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Performance Notice

See more inside...

When chasing your dreams
it helps to be a little crazy

COSI

By LOUIS NOWRA
Directed by Garry Thomas

24 April - 4 May
Wed to Sat 7.30pm
\$20 waged, \$15 unwaged

To book
phone (03) 355 8874 or book online at www.elmwood-players.org.nz
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COSI cast ...

Lewis – Chris Wood

Roy – Stephen Ingwell

Doug – Jesse Hobbs

Julie – Libby Wilson

Ruth – Aimee Borlase

Cherry – Karyn Gibson

Henry – Steve Millar

Zac – Geoff Kendall

Lucy – Genna-Kate Ryan

Nick – Jamie Billings

Justin – Barry Tomkinson



Prez's Corner



Welcome fellow Elmwoodites, as we prepare for our 2013-14 year.

“Cosi”

We are now well into rehearsal mode and it's all looking good for our first adult production of the year. A fairly large cast (of eleven) sees some new and returning faces to Elmwood, plus some regulars in there as well. This is a great piece of theatre, and requires a fine balance of humour and drama. There's some great characters in the play, and watch out for the “go burn a cat” catch phrase.

“Someone Who'll Watch Over Me”

Marilyn Ollett (Director) is already plotting and planning for this excellent piece of theatre. Caught her in the auditorium last week sorting out her stage plan, and it doesn't open til mid-June – and I thought I was bad. Auditions are set for 13 April with three great roles on offer; details are elsewhere in the newsletter. I'm sure that this is going to be a highlight of our 2013 year.

Membership

Membership for this year is now due. You may notice we have reduced the number of comps for our Family Membership, but costs for this and the Individual Membership remain unchanged. Production Membership has increased to \$15, with a free comp being made available. We have also retained the ‘two-for-one opening night’ deal.

New Committee

Thank you to those who attended our AGM in February; we now have our 2013 committee in place. Welcome to new faces Barry Tomkinson, Rod Turner and Carole Payton; plus Sarah Coursey who is back with us after returning from her OE. Thank you to Colin McKinney, Rebecca Taylor and Marilyn Ollett who have been on the committee, but for various reasons, have chosen not seek re-election. A huge thanks must go to Marilyn, who has done so much for Elmwood over such a long period of time – thank you.

Bits 'n Pieces

We are finalising our 3 directors (and plays) for this year's one act play season (under the banner “Shorts”) – keep an eye on the web site for that announcement ... we have our 2014 programme pretty much set, just finalising the rights and directors. Our first offering will be the Children's Theatre production of “Jack, the Giant and the Jiggery Plot”, followed by our regular adult productions ... licensed venue; we will continue to have a liquor licence (Authority willing) at our adult productions this year, following favourable comments last year ... and finally, we received this email recently, which I think nicely sums things up, and is a credit to everyone involved during 2012: “... I enjoyed going to Elmwood Players' performances in 2012, and am impressed with the level of performance of your ... actors and actresses ... I am so thankful that your Elmwood Players theatrical group does not settle for mediocre but aims for excellence and hits it every time. I look forward to seeing more great performances this year! ...”

Cheers

Gaz

2013 Membership Subscriptions

2013 membership is now due (Membership runs 1 March 2013 to 28 February 2014). Forms are available from our website, and can be completed on line or by post. A copy is also attached with this newsletter. And don't forget the Opening Night 2-for-1 Deal (One click on your card gains two free tickets on opening night). On joining Elmwood Players, you become a member of Christchurch's friendliest amateur theatre society. Membership is required for participation in a production. There are three membership options available.

Production:	\$15 Includes 1 comp, limited to the duration of the production.
Individual:	\$40 Includes 3 comps and regular newsletter.
Family:	\$50 Includes 4 comps and regular newsletter.

To renew/request membership, either go to the website <http://www.elmwood-players.org.nz/join.html> Fill in your details, select a membership type and click the submit button – don't forget to arrange on-line payment at the same time: or complete the attached membership form (page 5) and post it in, along with payment.



Audition Information



"SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME"

By Frank McGuiness
 Directed by Marilyn Ollett
SATURDAY 13 APRIL
 11am – 2pm
 Elmwood Auditorium, Aikmans Road

The Playing dates
12 – 22 June (Weds to Sat x 2 weeks)



About the Play

Three men are held captive in Beirut. How do they survive and retain their sanity armed only with hope, humour, and sheer determination?

