

#23: Sept 2018



Welcome to this issue of Dramatic.

This month is the inaugural NZ Theatre Month led by Roger Hall.

NZTM aims to contribute to encouraging the presentation of NZ Theatre, and to raise public awareness of and

appreciation of it through the celebration and elevation of theatre throughout the month.

It is fantastic to actually see how much is happening around the country on all levels, schools, community theatre and professionally.

Check out https://www.theatremonth.nz/ to stay up-to-date.

The new website is up and running and has seen a number of members joining or renewing their memberships via the online portal.

Also available via the web are this year's Drama NZ Examinations which again have had a huge uptake.

Both of these online options – membership and examinations – have taken away a vast number of hours of administration for our executive members which we are thrilled is working so well and allowing us to focus on other areas of development.

The website also has some fab new resources for members to download and use in their classroom practice. If you haven't checked these out log on now and have a look. We have a few more resources in finishing stages which will be uploaded shortly. We would love to hear what other resources you would like to see available via the members section

Planning for next years National Conference is underway and I would like to thank the Canterbury Branch for taking this on and for their work already. The theme is set as is the venue and the dates (see post later in newsletter) so make sure you put this in your diaries now.

We have some other very exciting projects on the go for our members to benefit from including a number of Primary/Intermediate based initiatives.

So I encourage you to make a cuppa, find a comfy chair and catch up on whats happening in Drama.

Happy reading..... Emma Bishop PRESIDENT



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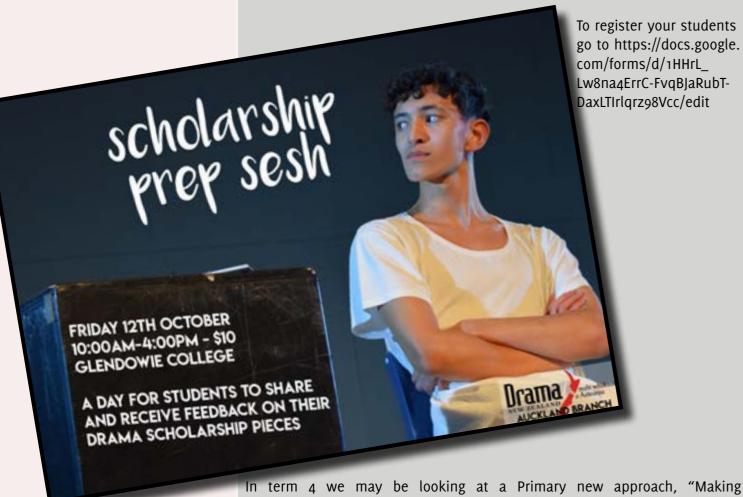
or join us on our regional branch facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/ groups/513523238796638/

Drama NZ Auckland Branch ran a scholarship workshop for teachers and students on August 9th. It was fabulously facilitated by Annie Millard and was well attended.



The workshop is part 1 of 2, the second part will be held at Glendowie College, facilitated by Auckland Branch members and Glendowie Drama teachers on the 12th October - last Friday of the break.

In this workshop we will be clarifying their understanding of the assessment specifications and encouraging students to share pieces from all 3 sections with each other and teachers for peer feedback and critiquing. We are using a similar format to last year's successful workshop at Greenbay.



In term 4 we may be looking at a Primary new approach, "Making Connections", by going into school to reach those primary teachers more easily.

Our AGM will follow our annual "Beer and Banter" early December. **Cherise Stone - Regional Rep**



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Follow the Waikato Branch Facebook Group at: https:// www.facebook.com/ groups/401441810044321/

EXAM PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Sacred Heart Girls College in Hamilton Wednesday September 19 at 4pm.

\$20 for Drama NZ Members / \$80 for Non-members To register please email Zoe Vaile zvaile@shgcham.school.nz

This will be followed by a social gathering at the Cook just down the road for those who wish to stay.

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

We are also organising a Scholarship workshop for staff and students early in term 4 (date to be confirmed) in Hamilton. This will be run as a masterclass with students presenting prepared work for feedback..

Please contact Bruce Rawson at b.rawson@stpauls.school.nz if you are interested in this workshop going ahead.

FUTURE PLANNING

for you in future.

