

# ORTOGRAPH

## Otamatea Repertory Theatre Newsletter Late Summer 2024

Sorry this is a bit late, but the last few months have gone far too fast. What's that about?

### Upcoming Events at the Theatre

#### Club Night – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm.

Come and join us for an evening of fun! You can participate if you wish but there is no pressure to do so. We hope to offer a great selection of theatre games, readings, song, or whatever presents itself. At our inaugural Club Night in November we also put together an impromptu short play based around a selection of props which was a big hit.

#### Glass Ceiling Arts Collective - Spark LIVE - April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1pm & 6.30pm.



Experience an immersive, multi-sensory theatre production that will spark your senses. Spark LIVE is made for audiences with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities to enjoy alongside friends and whānau. Combining film, original live music and unique interactive staging, Spark LIVE is a highly accessible production enabling audiences to connect with the story in their own way.

Kate, a teenage girl with a heart condition, is isolated from the world during a pandemic. As her mother tries to keep her from getting ill and navigate their new normal, Kate yearns to be reunited with her friends and, most of all, her beloved horses. Audiences will be taken on a

journey of love and hope exploring the incredible bond between a human and her horse. Prepare to be immersed in a multi-sensory story scape that weaves things to touch, taste, hear, see and smell through the performance.

Recommended for ages 10+

Contains references to a medical event and haze effects.

Performance length: 1 hour - 1 hour 20 minutes depending on the needs of our audience.

For tickets go to [humanitix.com](http://humanitix.com), search Spark LIVE, then select the date on the calendar.

### **Taurima Vibes presents The Sun and the Wind - April 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm & 7pm.**

Times for this show are yet to be confirmed so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates.

Starring local actor Julie Edwards who won the Dorothy McKegg Actress of the Year award at the 2023 Wellington Theatre Awards for her performance.

Prepare yourself for a birthday party you'll never forget. In the midst of a birthday celebration, Rangī and Hūkerikeri (Keri) are caught off guard when two unexpected guests crash through the door intent on robbing the couple. But things don't go as planned when the older couple mistake the would-be thieves for their deceased son and his wife. Come with us as we explore the dangers of love and secrets. Of loving someone too much, not enough and being starved of it. A truly heart-breaking and surreal theatre experience.

### **Short Play Festival - May 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm & 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm & 7pm.**

This will be a great showcase for local talent, and we are still taking entries.

For entrants there will be a prize pool of \$1,000 which will be divided amongst the following categories:

- Best Original Script
- Best Actor
- Best Director
- Best Production Values (e.g. Set, costumes, etc)
- People's Choice

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates and ticket details.

### **The Pirate Queen - July 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm & 7pm, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2pm.**

A fantastic tale of bravery based on the life of Gráinne O'Malley, also known as The Pirate Queen, a well-known historical figure in sixteenth-century Irish history.

Written by our own Maura Flower this show promises to be a real highlight of the year.

The audition process is almost complete with over 40 children seeking roles.

We'll have more information in the next ORTograph.

## Youth Theatre

This was a huge success with 37 children having the time of their life. Quite a few of them have also auditioned for our next children's production, The Pirate Queen.

## Youth Scholarship

Liana Cullen was chosen to receive the ORT Youth Scholarship 2023. Congratulations Liana!

## ORT Committee

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