This is a fantastic opportunity for 3 experienced actors to really extend themselves.

The Characters

Edward - Irish journalist - 30 – 50yrs

Adam - American doctor - 30 – 50yrs

Michael –English professor– 50+ yrs

Audition requirements

Please contact Marilyn to make a time and script information

Email (preferred): mazollett@yahoo.co.nz

Phone (evenings only): 027 2322999

Please prepare a 1 – 2 minute monologue – NOT from this play - but won't turn anyone away if they haven't done one. Also, be prepared to give accents a go at audition but Marilyn is not expecting perfection at this stage!

Confirmed Winners Of 2012- 2013 Woodies:

- **Lead Actor:** Mike Adams ("Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell")
- **Lead Actress: Tie:** Georgina Stylianou ("Katydid")/Carole Payton ("Near-sighted Knight and Far-sighted Dragon")
- **Supporting Actor:** Sam Primrose ("Habeas Corpus")
- **Supporting Actress:** Katrina Forrester ("Near-sighted Knight and Far-sighted Dragon")
- **Actor (One Act):** Glen Clark ("A Galway Girl")
- **Actress (One Act):** Elizabeth Woods ("A Galway Girl")
- **Production (Full):** "Katydid"
- **Production (One Act):** "A Galway Girl"
- **Director:** Susan Cameron ("A Galway Girl")
- **Support Person:** Emma Gordon (Lighting and Sound Operator)

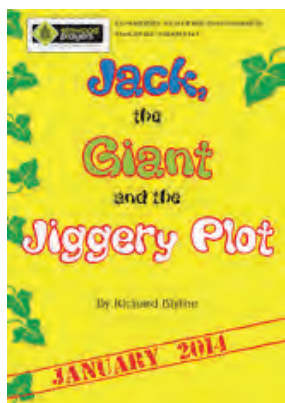
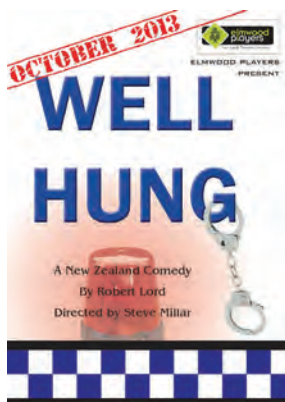
... and sincere thanks and acknowledgement to all who were involved with Elmwood Players throughout our 2012-13 year.

COSI Photos (In Rehearsal)





Watch out for more
Information...



Elmwood Players 2013-2014

Coming in June 2013:

"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me"

By Frank McGuinness

Dir: Marilyn Ollett

12 – 22 June (Weds – Sat x 2 weeks)

This Tony Award nominated play focuses on the trials and tribulations of an Irishman, an Englishman and an American (Edward, Michael, and Adam) who are kidnapped and held hostage by unseen Arabs in Lebanon. As the three men strive for survival they also strive to overcome their personal and nationalistic differences. Related to this is each individual's own attempt to maintain sanity under the watchful eye of both captors and supposed comrades. As victims of political action, powerless to initiate change, what can they do? How do they live and survive? Frank McGuinness explores the daily crises endured by the hostages whose strength comes from communication, both subtle and mundane, from humour, wit and faith.

Coming in August 2013:

"Shorts" – a season of short plays

Content/plays to be confirmed closer to the time.

Coming in October 2013:

"Well Hung"

By Robert Lord

Dir. Stephen Millar

2 – 12 October (Weds – Sat x 2 weeks)

Fawlty Towers meets Fred Dagg. Written by the late New Zealand playwright Robert Lord, and newly edited by Stephen Sinclair of "Ladies' Night" fame, it's a play of based around mistaken identities and police cock-ups. Set in a small-town 1970s police station "Well Hung" features a kook, a cop, his wife and her lover. A deliciously funny, furious, farcical Kiwi comedy.

Coming in January 2014:

"Jack, the Giant and the Jiggery Plot"

By Richard Blythe

Dir: TBC

January 2014

Elmwood Players Children's Theatre returns with this tale featuring the dim witted Jack, son of Mrs Wigglebottom (aka the old lady who lived in a shoe), and the Jiggery Plot to appease the Giant.

Coming in June 2014:

STOP PRESS!

"Theatre Workshops"

With the support of Theatre NZ, Elmwood Players can now confirm the dates for this year's theatre workshops for actors and directors.
15 and 16 June, Elmwood Auditorium.



(Keep an eye out for more details at www.elmwood-players.org.nz)