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Merry Xmas



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Happy  New Year



Performance Notice

See more inside...

ELMWOOD PLAYERS CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENT

Jack,
the
Giant
and the
Jiggery Plot

By Richard Blythe

Directed by Carole and Phil Payton

16 – 19 and 23 – 25 January
6:30pm Thur and Fri,
11am & 2pm Sat, Sun and Sat

To book
phone (03) 355 8874 or book online at www.elmwood-players.org.nz
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ALL SEATS \$7

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AGM

**Sunday 23
February, 2014
4:00pm,
Elmwood
Auditorium**

AGENDA

- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Election of Officers
- General Business
- Refreshments
- 2012-13 Woodie Awards



Prez's Corner



Hi there fellow Elmwoodites.

Our last newsletter for 2013, a year that sure went lickidy split. We trust you've enjoyed our productions this year, with its mix of comedy and drama, one act plays and children's theatre.

Rehearsals are currently underway with "Jack, the Giant and the Jiggery Plot" under the direction of Carole and Phil Payton. I'm sure this will be another magical production as part of our Children's Theatre – I was fortunate to Stage Manage this play a number of years ago when staged by Harlequin Players, and it is a very entertaining piece, absolutely ideal family holiday entertainment. And as usual, we have kept our ticket prices low (all seats \$7) to ensure as many families as possible can attend.

Our 2014 programme is all set, apart from confirmation of our October 2014 slot. An early heads up for auditions in February for our first adult production, "Rabbit Hole" that opens in April.

Our AGM date is also set, 23 February, so put that in your diary now, and we look forward to seeing you there – and just maybe you might like to think about coming on our committee.

So, on behalf of the Elmwood Players Committee, here's wishing you a safe and special Xmas/New Year. Thank you for your support throughout the year, and we look forward to your continued support next year.

Cheers

Gaz

Audition Notice

**Rabbit
Hole**

by David Lindsay-Abaire

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Dir: Garry Thomas

Saturday 22 February, by appointment (On stage April 2014)

Rabbit Hole is the heart breaking story of Becca and Howie, a couple trying to recover from the accidental death of their four-year-old son, Danny. 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.

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

Becca - Late 30's/Early 40's

Nat - Late 50's - 60's

Howie - Early - mid 40's

Jason - Late teen's/Early 20's

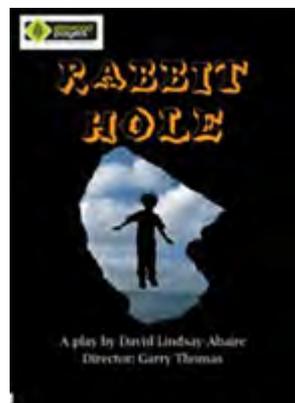
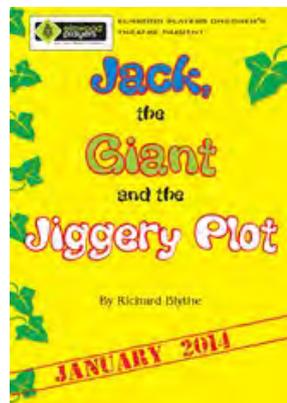
Izzy - Mid - late 20's/Early 30's

* Ages are an indication only. (Contact Gaz, 02145318 or email planetgazza@xtra.co.nz for further information)



Watch out for more information...

More in 2014...



Elmwood Players 2014

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.

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Coming in June 2014:

“Thick As Thieves”

By Tim Hambleton

Dir: Phil Dean

A new NZ comedy. Dylan and Dwayne are two small time criminals who aspire to reach the top of their profession. To do so they must impress the local drug lord they work for. An opportunity arises when they are tasked with obtaining some amphetamines for a drug deal. Their search for the drugs eventually takes them to the surgery of off the wall doctor Marcus Robinson who is in financial difficulties and entangled in a bitter dispute with his insurance company.

Coming in August 2014:

“Toru - 3 NZ Short Plays”

Coming in October 2014:

“TBC”

Dir: Susan Cameron

October 2014





2014 Stop Press Information



Short Survey

Elmwood Players is a society that depends on the passion and dedication of our members and supporters to produce fantastic community theatre. We are always looking for people to get involved in the theatre. Not just onstage and in the audience, but also backstage, at the front of house, building sets and many more jobs that happen behind every great production.

A short survey will shortly be sent out by email to all of our supporters asking if you would like to be involved with any of the behind the scenes fun. Please take the time to fill it in if you are interested. We would love you to get involved and have the chance to either share your skills or learn new ones! No experience necessary, if there is any training needed we shall provide it.

If you feel you can't wait, we are on the lookout for people to be involved behind the scenes for our upcoming production Jack, the Giant and the Jiggery Plot. If you are keen to help, please contact Sarah via email: s.coursey84@gmail.com.



Does the shirt fit you?

Remember this AD?

Experienced Techie Required

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

We were underwhelmed by the number of applicants so we thought we would try again. (ED.)

7th Annual Woodies Awards 2013

Just a reminder that in parallel with our Annual General Meeting on Sunday February 23 (see page 2) we will be seeking your votes for the following categories:

- Best Actor Full Length Production
- Best Actress Full Length Production
- Best Supporting Actor
- Best Supporting Actress
- Best Director
- Best First Timer (new to Elmwood or to the stage)
- Best Production
- Best Supporting Person

Choose your nominations from all our 2013 productions:

