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## Performances Notice

Bookings Now Open!



A dramatic comedy about sex, love and motherhood

# Sex Cells

By Anna Longaretti

Directed by Marilyn Ollett

30 Sept to 3 October and 7 to 10 October  
Wed to Sat 7:30pm

Tickets  
\$20 waged,  
\$17 unwaged

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Venue: Elmwood Auditorium,  
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KIDZ THEATRE

# Pirate Pandemonium!

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## Prez's Corner



### From the Prez

Hi to all our Elmwood supporters,

Hi there Elmwoodites, as we move into Spring and with three productions in rehearsal mode; busy times.

### September/October Productions

In rehearsal mode and heading for a September/October season we have the Marilyn Ollett directed adult dramedy, "Sex Cells", and Sarah and Susan are at the helm of our Kidz Theatre production of "Pirate Pandemonium". We're trying something a little different this year, with a children's production on stage during the day (weekends only) while we have our adult production performing in the evenings. We're also trying a new ticketing idea for "Pirates...", with adults free if accompanied by a child – one of the reasons behind this is that as a community theatre, we are trying to give something back to the community by way of a low cost family production. Don't forget it's 2-for-1 on opening night (current financial members) to "Sex Cells", and the venue is licensed for our evening productions.

### Special Show Weekend Show

Also getting underway with rehearsals is our musical revue "Time After Time", a collection of songs through the years, from the 1940's through to current times. Directed by Samantha Creed, and with a live band on stage, this is surely a not-to-be-missed production. The season is strictly limited to two nights, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November (Show Weekend).

### NZ Theatre Federation

Congratulations to all involved with our three one act plays that made it through to the NZTF Regional Finals in Blenheim. While picking up three Excellence In Acting Awards, unfortunately none of the three plays progressed through to the National Finals in Hamilton. It was pleasing though to see the Riccarton Players production progress through – "A Wee Problem" was one of my personal favourite plays from the festival.

### Thank You!

A big 'thank-you' to the ever busy Susan Cameron, who co-ordinated the third of our workshops this year, the latest being for budding playwrights, and facilitated by Allison Horsley (Literary Manager Court Theatre). We had maximum numbers attending, with others turned away.

And that's it from me for now; will hopefully catch you at either (or both!) of our next productions.

Cheers

Gaz

## "Photos at NZ Theatre Federation Christchurch & Regional Finals"

(see details page 5)





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Presents

# Time After Time

## Music Through The Ages



Director: *Samantha Creed*

Musical Director: *Mel Ross*

*Fri 13 - Sat 14 November 7:30pm*

*Tickets \$15*

Venue: Elmwood Auditorium, 31 Aikmans Road, Merivale

### Coming Attraction Two Nights Only!

#### Bookings Opening Soon.

Something special for Elmwood Players an all music celebration with a large cast of well known performers for two nights only. **Samantha Creed** and **Mel Ross** have worked together to present this great miscellany of music.

#### The cast includes...

**Megan Baker**

**Donna Buchanan**

**Claire Clark**

**Calum Fitzwater**

**Michelle Hampton**

**Sally Hayward**

**Lynne James**

**Grant Kilmore**

**Barry Mackenzie**

**Joseph Maxwell**

**Lance McBride**

**Harriet McCubbin-Howell**

**Jillian Rheinberger**

**Scott Morrow**

**Sarah Richardson**

**Jessica Shaw**

**Jeremy Smith**



# Elmwood Players Diary 2015-2016



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## “Sex Cells”

By Anna Longaretti

Dir: Marilyn Ollett

October 1 - 10

Set in a busy call centre selling sex toys, Sex Cells is a bitter-sweet comedy drama that explores motherhood, friendship, love and loss through the relationships and rivalries of four women and their Manager, Mr Causeway.

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## “Pirate Pandemonium”

Dir: Sarah Coursey & Susan Cameron

3,4,and 10 October 2015

Elmwood Players Kidz Theatre returns with a collection of pirate stories, songs and poems for the School Holidays.

# KIDZ THEATRE

## “Time After Time – Music Through The Ages”

Dir: Samantha Creed

Music Dir: Mel Ross

November 13 - 14

A musical showcase of songs through the years



ff PLAYERS

April de Angelis  
Jumpy

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## Elmwood Players “Kidz Theatre”

Dir: Anna Willows

January 2016

Elmwood Players Kidz Theatre returns with another re-telling of a popular children's tale.

## “Jumpy”

by April De Angelis

Dir: Garry Thomas

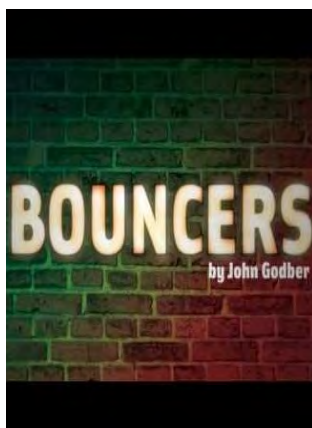
April 2016

“I don't look 50. I don't act 50. I could get away with ... 43?”

Hilary, an anguished north London heroine, has made it to 50 with not nearly enough to show for it: her ever-texting teenage daughter is in a state of perpetual, highly sexed rebellion, her marriage has sagged into severe disrepair and her worthy job is falling prey to the cuts.



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## “Bouncers”

By John Godber

Dir: Susan Cameron

June 2016

Bursting with imagination and wit and presented by just four actors "Bouncers" is an outrageous and hilarious parody of the disco scene.

The four brutish bouncers of the title portray over twenty different characters as we are invited for a night out on the town. We see them as giggly girls and lads on the make preparing for the big night out as we follow their progress to the disco floor.

There we also meet an entire cross-section of disco-goers including Hooray Henrys po-going punks and drunken slobs. The evening events are set against the tatty glitzy glamour flashing lights and pulsating beat of the nightclub scene.

## “Winter Tales”

Dir: TBA

August 2016

A season of short plays.

## “Adult Drama (Play TBC)”

Dir: David Mitchell

October 2016

## 2015 NZTF Play fest: Elmwood’s Journey



### 1 and 2 August: District Play Festival (Christchurch)

Elmwood entered three one act plays:

“The Death Of Katie Myers” (Dir: David Mitchell),

“Instinct” (Dir: Fiona Bennetts) and

“Carol & Nev” (Dir: Steve Millar)

The following awards were

**Excellence In Acting:** Geoff Kendall (“Carol & Nev”)

**Excellence In Acting:** Anna Willows (“Instinct”)

**Excellence In Acting:** Noam Wegner (“The Death Of Katie Myers”)

**Best Production - Design and Technical:** “Instinct”

**Best NZ Play:** “Instinct”

**Best Drama:** “Instinct”

**Sir James Hay Memorial Trophy – Best Overall Production:** “Instinct”

All three plays progressed to the Regional Finals in Blenheim.



### 22 August: Regional Play Festival (Blenheim)

The following awards were presented...

**Excellence In Acting:** Anna Willows (“Instinct”)

**Excellence In Acting:** Noam Wegner (“The Death Of Katie Myers”)

## Xmas Membership Gift

Our 2016 Membership cards (1 January to 31 December 2016) will be available from early November. A membership to one of Christchurch’s leading Community Theatres would make an ideal Xmas present. Keep an eye on our web site for further information.

