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WELL

HUNG

By Robert Lord

Directed by Steve Millar

2 to 12 October

Weds to Sat 7:30pm

\$20 waged, \$15 unwaged



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Prez's Corner



Hi there fellow Elmwoodites

Don't you just love this time of year, it's certainly conducive to being all energised and ready for our next production – the extremely funny NZ farce, "Well Hung". Bookings are now open, and details can be found on the front page of this newsletter. I've been along to a couple of rehearsals, and director Steve Millar and the cast have got this wee gem humming along nicely. If you're familiar with the 1970 Crewe murders (currently back in the media spotlight), along with the antics of Monty Python and Fred Dagg, then that pretty much gives you an idea of this production. Guaranteed to be a great night out.

The Theatre NZ Playfest National Finals were held on 13 and 14 September in Wellington. Elmwood's entry, "The New Quixote", directed by Sarah Coursey and featuring Sam ('Kenneth') Primrose and Kat ('Gina') Bailey was presented on the Friday night. One of seven plays, it picked up a Best Actor Award for Sam. This follows on from impressive performances in the District Festival (Christchurch) and Regionals (Blenheim). The Doug Clarke directed "One Season's King" also featured strongly in the Districts and Regionals, and was extremely unlucky not to progress to the finals. A big thank you to everyone involved, including those involved with our third one act, "hark*", it was very much appreciated.

While in Wellington, Sarah Coursey and I attended the NZTF AGM. I somehow ended up elected to the NZTF Executive, so that's going to be an interesting ride. Bryan Aitken, a strong supporter of Elmwood Players, and theatre in general, was elected President.

We have our programme for next year finalised, save for our October 2014 production. This will be an adult drama, directed by Susan Cameron. Auditions for our next production, January's children's production, "Jack, The Giant And The Jiggery Plot", to be directed by Carole Payton and Rod Turner, are set for 2 November – further details closer to the time.

So that's it from me, see you at "Well Hung".

Gaz

Photos from Theatre NZ's National Play Fest 2013



"Spycams" at "Well Hung"

Rehearsals



THEATRE NZ PLAYFEST AWARDS 2013

(A list of all National awards is posted on the website)

Winner	Play	Playwright	Director	Society
Theatre New Zealand Award for Best Actor Male				
Sam Primrose as Kenneth	The New Quixote	Michael Frayn	Sarah Coursey	Elmwood Players
Denise Walsh Award for Best Production of a New Zealand Play				
Marlborough Girls College	Cut	Abby Jameson/ Sydney Lehman	Heather Jameson	Marlborough Girls' College
Bryan Aitken Award for Best Youth Production				
FAHS Feilding High School	Oedipus the King (extracts)	Sophocles (adapted by Karla Crofts)	Karla Crofts	FAHS Feilding High School
Ewen Coleman Award for Best Adult Production				
Napier Repertory Theatre	Cecily	Gillian Plowman	Anne Corney	Napier Repertory Players



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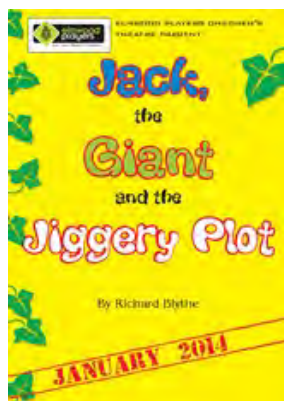
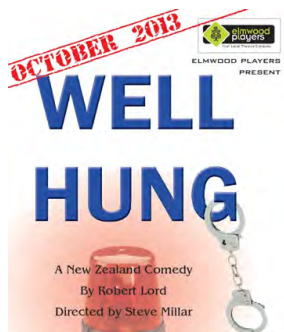
Are you, or do you know someone, who would be interested in being Elmwood Players technical guru? Taking over all responsibility for lighting and sound – ie maintaining, rigging, programming – this voluntary role will require you to manage and/or assist with our 5 or so productions each year.

Contact Garry at : 021 453138



Watch out for more
Information...

More in 2014...



Elmwood Players 2013-2014

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: Carol Payton and Roderick Turner

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 April 2014:

“Rabbit Hole”

By David Lindsay-Abaire

Dir: Garry Thomas

Rabbit Hole is the heartbreaking story of Becca and Howie, a couple trying to recover from the accidental death of their four-year-old son, Danny who was killed when he chased the family dog into the street and was hit by a car. Becca's mother, Nat, and her younger sister, Izzy, try in their own ways to comfort the family.

When Izzy, always the family troublemaker, announces that she is pregnant, Becca and Howie must come to terms with the new life in the family while dealing with their grief.

In the final act, Jason, the young man who accidentally killed their son, comes to their home. He has written a story about alternate realities in which those who die live on elsewhere.

His visit helps Becca to realize the family must move on. Deeply humane, occasionally funny and always heartrending, Rabbit Hole explores the ways we deal with grief, both individually and as families.

Recipient of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and nominated for several Tony Awards

Coming in June 2014:

“Thick As Thieves”

By Tim Hambleton

Dir: Phil Dean

Coming in October 2014:

“TBC”

Dir: Susan Cameron

