director Pat Snoxell

**1984**

Oliver – Director Pat Snoxell

**1985**

Simple Simon

**1986**

The King and I – Director Stephen Robinson

**1987**

Jesus Christ Superstar Director Stephen Robinson

**1989**

Godspell – Director Geoff Turkington  
Music Hall '89 – Director Pam Smith

**1990**

Fur Coat and No Knickers – Director Gaye Edgecombe  
Grease – Director Geoff Turkington  
Concert - 1990 celebrations

**1991**

Cabaret – Director Geoff Turkington  
Wizard of Oz – Director Pat Snoxell

**1992**

Starblaze – Director Sue Wolfenden  
Chicago – Director Geoff Turkington

**1993**

Musical Memories - Music Hall – Director Mandy Bolton  
A Slice of Saturday Night – Director Geoff Turkington

**1994**

The Robber Bridegroom – Director Bob Stephensen  
Something's Afoot – Director Alex Gilchrist  
The Sound of Music – Director Alex Gilchrist

**1995**

Till The Boys Come Home – Director Alex Gilchrist  
Annie – Director Alex Gilchrist

**1996**

Nunsense – Director Julie O'Brien  
Joseph - Director Geoff Turkington

**1997**

The Boyfriend – Director Julie O'Brien  
Tan Shoes and Pink Shoelaces – Director Lorraine Lepper

**1998**

Oliver – Director Alex Gilchrist

**1999**

Murder at the Music Hall – Director Lorraine Lepper  
Godspell – Director Geoff Turkington  
Little Shop of Horrors – Director Steven Sayer

**2000**

A Decade of Shows – Director Lorraine Lepper

My Fair Lady – Director Alex Gilchrist

**2001**

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum – Director Julian White

The King & I – Director Alex Gilchrist

**2002**

Something's Afoot – Director Alex Gilchrist

**2003**

Les Misérables – Director Lorraine Lepper

Jesus Christ Superstar – Director Lorraine Lepper

**2004**

Show Stoppers – Director Lorraine Lepper

Nunsense II – Director Julie O'Brien

**2005**

The Sound of Music – Director Lorraine Lepper

Disco Inferno – Director Lorraine Lepper

Ratbags – Director Tacita Bohan

**2006**

Time to Remember – Director Les Frost

Golden Memories – Director Kerehoma Kerehoma

**2007**

The Full Monty – Director Alex Gilchrist

Footrot Flats – Director Alex Gilchrist

Oklahoma – Director Alex Gilchrist

**2008**

Rent – Director Alex Gilchrist

Blue Eyes – Director Alex Gilchrist

Stiff – Director Alex Gilchrist

**2009**

Henpecked - A Bloke's Tale – Director Val Franklin

The Fully Monty – Director Alex Gilchrist

**2010**

Nunsense – Director Darlene Mohekey  
Playing the Pokies – Director Val Franklin

**2011**

Death and Taxes – Director Alex Gilchrist  
Little Shop of Horrors – Director Darlene Mohekey

**2012**

Seussical – Director Linda Buckley  
The Hot Mikado – Director Linda Buckley  
Sweeny Todd – Director Alex Gilchrist

**2013**

Bonnie & Clyde – Director Rueben Price  
Bouncers – Director Jacqui Coogan-Reeves  
The Vagina Monologues – Director Jacqui Coogan-Reeves

**2014**

Poppy Day – Director Val Franklin  
Wizard of Oz – Director Rueben Price  
Adams Family – Director Rueben Price

**2015**

Henpecked 2 Politically Incorrect – Director Lorraine Lepper  
Aotearoa – Director Lorraine Lepper

**2016**

Oliver – Director Gary O'Brien  
Grease – Director Tacita Bohan

**2017**

Annie – Director Stephanie Greenslade  
All Shook Up – Director Tacita Bohan

**2018**

Starblaze – Director Sjan Giles Oza  
Disenchanted – Director Lorraine Lepper  
Rock of Ages – Director Tacita Bohan

**2019**

Jesus Christ Superstar – Director Tacita Bohan

**2020**

Lion King Jr - Directors Bernard O'Brien and Jenna Wicks  
Chicago – Director Lorraine Lepper

**2021**

Moana Jr – Director Stephanie Greenslade  
The Sound of Music – Director Margaret Sanson

**2022**

Frozen Jr – Director Jenna Wicks  
Slice of Saturday Night – Director Libby Bruhn  
Mamma Mia – Director Tacita Bohan

**2023**

High School Musical – Director Siaan Giles-Oza  
Les Miserables – Director Lorraine Lepper

**2024**

Grease (High School Edition) – Director Siaan Giles-Oza  
That Bloody Woman – Director Libby Bruhn  
Streaking Thru The 70s -

## **MILESTONES**

The following is a summary of some of the more significant milestones in the history of the Society:

### **Early 1900s**

The formation of a live theatre group known as The Levin Amateur Theatre Society.

### **1955**

On 8 April a meeting was held in the Levin Regent Hall to discuss the revival of the Society following a period of recess.

On 24 May a meeting of interested people was held with a decision made to revive the Society. Subscriptions were set as 10 shillings and sixpence and 5 pence for those under the age of 18.

