

# [April 2022 Newsletter]



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## EVENTS ARE BACK AT THE THEATRE!

Finally, finally, FINALLY our theatre family can come back together again. WE'VE MISSED YOU. We can't wait to see you back at *The Theatre* for one (or all) of our upcoming events. With free magic, live music, improv comedy, and world-class theatre, there's bound to be something you'll like.

### VACCINE PASSES NO LONGER REQUIRED

And with seating limits no longer affecting our wonderfully intimate venue, we can operate at any traffic light. As per government guidelines, mask use is strongly encouraged and, when the bar is open, you must be seated to consume your beverage.



*Albi & the Wolves, The Golden Ass, and the Shakespeare Workshop* are brought to you with help from:

**WED MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>: LIVE MUSIC**  
**\*\*\* ONE SHOW ONLY \*\*\***  
NZVMA winners *Albi & the Wolves* come to entertain Waihi on Wednesday May 4th as part of their nationwide tour. Not just a band, but a whole theatrical experience, this energetic trio will make your midweek sing!

Tickets: \$20 each from Waihi Stationery or via the bookings phone on 021 250 7918.

BAR opens 6.30pm

Hauraki District



### WHAT'S ON

April 21: MAGIC SHOW  
*Brendan Dooley* FREE

April 24: PLAYREADING  
Table read FREE

May 4: LIVE MUSIC  
*Albi & The Wolves*  
Tickets \$20 each from Waihi Stationery

May 6: CINEMA CLUB  
*Green Book* \$10  
\*\*\* members only\*\*\*

May 14: LIVE COMEDY  
*Honest Liars*  
2pm workshop \$15  
7pm show \$20  
Go to both \$30  
Tickets: [waihidrama.co.nz](http://waihidrama.co.nz)

June: LIVE MUSIC /FILM  
*Sean Kelly & The Super 8s*  
details to be confirmed

July 24: LIVE THEATRE  
*Michael Hurst in The Golden Ass* \$22  
Tickets: [waihidrama.co.nz](http://waihidrama.co.nz)

August 13-14: WORKSHOP  
*Shakespeare in the Community*  
with Michael Hurst.



It's the show where you NEVER know what will happen next. **Honest Liars** are an improv comedy group that had the audience rolling in the aisles last time they were in Waihi. The hilarity returns on Saturday May 14th with a workshop and a show.

**HONEST LIARS: MAY 14TH**

2pm: improv workshop \$15each  
7pm: live performance \$20each

Tickets on our website:  
[www.waihidrama.co.nz](http://www.waihidrama.co.nz)

bar opens at 6.30pm

(Age advisory  
content suitable 16+)



Coming July 24



**\*\*\* ONE NIGHT ONLY \*\*\* SUNDAY JULY 24TH, 4PM**  
One man. One suitcase. A cast of thousands.

In the second of our ARTS ON TOUR NZ events we present a modern take on the only first century Latin novel to survive in its entirety. Michael Hurst plays Lucius Apuleius, a virile young Roman man who is obsessed with magic. On a trip to Thessaly, the weird centre of spookiness in the ancient world, he finds himself in a position to witness an actual spell being cast. But his over-enthusiasm leads him into an alarming accidental transformation. Oops.

His struggle to return to his human form has him fall into a froth of irreverent and often ludicrous adventures involving simple-minded husbands, adulterous wives, clever lovers, bandits, witches, donkeys and a panoply of outrageous characters.

There'll be no holds barred as Michael takes on this scary, bawdy, beautiful Roman classic, fusing it with his own experience as a story teller. A thoroughly modern take on what is ultimately a story of redemption and the power of love.

Tickets on our website: [www.waihidrama.co.nz](http://www.waihidrama.co.nz)

**CINEMA CLUB**

Friday May 6th: 7pm



**\*\*\* Members only \*\*\***

This triple oscar- winning film stars Viggo Mortensen as a working-class bouncer. He becomes the driver for a classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South.

\$10 per person payable on the night. Or FREE if you start or renew your membership.

Thanks to COVID, we can't serve refreshments but you're welcome to bring your own.

**HELP!**

We could do with a couple more PROJECTIONISTS. Are you up for it? LET US KNOW

Your 2021/22 Committee:

- President: Lucy James
- Vice-President: Sylvia Francis
- Secretary: Lauren Cowgill
- Treasurer: Fi Gudsell
- Colin Francis
- Paddy James
- Steve Philps





**THU APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> \*\*\* FREE ONLINE SHOW \*\*\***

Actually, you don't even have to come to the theatre for this one. Thanks to Arts on Tour NZ, **Brendan Dooley** is bringing his magic online and performing a FREE 40 minute show via zoom.

Click here to join the Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84615265899?pwd=VzFoSVZFZZ2licERNNXIESIhBSHBDQT09>

Meeting ID: 846 1526 5899 Passcode: 3XuwJJ

**PENCILLED IN FOR JUNE**

And now for something completely different ... LIVE MUSIC from Sean Kelly played to a backdrop of Super8 movies filmed in Ireland.

You'll see rural videos of Donegal landscapes and its people, also urban images of Derry City, including a particularly poignant performance of Phil Coulter's *The Town I Love So Well*.



**SHAKESPEARE FOR THE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: AUGUST 13TH & 14TH**



We've been trying to bring this to you since 2020! But it was seriously worth the wait. The super-talented Michael Hurst is coming to Waihi for an entire weekend dedicated to the world's most beloved bard.

During the 2-day workshop, Michael will cover Shakespearean acting, understanding a script, the use of voice, and physical & character learning. We're still nailing down times and pricing but thanks to Hauraki District Council's Creative Communities Scheme, you'll be getting world-class tuition at a huge discount.

This workshop is open to everyone in the community but places will be limited so get in early.

**ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE**

Life-member Barry Magowan has drawn up some brilliant plans for The Theatre's toilet upgrades. We kicked off the project with \$1500 from the **ALL TOGETHER NOW** concerts back in November. Quotes have been requested from local builders and we will apply for further funding once these quotes have been received. Watch this space...but not the disabled parking space ... some rotter stole that sign!



**SUNDAY PLAYREADINGS:  
begin APRIL 24TH, 4PM**

Just for fun ... a table read-through of plays we're considering putting on. We thought we'd start with **THE VIEWING ROOM** by Mark Smith.

You don't need to be anything like the character you're reading ... you could be a WW2 pilot ... or a 6yr old at a funfair ... you could be an entirely different gender. We just want to see how the words come off the page and if the play is something you would like to see on stage.

We anticipate the playreadings becoming regular-ish' events.

And one final note...  
(based on much experience) ...  
**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR  
READING GLASSES!**



<u>CHARACTER NAME</u>	<u>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Matthew Dumbrosky	Youngest son. Witty and sarcastic, full of angst.	40's
Chester Dumbrosky	Recently deceased father, retired military, frugal	80's
Florence Dumbrosky	Mother. Ditzzy. Traditionalist Prone to malapropisms.	70's
Steven Dumbrosky	Middle son. Ex-athlete. Somewhat arrogant.	50's
Patti Dumbrosky	Older daughter. Nurse. Forgiving	40's
Debby Dumbrosky	Younger daughter. Clairvoyant. Outspoken.	40's
Chet Jr. Dumbrosky	Estranged eldest son. Musician	50's
Jay Hollerback	Funeral Home Director. Solemn. Very good at his job.	50's

**We're still looking for a Director for this play ... if you're interested ... LET US KNOW**

**IN OTHER NEWS ...**

- Thanks to Colin & Sylvia for the tidy-up around The Theatre grounds - the place is looking (as Colin would say) 'smashing'. Lucy & Paddy have been doing the same inside and Simon and his rigging crew have been working on the backstage improvements. So we're definitely ready for visitors.
- We've signed up with a new ticketing agent and now you should be able to book tickets for upcoming shows straight from our website: [www.waihidrama.co.nz](http://www.waihidrama.co.nz) or by clicking on the Facebook events. You still get to go and visit Simon at Waihi Stationery for your Albi & the Wolves tickets though. If you can't make it in, there is a bookings phone number: 021 250 7918.
- The bar will be back in operation for Albi & The Wolves and Honest Liars shows. We're trying to come up with an eftpos solution but for now, it's cash only.
- Sometimes the old ways work best so we've decided to keep a record of members at The Theatre in a handy card file so you can check we have your correct details & when you last renewed your membership. Any chance you have an old Rolodex?



*If you have an old Rolodex or similiar you'd like to donate, please let us know.*