Bruce Rawson

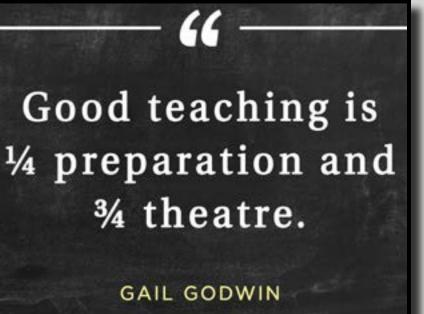
Teacher? I prefer the term Educational Rockstar



The Waikato Branch are also keen to hear from you - please take 5minutes to complete the google doc to help us planning

The link is https://goo.gl/forms/odIwwIrnw6vQOPyT2

Waikato Branch Chair / Regional Rep



Drama

On July 28, Hawke's Bay had their scholarship Drama workshop led by Karla Haronga, HOD Performing Arts from Feilding High School. This was an opportunity for scholarship students to explore scholarship exam expectations through activities and movement and also to get to know each other better.

COMING UP

14-16 September: DARE TO DEVISE: 48 HOUR THEATRE CHALLENGE

DARE

Here in Hawke's Bay we are holding our inaugural 48 hour theatre challenge which will be held at Havelock North High School. Teams register in advance and then have from 4pm Friday 14th Sept until 4pm Sunday 16th Sept to create a 6 minute drama piece. We have some local drama specialists to adjudicate and give out special prizes. We are looking forward to seeing what the groups come up with. (Big thanks to Northland Youth Theatre for letting us use their logo and designs) Emily Miller-Matcham

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48 HOUR DRAMA CHALLENGE

Have you joined the Massey Branch Facebook Group? https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470960373227577/





www.dnzmassey.wordpress.com

MASSEY

For any information about the Wellington Branch please contact Regional Rep Kim Bonnington bonntastic@gmail.com

or join us on our regional branch facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/

As a follow up to various members' requests we are having a Scholarship Drama workshop for students and teachers on:

Sat 22 September

10 am - 1pm for Students. Cost \$30 10 - 2pm for teachers and byo lunch and chat/clarification after the students leave - \$20 for members \$80 for non members (membership included). Morning tea will be provided. Newlands College Drama Room (DPR) 68 Bracken Road Newlands

The students will be run through the specs and develop a good understanding of the brief and be shown an exemplar. Students will then:

- explore developing one of their pieces further.
- spend time improvising
- spend time justifying their choices.
- explore and make connections to practitioners.

Open to all students interested in the 2018 and 2019 Scholarship Drama exam.

Please complete the following form and return with numbers on or before Monday the 17th of September.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1P7MiwoukoDGocFOdDFTn8XZr HLciVsi3VNfHHJ_YDJ8/edit

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Jo Matheson jmatheson@newlands.school.nz and do pass this on to others that may be interested.

You will be sent an invoice related to numbers that attend.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS STANDARDS?

There has been much discussion of late on Dramanet about the Performing Arts Standards which have been sold by NZQA to SKILLS ACTIVE (https://www.skillsactive.org.nz/)

To date Skills Active have not yet uploaded the Level 1 - 3 PATS to their website. However, these can be found at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14gCsjBTdKcRlwXTA2ujBYxJD0Q0Qe7Vz

What does this change mean for us?

To date our understanding is it is business as usual however we will be following up with them in the next week to find out all the information regarding assessment, resources, qualifications etc

Exam Revision Ideas

For many you will be prepping for your practice examinations and it isn't long before end of year NCEA exams roll around.

Here are a few of the ideas for fun physical revision shared with our President Emma Bishop during her **Exam Prep Workshops**

- Play "one sentence at a time" around the class to remember the production •
- Create a visual storyboard of the production with freezeframes and tableaus
 - do character thoughts out loud / narrations
 - discuss characters use of techniques in that moment (BODY / SPACE)
 - discuss elements of drama in that moment
- Get the script and re-enact an important scene
 - discuss relatioships
 - discuss moments of tension
- Hotseat students as the designer or director asking questions about the production •

Write a list of questions you would like the answers to and send it to the shows producer and request if the director or designer can answer

- Recreate the context of the world of the play

 - Commedia set up a marketplace
- Visit a local museum or historical village immerse yourselves in the context •
- Go to a local costume hire and try on actual costumes discuss layers / draw and sketch •
- Do back to back one describes a person or scene or set other draws what they hear OR one describes a characters techniques (Body - posture / gesture) other stands as they hear

WELLINGTON

Read reviews for the production you saw and discuss/debate if you agree or disagree / write own

Melodrama - have a garden tea party thinking about etiquette of the era

Early in the term we held our best practice workshop with Angela Hodgkinson and Bridget Crooks.