### **1956**

On 22 February, the committee resolve a name change to The Levin Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society and becomes an incorporated body.

### **1957**

On 30 October proposed name change to The Levin Operatic and Theatrical Society was defeated

### **1962**

On 10 December Society changed its name to The Levin Operatic Society (Inc)

### **1965**

At the AGM on 9 March, a proposal to go into recess was defeated

### **1966**

On 10 March a further attempt was made to put the Society into recess – again this was defeated

### **1970**

On 5 October Society discusses with Little Theatre the possibility of amalgamation. This was unsuccessful.

### **1982**

Society purchases the lube bay and workshop area of the dairy factory complex in Queen Street Levin for approximately \$21,500. Some work done on the building and plans produced to develop into a theatre. Concept not fully pursued, instead the building used for set building and storage.



**1983**

Society sell its property in McKenzie Street Levin, and pays the council the balance of the outstanding cost for the old lube bay area purchased in 1982.

**1988**

Society resolves to purchase the old dairy factory building from the council, and now owns, with a mortgage, a run down, dirty and leaking building, full of rubbish and birds.

**1989**

A start made to convert the old dairy factory into a theatre complex. A four-stage plan drawn up over a 10-year development period after many hours of voluntary labor and the support of local businesses, a usable complex started to become a reality. Amid scaffolding and with two thirds of floor in place, the Society produced Godspell directed by Geoff Turkington in its own home. A theatre was born.

**1992**

The lube bay and workshop area purchased in 1982/ 83 were sold, with proceeds used to clear debt, purchase chairs and theatrical lighting.

**1995**

The AGM of the Society resolves to change its name to The Levin Performing Arts Society Inc. in line with the theatre name of The Levin Performing Arts Centre.

An annual artistic award in association with the Levin Rotary Club introduced with a value of \$500 a year specifically to allow the recipient to further their development in the Performing Arts - open to 15-19-year old's and known as The Jack Lines Artistic Award.

**1996**

Following discussions with the Council the balance of the mortgage with them made interest free on the balance owing at that time.

**1998**

With the assistance of a Lottery Board grant and an interest free loan from the NZ Musical Theatre Federation, the Society builds a new committee room and bar facility, using member's voluntary labor.

On 17 May the new extensions were opened by Mrs. Muriel Saulbrey, with 90 members and invited guests in attendance.

**1999**

The Society assists with the organising for the successful Levin Street Party on State Highway 1 to welcome in the new millennium.

**2000**

The Jack Lines Artistic Award established with Levin Rotary finishes. A new Youth Artistic award established in partnership with the Horowhenua Creative Communities Committee with a monetary value of \$500.

**2004**

The Society introduces an awards system to recognise our own performers.

**2015**

The Society performs the world premiere of Aotearoa, directed by Lorraine Lepper.

**2018**

The Society performs the New Zealand premiere of Disenchanted, directed by Lorraine Lepper.

**2021**

The Society decides to re-brand itself with a new logo and the byline "Musical Theatre on Queen", this being a reference to the Society performing musicals and the theatre being situated on Queen Street.

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

Life membership to any organisation is something that should not be given lightly as it is an honour in recognition of person's special contributions to an organisation. In the case of the Society, this honour is bestowed by way of a unanimous vote at the Annual General Meeting, with specific guidelines applied which are detailed in the Societies' Manual of Administration.

Life Members are:

- Mr. C. Wallace, 1965
- Mr. T. Douds, 1965
- Mr. S.S. McMinn, 1969
- Mr. Tom Saulbrey, 1979
- Mrs. Judy Drake, 1983
- Mr. Rex Smith, 1986
- Mrs. Pam Smith, 1995
- Mrs. Lorraine Lepper, 2000
- Mrs. Norma Harper, 2001
- Mr. Mike Lepper, 2007
- Mr. Gordon Hughes, 2013
- Mr. Alex Gilchrist, 2014
- Mrs. Anthea Canty, 2015
- Mrs. Judith Hughes, 2015

## **FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY**

Since the inception of a Society Honours Board in 1988, select groups have been deemed to be Friends of the Society, in recognition of their continuing support of the Society over the years. Additions are subject to special conditions and are only considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

- Levin Borough Council, 1988
- Levin Gas, 1988
- Chainsaw Services, 1989
- John Huria (Devon Homes) Builders, 1990
- Hire Master Levin, 1990
- Resene Paints Levin, 1990
- Courtesy Ford (LMVD) Ltd, 1992
- Chainey Bros. Ltd Levin, 1992
- Horowhenua Motor Co. Ltd, 2000
- McLeods Paper Plus Levin, 2000
- Cobb & Co Family Restaurant, 2000
- Top Town Bacon, 2002
- Kaye Sign Service, 2004

## **THE BIRTH OF THE LEVIN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE**

The Centre was first used by the Society for live theatre in 1989, with the musical *Godspell*, directed by Geoff Turkington. Many materials used in the development were recycled from the old Regent Theatre in Levin, and the majority of the current flooring in the Centre is from that source.

A small band of workers, primarily the 1988/89 committee were responsible for the development done in a three-month period that allowed *Godspell* to take place. Committee members were:

President: Mike Lepper

Secretary: Jose Gill

Patron: Tom Saulbrey

Vice President: David Gill Jnr

Treasurer: Jose Gill

Committee - Lorraine Lepper, Zona May, Des Addison, Richard Burrows, Carol Timms, Liz Logan, Wayne Dustin, Sue Wolfenden, Jan Todd, Chris Hathaway, and Nigel Edgecombe.

### **The following is an extract from the local newspaper *The Weekly News*, published in March 1989 -**

Nostalgia will be the name of the game when patrons enter the foyer of the new Performing Arts Centre. The carpet, curtains and ticket box used to be part of the old Regent Theatre and Levin Operatic Society has revived an important section of Levin 'history with their reuse in the new centre. As you carry on into the centre you may even recognise the flooring which also was saved when the old theatre was demolished. Four months ago, it was decided that the major production for the year was going to be *Godspell*. A more far-reaching decision was for the Operatic Society to perform it in their own theatre which at that stage consisted of a concrete shell.

Since then this small Society with an even smaller budget has converted the old dairy factory into the Performing Arts Centre. With a lot of dedication and a lot harder work, a few people have got the building up to the required standards thus enabling it to be used as a much-needed amenity in the community. Behind the scenes there is still a lot to be done, but the hard work and sacrifices will be well worth it as the end result will be a cultural centre Levin can be proud of.

## **AWARDS**

From time to time, the Society enters competitions and the like, and awards to the Society have been ascertained as indicated:

### **1972**

Second place gained in the Federation of Operatic Societies programme competition for Ali Baba

### **1987**

Society wins the Federation of Operatic Societies competition "Chappell's Disaster Award" (what went wrong), for the Jesus Christ Superstar production

### **1992**

Society gains first place in the non-commercial section of the Chronicle Christmas Parade for its float from the production of Chicago.

### **1995**

The Society float of Annie placed as runner-up in the non-commercial section of the Chronicle Christmas Parade.

### **1996**

The Society float from the production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat placed as runner-up in the non-commercial section of the Chronicle Christmas Parade.

### **2009**

NZ Musical Theatre Black & White programme competition winner for Blue Eyes.

### **2021**

NZ Musical Theatre Youth Programme Award – The Lion King Jr.  
The White Audio Silver Programme Award - Chicago

## **MUSICAL THEATRE NZ – MERIT AWARDS**

These are awards that recognise outstanding contributions to musical theatre.

**1995** – Tom Saalbrey

**2003** – Norma Harper

**2020** – Judy Drake

## YOUTH ARTISTIC AWARD

In 1995, the Society in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Levin introduced an artistic award for a four-year period. The award was for 15-19-year old's who wished to attend further training to develop their skills in the performing arts. Recipients to reside in the Horowhenua and the award had a monetary value of \$500.

Recipients were:

**1996** -Alison Cormack and Katie Rothnie

**1997** -Darlene Mohekey and Alice Beban

**1998** -Lynda Morris, Robert Broughton, and Kushla Stewart

**1999** -Katie Cotter

This award arrangement then expired, and the Society joined the Horowhenua Creative Communities Committee in continuing this scheme for a two-year period, and the recipients were:

**2000** -Sam Shore

This award was then suspended.

## LPAS AWARDS – THE SAULBREYS

In 2004 the Society introduced these awards to recognize the performances of those on our stage. Recipients have been as follows -