The day was well attended and the workshop was very informative - on Devising and Theatre Form Standards. Thank you to Angela and Bridget for preparing and delivering this valuable workshop.





Unfortunately our Primary workshop on Literacy did not have enough participants to go ahead. Thank you to Ginnie Thorner for offering this workshop.

We are looking forward to our AGM on 17th September so make sure you add this to your already full planner.

Oour conference committee is well underway with planning for hosting next years national conference here in Christchurch. We have been discussing how to make it uniquely Canterbury and are so looking forward to welcoming everyone to our part of the country in April 2019.

DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

Court Theatre Dress Rehearsal - meeting beforehand for catch up and drinks:

- Thursday 13th September - Mum's Choir by Alison Quigan

AGM – Monday 17th September details to follow....

For any information about the Canterbury Branch please contact Regional Rep Peter Rutherford p.rutherford@rangiruru.school.nz

or join us on our regional branch facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/ groups/425374920934604/

MONDAY17 TH SEPTEMBER CANTERBURY DRAMA NZ AGM 2018

Venue: Rangi Ruru Merivale Lane Theatre



What is on offer:

Guest speaker -**Michael Bell on** the future of Theatre in Christchurch

Supper - Drinks nibbles

Come and find out what Drama NZ has been up to and plans for 2019

> **Connect with** fellow Drama Teachers

RSVP AND APOLOGIES TO

Annette Thomson chairperson

athomson@avonside.school.nz

by 16th September

CANTERBURY

For any information about the Otago / Southland Branch please contact Regional Rep Kimberley Fridd - kimberley@mcglashan.school.nz

or join us on our regional branch facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ dunedindramateachers/

At the start of August, the lovely Kim Bonnington (current Vice President of Drama NZ and a curriculum facilitator in the Arts at Otago Univesity Education Support Services) held an Externals Workshop at John McGlashan College for Otago and Southland drama teachers.

The workshop focused on how to prepare your students for the Drama Externals.

We looked at:

* How to interpret assessment specs in order to look for potential questions * Ways of working the practical components of the Theatre form internals with the literacy components of the externals

* Reading marking schedules and exemplars

* Using feedback, feedforward and self-assessment to differentiate your classroom

Otago and Southland teachers wish to thank Kim for her time and effort on this workshop.







We are ringing out the end of the term with an event celebrating New Zealand Theatre Month. Whakahari Whakaari is a collaborative event which will see local Dunedin high schools join for a one-off performance celebrating theatre from Aotearoa. Each group will perform a series of short scenes from the plays they've been studying in class or will present original devised works.

UNESCO Dunedin City of Literature is sponsoring the event and will be providing us with free goodies to giveaway during the night - as there will be an on-going NZ Theatre Quiz running in between each of the school's items. This will be an awesome night of entertainment - so we'd love to see you if you can make it! All proceeds from the koha at the door are going to the Hope Centre in Albion Place (Life Matters Suicide Trust).

In Term 4 we will be scheduling our AGM, so stay tuned for further details.

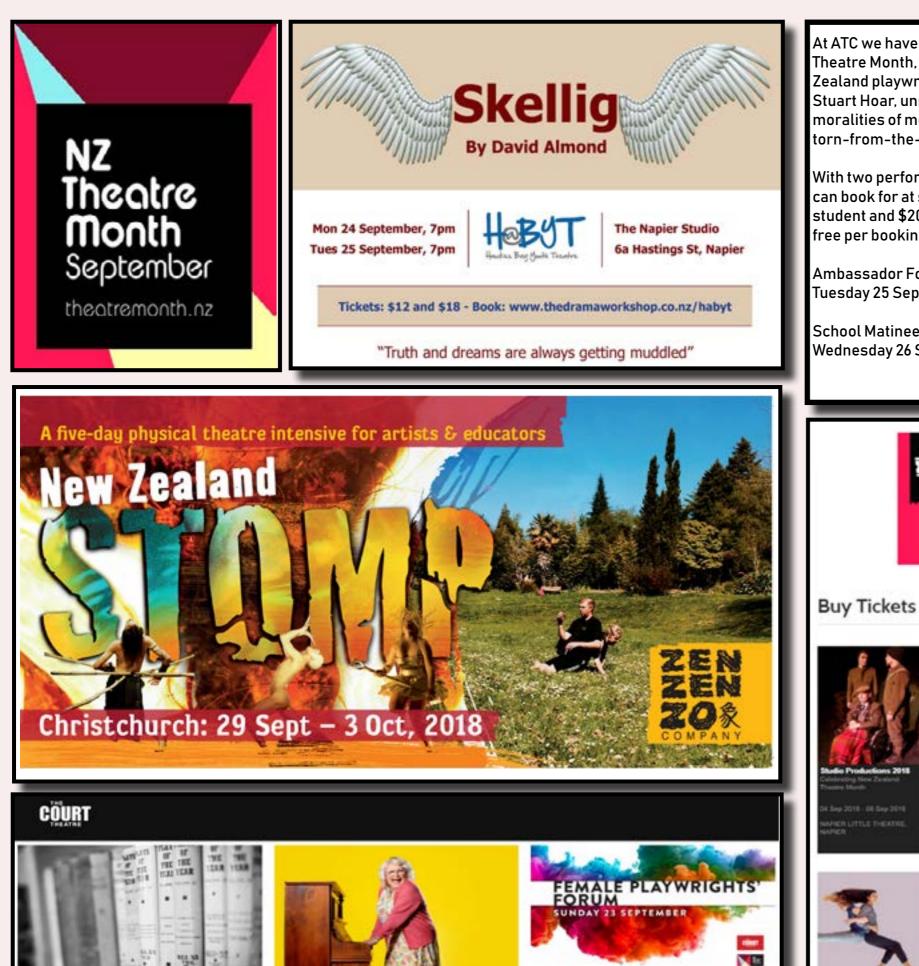
Nga mihi, Kimberlev Fridd Otago Southland Regional Rep & Chairperson