**2004**

### **Female Performance**

Claire Shepherd: Les Mis

Tacita Bohan: Show Stoppers

Ali Taylor: Nunsense II

### **Male Performance**

Chris Green: Les Mis

Ricky Hei: Show Stoppers

### **Youth Award**

Rosie Clark: Les Mis

### **New Face**

Hepa Kahui: Les Mis



**Female Support**

Anthea Canty: Les Mis

**Male Support**

Chris Craddock: Show Stoppers

**Female Supreme**

Tacita Bohan: Show Stoppers

**Male Supreme**

Chris Green: Les Mis



**2005**

**Female Performance**

Stephanie Greenslade: Sound of Music

Jenna Wicks: Disco Inferno

**Male Performance**

Nigel Hewitt: Sound of Music

Tahana Parker: Disco Inferno

**Youth Performance**

Aisling Bohan: Ratbags and Bailey McIndoe



**New Face**

Shay Wicks: Disco Inferno

**Female Support**

Glenice Hoskins: Sound of Music

**Male Support**

Alex Coogan-Reeves: Sound of Music

**Directors Award**

Mark Pene: Sound of Music

**Female Supreme**

Stephanie Greenslade: Sound of Music

**Male Supreme**

Tahana Parker: Disco Inferno





The awards were then suspended and started again in 2017

## 2017

### Female Performance

Tacita Bohan: Annie

Sjan Giles-Oza: All Shook Up

### Male Performance

Bernard O'Brien: Annie

Frazer Double: All Shook Up

### Youth Performance

Mischa O'Brien: Annie

### New Face

Charli Robinson: Annie

Lisa Lynn: All Shook Up

### Female Support

Jennie Fergusson: Annie

Stephanie Greenslade: All Shook Up

### Male Support

John Manville: Annie

Xavier Hirini: All Shook Up

### Cameo

Gary Aitchison: Annie

John Manville: All Shook Up

### Ensemble

Caitlin Sanson: All Shook Up

### Director's Award

Bernard O'Brien: Annie

Sam Saili: All Shook Up

### Female Supreme

Tacita Bohan: Annie

### Male Supreme

Frazer Double: All Shook Up



## 2018

### Male Youth

Jonty Praat: Starblaze

### Female Youth

Caitlin O'Neill: Starblaze

### Ensemble

Caitlin Sanson: Rock of Ages



### Cameo

Libby Bruhn: Disenchanted

Stephanie Greenslade: Rock of Ages

### Female Support

Ana Harkin: Disenchanted

Libby Bruhn: Rock of Ages



### Male Support

Anthony Butterfield: Rock of Ages

### New Face

Corey McAleese: Rock of Ages

### Female Lead

Jennie Fergusson: Disenchanted

Jenna Wicks: Rock of Ages



### Male Lead

Bernard O'Brien: Rock of Ages

### Director's Award

Amber Rollinson: Starblaze

Norman: Disenchanted

Ria Saili: Rock of Ages

### Female Supreme

Ana Harkin: Disenchanted

### Male Supreme

Bernard O'Brien: Rock of Ages



## **2019/2020**

### **Support/Cameo**

Marcus Wolland: Jesus Christ Superstar

Tua Fa'avale: Chicago

Stephanie Greenslade: Chicago

### **Ensemble**

Owen Walburn: Jesus Christ Superstar

Kalanee Wicks: Lion King Jr.

Florian Schrimpf: Chicago

Shay Mitchell: Chicago

### **Female Performance**

Jenna Wicks: Jesus Christ Superstar

Kristy Bullians: Chicago

### **Male Performance**

Adam Praat: Jesus Christ Superstar

Marcus Wolland: Chicago

### **Director's Choice**

Margaret Sanson: Jesus Christ Superstar

Aaliyah Wicks: Lion King Jr.

Florian Schrimpf: Chicago

### **Female Youth**

Mischa O'Brien: Lion King Jr

### **Male Youth**

Tyson Jones: Lion King Jr.

### **New Face**

Florian Schrimpf

### **Female Supreme**

Kristy Bullians: Chicago

### **Male Supreme**

Marcus Wolland: Chicago

## **2021/2022**

### **Youth Awards**

#### **Youth Female Lead**

Amber Rollinson: Frozen Jr.

Kaydence Mose Tuiali: Moana Jr.

**Youth Male Lead**

Anthony Tautari: Frozen Jr.

Phillip Finau: Moana Jr.

**Ensemble Performance**

Meyah Whaitri: Moana Jr.

**Director's Choice**

Taylah Harvey: Moana Jr.

**Youth Cameo**

Kalanee Rauhihi-Wicks: Frozen Jr.

**Youth Male Support**

Leo Martin Arnault: Frozen Jr.

**Youth Female Support**

Charli O'Brien: Frozen Jr.

**Adult Awards**

**Cameo**

Debs Phillips: A Slice of Saturday Night

**New Face Male**

James Hooper-Smith: Mamma Mia!

**New Face Female**

Devaney Prosser-Hill: Sound of Music

**Ensemble Male**

John Manville: Mamma Mia!

**Ensemble Female**

Sandra Patterson: Sound of Music

**Male Support**

Florian Schrimpf: Sound of Music

**Female Support**

Sarsha Forbes: Mamma Mia!

**Director's Choice:**

Florian Schrimpf: Sound of Music; Sean Turner: A Slice of Saturday Night; Jenna Wicks: Mamma Mia!

**Male Lead:**

Sean Turner: A Slice of Saturday Night

**Female Lead**

Jenna Wicks: Mamma Mia!

**LPAS Male Supreme Award**

Florian Schrimpf: Sound of Music

**LPAS Female Supreme Award**

Sarsha Forbes: Mamma Mia!

These awards have now been suspended.

## **SOCIETY AWARD**

This award is made by the Society annually and is awarded to a person who has made a significant contribution to the Society over the previous 12 months. The award is presented at the annual awards night.

**2004** – Tacita Bohan

**2005** – Margaret Sanson

**2017** - Adam Praat

**2018** – Libby Bruhn and Ann Clark

**2021** – Libby Bruhn

**2022** – Kenneth Ireland

**2023** – Steven Knight

## **AWARDS – THE GLOBES (REGIONAL AWARDS)**

The Globe Theatre in Palmerston North introduced the concept of The Globes recognising live theatre in the greater Manawatu area undertaken by amateur live theatre providers.

Nominees and recipients for our theatre have been:

**2015**

**Aotearoa**

**Choreography:** Margaret Sanson

**Cameo role:** **Stephanie Greenslade (winner)**

**Ensemble:** **(winner)**

**Male Emerging Actor:** **Asaria Sale (winner)**

**Best NZ Musical Premier:** **(winner)**

**Most Outstanding new NZ production:** **(winner)**

**2016**

**Oliver**

**Ensemble**

**Male emerging actor:** **Larry McMyler (winner)**

**Musical Director** - Colin Taylor

**Grease**

**Choreography:** **Margaret Sanson (winner)**

**Male Support Actor:** Bernard O'Brien

**Female Support Actor:** Aisling Bohan

**Male Actor:** Asaria Saili

**Cameo role:** **Sam Saili (winner)**

**Musical Director:** **Adam Praat (winner)**

**2017**

**Annie**

**Emerging Actor** – Charli Robinson

**Musical Direction** – Colin Taylor

**Emerging Director** – Stephanie Greenslade

**All Shook Up**

**Male Support:** Sam Saili

**Male Lead:** Fraser Double and Ria Saili

**Female Lead:** Sjan Giles Oza

**Musical Direction:** Adam Praat

**Cameo role:** Stephanie Greenslade

**Concept and Design:** Tacita Bohan

### **AWARDS – REGIONAL THEATRE AWARDS**

The Regional Theatre Awards recognise live theatre in the greater Manawatu area undertaken by amateur live theatre providers.

Nominees for our theatre have been:

**2018**

**Starblaze**

**Youth Production:** Sjan Giles-Oza

**Youth Performer (Female):** Caitlyn O'Neill

**Youth Performer (Male):** **Jonty Praat (winner)**, Tiernan Spalding

**Musical Direction:** Adam Praat

**Debut Director:** Sjan Giles-Oza

**Disenchanted**

**Cameo:** Anika Harkin, Asaria Saili

**Musical Direction:** Colin Taylor

**Director (Musical):** Lorraine Lepper

**Rock of Ages**

**Emerging Performer:** Corey McAleese

**Concept and Design (Musical):** Tacita Bohan

**Ensemble:** Rock of Ages

**Connection Between Characters:** William Gilbert and Corey McAleese

**Male Supporting Actor (Musical):** Anthony Butterfield, Marcus Wolland

**Female Supporting Actor (Musical):** Jenna Wicks

**Male Actor (Musical):** Bernard O'Brien, Asaria Saili

**Female Actor (Musical):** Kaylee Wicks

**Musical Direction:** Adam Praat

**Director (Musical):** Tacita Bohan

2019

**Jesus Christ Superstar**

**Female Support:** Jenna Wicks

**Male Support:** Marcus Wolland (winner)

**Male Lead:** Anthony Butterfield, Adam Praat

**Musical Direction:** Adam Praat

**Director:** Tacita Bohan

2020

**Lion King Jr**

**Concept and Design:** LPAS

**Debut Director:** Bernard O'Brien and Jenna Wicks (winner)

**Musical Direction:** Asaria Saili (special commendation)

**Connection Between Characters:** Mischa O'Brien and Kalanne Wicks

**Youth Production**

**Youth Performer:** Mischa O'Brien and Kalanne Wicks (highly commended)

**Chicago**

**Direction Musical:** Lorraine Lepper

**Ensemble**

**Cameo:** Stephanie Greenslade

**Concept and Design:** Lorraine Lepper

**Technical Design and Operation:** Production team

**Choreography:** Caitlin Sanson

**Emerging Performer:** Kristy Bullians (winner)

**Male Supporting Actor:** Tua Fa'avale

**Female Supporting Actor:** Tacita Bohan

**Male Actor:** Marcus Wolland

**Female Actor:** Kaylee Wicks and Kristy Bullians

2021

**Moana Jr**

**Direction of a Youth Production:** Stephanie Greenslade (special commendation)

**Musical Direction of a Youth Production:** Asaria Saili (winner)

**Youth Performance in a Female Role:** Kaydence Mose Tuidalii, Angelina Toeleiu (special commendation)

**Youth Performance in a Male Role:** Taniela Taufeulungaki, Phillip Finau (special commendation)

**Ensemble in a Musical:** Moana Jr (special commendation)

**Emerging Performer in a Youth Production:** Taniela Taufeulungaki, Angelina Toeleiu (special commendation)

**Choreography:** Caitlin Sanson

**The Sound of Music**

**Director (musical):** Margaret Sanson

**Musical Direction:** Colin Taylor (special commendation)

**Best Newcomer in a Supporting Female Role in a Musical:** Kirsty Warden (winner)

**Best Performance of a Supporting Male Role in a Musical:** Florian Schrimpf (winner)

**Performance in a Female Role in a Musical:** Marigold Fergusson, Devaney Prosser-Hill

**Performance in a Male Role in a Musical:** Bernard O'Brien

**Concept and Design:** LPAS

**Emerging Performer:** Devaney Prosser-Hill, Oliver Bau

**Ensemble (musical):** Kirsty Warden, Gail Lucinsky, Ana Harkin, Leona van der Heyden, Debs Phillips, Donna Hannan, Janelle Clement, Jazz Aungiers, Jill Aungiers, Vicki Partridge

In 2021 the society resolved to discontinue its participation in these awards.