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THE COURT THEATRE IN THE SHELVES



23 SEPTEMBER 2018

FEMALE PLAYWRIGHTS' FORUM

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With two performances that schools can book for at school prices of \$17 per student and \$20 per teacher (1 teacher free per booking):

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School Matinee Wednesday 26 September 11am

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From Primary Rep: Judy Norton



If you have anything you'd like to share in the Primary Corner, please get in touch with our Primary Representative Judy Norton judy. norton@saintkentigern.com.

Also make stay up to date by following us on the Drama NZ Primary Edition Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ dramanzprimary/

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NEW PRIMARY RESOURCES?

Primary Units:

There are units for junior, middle school andfairy tales, chapter primary based on senior sophisticated pictures books and books. movies



Find a variety of ready to use units of work for the primary classroom.

VIEW FILES

Wonder Unit:

One of units on the website I have just completed with my Year 7 and 8 students. It is based on the book 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio. My students loved this book and exploring it through drama allowed them to delve deeply into the characters, their motivation and key events.

Our work culminated in the Year 7's writing and presenting monologues. The Year 8's devised scenes which were then presented as part of their Year 8 Oral Assessment.

Also check out:

There are more primary resources in Classroom resources

- Audience Etiquette
- Drama Technique and Elements Posters
- Impro Starter cards

Other resources:

- Assembly performance ideas •
- How to run a Speech Competition

If you have any other suggestions for resources you'd like or use any of the resources and have any feedback, let us know.



Exposing students to the best live theatre is one of the big tasks facing any drama teacher. And sometimes tracking down the right theatre viewing opportunities for students can be a bit daunting to say the least! Not only that, but with often tiny budgets for live theatre opportunities, it can become a disaster if you book the wrong show. Ever felt that feeling as you watch a performance... "how on earth are my students going to write about this in their live performance external?!"

Over the years at NZ Playhouse, we've employed teachers, partners of teachers, actors who are now teachers, teachers who are now actors... we feel your pain! And because we've been there, we like to experiment and find the best ways to do things. We've been chatting to some of our teacher friends lately, and they've been telling us that it's a nightmare trying to find a good show to book for their students, and even if they do find one, they then have to spend hours trying to write resources that can make the show relevant to the NCEA drama standards. Not really what you need in a department that is often under-appreciated, understaffed, under-paid... and school holidays? What are they?

That's why we're doing a few things differently for next year. Firstly, we're teaming up with the hilarious and award winnin Dave Ladderman of Rollicking Entertainment, to tour a show that has already been proven to be a roaring success. We'll be touring "Battle of the Blaggards", which has already won Best Of The Fringe in Canada's Toronto Fringe Festival, and Critic's Choice at the World Buskers Festival. (By the way the show used to be called "Battle of the Bastards", but after consultations with teachers, we've renamed it for school audiences.)

Secondly, we're completely revamping the way we do our teaching resources. Written by teachers, for teachers, they w include the following:

Lists of activities organised into NCEA standards to make it s uper easy for teachers to use.

Drama activities that can be recycled by teachers and used over and over

Director's notes on technical aspects of the show - sound, costume, props etc. including how they can be used for the **NCEA Live Performance standard**

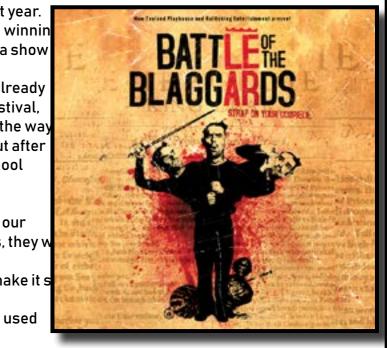
Notes on the playwright, Dave Ladderman, and his inspiration for the show, including connections with other practitioners/concepts

A professional quality video of the show so that you can watch again with your students and use for exam revision

Sixth and lastly ("Much Ado About Nothing" anyone?) we would love your feedback on any or all of our shows, proposed ideas, or things you would like to see from us. We love to learn, grow and adapt, so please do contact us with advice, ideas or anything else that you think might help us to make life easier for you











New Zealand Journal of Research in Performing Arts and Education: Nga Mahi a Rehia no Aotearoa

Call for Submissions

Drama New Zealand and The University of Canterbury welcome submissions for the 8th issue of the New Zealand Journal of Research in Performing Arts and Education.

This journal welcomes reports of research, including research by classroom practitioners, as well as scholarly discussions within the broad field of performing arts and education.

It aims to be accessible and useful to both academic researchers and classroom teachers

Articles may be 4000-7000 words and should be accompanied by a short abstract. Visual images may be included but should be attached as separate files.

APA referencing required.

Any inquiries about proposed submissions should be addressed to the Editor, and sent by May 15

Submissions are to be sent to

Professor Janinka Greenwood: janinka.greenwood@canterbury.ac.nz

The New Zealand Journal of Research in Performing Arts and Education is an open-access peer-reviewed E-journal of University of **Canterbury and Drama New Zealand** http://www.drama.org.nz/publications/



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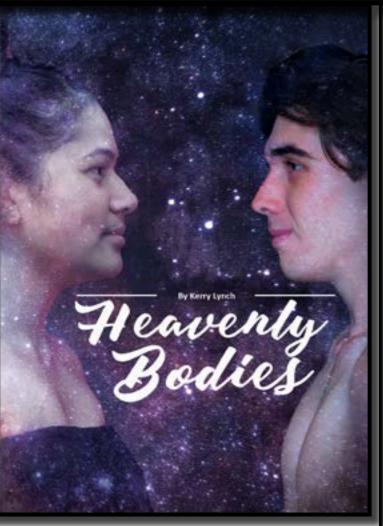


Following its award winning season last year Heavenly Bodies written by Kerry Lynch (Drama NZ Life Member, HOD Otahuhu College) is now published and available from Playmarket.

The play is a teenage love story that is both comical and often moving. It touches upon the subjects of great interest, such as how we need both art and science to make sense of this complex world. Like his previous plays he has also explored the place of mythology in contemporary society.

The play has been written to be studied in the classroom and obviously to be performed on the stage. Heavenly Bodies is a uniquely kiwi story and it is suitable for any N.Z. secondary school. The play is perfectly suited for NCEA in terms of the 'acting role' or 'drama techniques' standards offering a range of scenes for all gender groupings.

My students are really enjoying "Heavenly Bodies" and it has given them many creative opportunities, such as dance, commedia, gender swapping (they love that bit), music (the kiwi kind), Greek theatre just to name a few. It is written by a teacher with the curriculum in mind, but also for our youth. Samantha Boyce-Da Cruz -Linwood College CHCH



Earlier this year we staged 'Heavenly Bodies' by Kerry Lynch and we loved it.

The chorus work was enjoyable and the humour, use of music & dance also allowed students to use their skills and perform in different arts areas.

The structure of the play as a whole was brilliant and suited our students and sustained their interest.

It was also a pleasure to work with a play that has a contemporary NZ and teen focus.

Tina Carlson

Western Heights High School, ROTORUA



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new zealand

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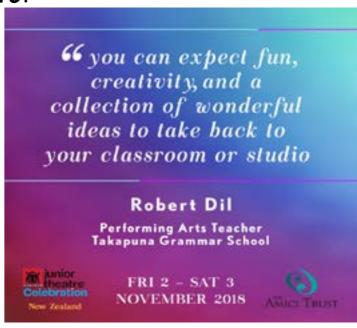
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DRAMA EDUCATION: PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE

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