## **SOCIETY COMMITTEES**

### **Patron**

**1956:** HE Herring  
**1957-65:** EW Wise  
**1966-71:** CE Fuller  
**1972:** AJH (Jack) Allen  
**1973:** LB Roberts  
**1974:** C Wallace  
**1975-77:** Jack Allen  
**1978-98:** Tom Saalbrey  
**1999 – 2010:** Norma Harper  
**2011 – 2014:** Pam Smith  
**2015:** Judy Drake

### **President**

**1956:** SJ Thompson  
**1957-61:** SS McMinn  
**1962-63:** WHC Robson  
**1964:** RH Williams  
**1965:** G Herbert  
**1966:** S Fry  
**1967-68:** Alec Gilroy  
**1969:** Rosemary Robertson  
**1970-71:** DE Willcox  
**1972:** Jim McNabb  
**1973-74:** Jack Allen  
**1975-78:** Jim McNabb  
**1979-85:** Rex Smith  
**1986:** Danny Healy  
**1987-88:** Sue Wolfenden  
**1989- 2005:** Mike Lepper  
**2006:** Peter Franklin  
**2007:** Julian White  
**2008:** Alex Gilchrist  
**2009 – 10:** Peter Franklin  
**2011 – 14:** Chris Craddock  
**2015:** Tahana Parker  
**2016 – 17:** Les Frost  
**2018-2022:** Tacita Bohan  
**2023 -** Margaret Sanson

## **Vice President**

**1956-58:** DP Todd  
**1959:** SJ Thompson  
**1960:** WG Phillips  
**1961:** RH Williams  
**1962-63:** CS Kedwell  
**1964:** G Herbert  
**1965:** R Thompson  
**1966:** K Hager  
**1967-68:** Rosemary Robertson  
**1969:** Syd Richardson  
**1970:** Rosemary Robertson  
**1971-73:** Syd Richardson  
**1974:** Jim McNabb  
**1975-79:** Rex Smith  
**1980-81:** Grant Issac  
**1982-83:** Judy Drake  
**1984:** Denise Hunter  
**1985:** Danny Healy  
**1986:** Sue Wolfenden  
**1987:** Pat Wikstrom  
**1988:** Bob Stephenson  
**1989-91:** David Gill Jnr  
**1992-94:** Chris Lawton  
**1995 – 2005:** Nigel Hewitt  
**2006:** Les Frost  
**2007 – 10:** Chris Craddock  
**2011 - 2014:** Karly Murch  
**2015:** Peter Franklin  
**2016 – 17:** Tacita Bohan  
**2018-2022:** Margaret Sanson  
**2023 –** Anthea Canty

## **Secretary**

**1956:** WG Phillips  
**1957-59:** RH Williams  
**1960-63:** WHC Robson  
**1964:** TE Douds  
**1965:** CM Wallace  
**1966:** Alec Gilroy  
**1967-68:** Lleweln Morris  
**1969-70:** Bob Bird  
**1971:** Clyde Dawson  
**1972:** Chloe Sextus  
**1973:** R Heard  
**1974:** Barbara Brown  
**1975:** Chloe Eastham  
**1976-78:** Judy Drake  
**1979:** Pam Smith  
**1980-81:** J Nicholl  
**1982:** Donna Rowe  
**1983:** Angela Battie  
**1981-86:** Pat Wikstrom  
**1987:** Grenville Walker  
**1988-89:** Jose Gill  
**1990 – 2005:** Lorraine Lepper  
**2006:** Val Franklin  
**2014:** Gayle Staats  
**2015:** Val Franklin  
**2015:** Lorraine Lepper

**Treasurer**

**1956-61:** F Hamilton-Jones

**1962-65:** PK Hardacre

**1966:** Alec Gilroy

**1967-68:** Noel Warner

**1969-70:** Terry Leadbeater

**1971-72:** Gary Rhodes

**1973:** Owen Smeaton

**1974:** Barbara Brown

**1975:** Chloe Eastham

**1976-78:** Carroll Bengé

**1979:** Chris Hadlum

**1980-82:** Carroll Bengé

**1983-84:** Angela Battie

**1985-86:** Denise Hunter

**1987-92:** Jose Gill

**1993:** Shirley Silvester

**1991:** Lesley Walsh

**1995-96:** Nikki Carroll

**1997-99:** Lorraine Lepper

**2000 -02:** Nikki Carroll

**2003 - 06:** Pauline Wilkinson

**2007 - 13:** Colin Honey

**2014:** Les Frost/Colin Honey

**2015:** Les Frost

**2016:** Mike Lepper

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **1956**

C Davie, G Hesp, C Wallace, R Lester, Jean Scott, AW Paton, J Murphy, CS Kedwell

### **1957**

WG Phillips, E Stanley, R Lester, K Smith, AI Chambers, P Roe, G Herbert, C Cladwell. A Thompson. A Fletcher, AW Paton, J Murphy, CW Wallace, SJ Thompson. GB Hesp, CS Kedwell

### **1958**

CB Greenaway, P Roe, D Espiner, J Bowden, C Milnes, R Meinuna, Glen Herbert, Roy Lester, El Stanley, WG Phillips, MEF Smith, SJ Thompson, AW Paton, CS Kedwell, J Murphy.  
CW Wallace, DP Todd, C Davie

### **1959**

El Stanley, CB Greenaway, Alf Leebrick, Ron Meinuna

### **1960**

Mrs. Donovan, TJ Coutie, J Wilson, R Williams, G Herbert, Joan Ransom, Ralph Hayes

### **1961**

DP Todd, AW Parton, J Murphy, C Wallace, SJ Thompson, GC Davie, RH Williams, TJ Coutie, CS Keedwall, G Herbert, TJ Wilson

### **1962-63**

BJ Antcliffe, JT Wilson, RT Mortiboy, JS Tomlinson, HS Wakev, SJ Thompson, SS McMinn, A JV Paton, RA Prouse, TF Thornton, WG Phillips, C Wallace

### **1964**

T Heremaia, E Martin, T Tomlinson, CW Wallace, J McCartney, T Madigan

### **1965**

RH Williams, AH Fuller, Tom Saulbrey, S Hickey, N Thompson, Margaret Craddock, ER McRoberts

### **1966**

E Martin, AI Parkin, Des Johns, M Conlon, A Fuller, Rosemary Robertson

### **1967-68**

Elizabeth Denby, Barbara Jones, Lorna O 'Sullivan, Syd Richardson, Eric Jorgensen, Bob Bird

### **1969**

Tom Saulbrey, Ralph Hayes, Ben O 'Sullivan, Coral Taylor, Fay Hampton, Janice Dafmar

### **1970**

Jim McNabb, Heather Siddall, Ralph Hayes, Janice Dalma, Syd Richardson, C Dawson

**1971**

Shirley Wilson, Heather Siddall, Chloe Sextus, Jim McNabb, Fred Marchant

**1972**

Dorothy Austin, Bill Borlase, Clyde Dawson, Peter Hope, Penny Langtry, David Reefman, Heather. Siddall, Owen Smeaton, Rex Smith, Dennitts Wilcox

**1973**

G Aitken, D Austin, Clyde Dawson, Chloe Eastham, I Heard. Penny Langtry, Jim McNabb, David Reefman, Gary Rhodes, Rex Smith

**1974**

Gary Aitken, John Dageley, Clyde Dawson, Ray Harrison. Penny Langtry, Diana Rhodes, John McSkimming, Rex Smith

**1975**

Pam Smith, Judy Drake, Carroll Benge, Yvonne Barker, Freda Baetty, Ray Harrison, Owen Smeaton, Dot Wenham

**1976-77**

Pam Smith, Yvonne Barker, Ruth Osborne, L.vn Powell, Janet Tate. Freda Beatty. Ron Barker

**1978**

Pam Smith, Judy Drake, Shirley Wilton, Ron Barker, Margaret Craddock, Yvonne Barker, Clyde Dawson, Norma Harper

**1979**

Yvonne Barker, Ron Barker, Donna Rowe, Grant Issac, H Evers, E Evers, Alan Mitchell, Freda Smith, Margaret Craddock, Norma Harper

**1980**

Norma Harper, J Scriven, Yvonne Barker, H Evers, Donna Rowe, Pam Smith, Judy Drake, Ron Barker, Alan Mitchell.

**1981**

J Williams, H Evers, D McNabb, K Benge, L Van Nistelroy, B White, Jim McNabb

**1982**

Grant Issac, Jim McNabb, Ross Hunter, Carl Carlisle, Ivan Clough, Jenny Nichol, Helen Evers, Denise Harris, Alison Hunt, Rhona Johnson, Rosemary Robertson

**1983**

T Van Der Ham, Alison Hunt, Jim McNabb, Donna Rowe, Wayne Dustin, Carl Carlisle, Margaret Dustin, Ross Hunter, Denise Hunter, Joan Hobbs, Helen Evers, Ivan Clough, Grant Issac, Noeline Allan

**1984**

Margaret Lawton, Zona May, Alison Hunt, Joan Hobbs, Beatrice Lynch, Judy Drake, Ross Hunter, Jim Upritchard, Wayne Dustin, Sally Castle, Danny Healy, Michael Ryder, Geoff Denton

**1985**

Wayne Dustin, Geoff Denton, Ross Hunter, Jim Jepson, Jim Upritchard, Judy Drake, Joan Hobbs, David Gill Jnr, Margaret Lawton, Syd Richardson, Patricia Manz, Zona May, Averil Briggs, Helen Olendzki

**1986**

Judy Drake, B Smith, Jose Gill, Ross Hunter, Geoff Denton, Rex Smith, G Lawton, Carl Carlisle, David Gill Jnr, Wayne Dustin, S Smith, Ivan Clough, Shala Whittington, Angela James, Anthea Smith

**1987**

Wayne Dustin, Paul Weaver, Marilyn Nicely, Tom Emmerly, Joan Hobbs, Ross Hunter, K Gray, Judy Drake, Bob Stephenson

**1988**

Lorraine Lepper, Zona May, Wayne Dustin, Marilyn Nicely, Danny Healey, Pat Wikstrom, David Gill Jnr, Dave Andrew, Liz Logan, Mike Lepper

**1989**

Lorraine Lepper, Zona May, Des Addison, Richard Burrows, Carol Timms, Liz Logan, Chris Hathaway, Jan Todd, Nigel Edgecombe, Sue Wolfenden, Wayne Dustin

**1990**

Wayne Dustin, Carol Timms, Des Addison, Marilyn Nicely, Nigel Edgecombe, Zona May, Richard Burrows, Jan Todd, Bob Stephenson, Paul Fallen, Lyn Powell, Tacita Lepper, Trevor Kenward

**1991**

Marilyn Nicely, Zona May, Carol Timms, Robyn Osborne, Dave Osborne, Chris Lawton, Trevor Kenward, Paul Fallen, Linda Ransom, Zona May

**1992**

Carol Timms, Marilyn Nicely, Racheal Ames, Nigel Hewitt, Zona May, Sue Wolfenden, Amanda Stewart, John Silvester, Shirley Silvester, Judith Hughes, Kerry Mitchell, Vanessa Matakatea, Zo

**1993**

Greg Canty, John Silvester, Judith Hughes, Gordon Hughes, Carol Timms, Zona May, Jose Gill, Kerry Mitchell, Nigel Hewitt, Vanessa Matakatea

**1994**

Bevin Sanson, Margaret Perry, Dominic Lepper, Carol Timms, Tony Wallace, Gordon Hughes, Greg Canty, Nigel Hewitt, Keith Dixon, Maurice Smith, Judith Hughes, Anthea Smith, Zona May

**1995**

Bevin Sanson, Margaret Perry, Carol Timms, Tony Wallace, Greg Canty, Gordon Hughes, Maurice Smith, Judith Hughes. Anthea Smith, Tacita Bohan, Gerard Bohan, Lesley Walsh, Graham Strode-Penny

**1996**

Greg Canty, Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Carol Timms, Gordon Hughes, Bevin Sanson, Margaret Sanson, Tony Wallace, Anthea Canty, Gerard Bohan, Lesley Walsh, Andrea Potts

**1997**

Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Gordon Hughes, Margaret Sanson, Tony Wallace, Anthea Canty, Gerard Bohan, Lesley Walsh, Nikki Carroll, Margaret Sheridan, Maurice Smith, Judith Hughes

**1998**

Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Gordon Hughes, Bevin Sanson, Tony Wallace, Anthea Canty, Gerard Bohan, Judith Hughes, Marlene Matehe, Grant Goodwin, Paul Fallen

**1999**

Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Gordon Hughes, Tony Wallace, Anthea Canty, Gerard Bohan, Judith Hughes, Marlene Matehe, Paul Fallen, Nikki Carroll, Carol Christiansen, Tony Rothnie, Alana Clifford

**2000**

Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Gordon Hughes, Anthea Canty, Gerard Bohan, Judith Hughes, Carol Christiansen, Alana Clifford. Ruth Bastet, Hec Newton, Kristy Strode-Penny, Andrea Marshall, Craig Marrshall

**2001**

Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Gordon Hughes, Anthea Canty, Gerard Bohan, Judith Hughes, Carol Christiansen, Ruth Bastet, Hec Newton, Kristy Strode-Penny, Margaret Sanson, Willis Beckett, Lani Van der Made

**2002**

Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Gordon Hughes, Anthea Canty, Gerard Bohan, Judith Hughes, Carol Christiansen, Maree Michell, Margaret Sanson, June Kelly, Stephanie Greenslade

**2003**

Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Gordon Hughes, Anthea Canty, Gerard Bohan, Judith Hughes, Maree Michell, Margaret Sanson, June Kelly, Jacqui Sayer, Stephanie Greenslade

**2004**

Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Gordon Hughes, Anthea Canty, Gerard Bohan, Judith Hughes, Fleur O'Sullivan, Maree Michell, June Kelly, Jacqui Sayer, Stephanie Greenslade.

**2005**

Dominic Lepper, Tacita Bohan, Gordon Hughes, Anthea Canty, Judith Hughes, Fleur O'Sullivan, Maree Michell, Stephen Knight, Pauline Wilkinson, Stephanie Greenslade

**2006**

Judith Hughes, Gordon Hughes, Grant Michell, Tacita Bohan, Fleur O'Sullivan, Nick Rolls, Margaret Sanson, Tahana Parker, Pauline Wilkinson, Debbie Morgan, Colleen Cowley, Linda Buckley.

**2007**

Judith Hughes, Gordon Hughes, Grant Michell, Maree Michell, Pauline Wilkinson

**2008**

Colleen Cowley, Grant Michell, Maree Michell, Linda Buckley

**2009**

Sonya Finlayson, Trish Overend, Fleur O'Sullivan, Wayne Glover

**2010**

Wayne Reid, Trish Overend, Sue Sharples, Fleur O'Sullivan, Wayne Glover, Sonya Findlayson

**2014**

Reuben Price, Max Wilkins-Baigent, Carolyn Tinney, Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Selena McDonald, Colin Finlayson, Sonya Finlayson

**2015**

Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Marie Michell, Judith Hughes, Colin Finlayson, Sonya Finlayson

**2016**

Margaret Sanson, Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Mary Dacombe-Bird, Marie Michell

**2017**

Margaret Sanson, Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Marie Michell, Anthea Canty, Sjan Giles-Oza

**2018**

Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Marie Michell, Anthea Canty, Sjan Giles-Oza, Kerilyn Moore

**2019**

Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Anthea Canty, Kerilyn Moore, Jenna Wicks

**2020**

Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Anthea Canty, Kerilyn Moore, Jenna Wicks, Sandra Patterson, Ann Clark

**2021**

Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Anthea Canty, Kerilyn Moore, Jenna Wicks, Sandra Patterson, Ann Clark



**2022**

Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Anthea Canty, Kerilyn Moore, Libby Bruhn, Sandra Patterson, Susan Angus, Ann Clark

**2023**

Jan Reid, Wayne Reid, Anthea Canty, Kerilyn Moore, Libby Bruhn, Sandra Patterson, Donna Aitchison, Bronya Davies