

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Court Theatre Visit

On the 10th August this year Carolyn Grant, Capital Campaign Manager of the Court Theatre addressed our club about the proposed new Court Theatre to be built in the entertainment sector of the city.

Over past years members of our club have block booked for various Christmas productions of the Court Theatre and this year the Court's performance of 'Rent' was to be our choice. Carolyn offered to take us on a short tour backstage of the theatre with time left for us to enjoy pizzas and refreshments prior to the performance. It was something we all looked forward to and thirty five members and families duly arrived at 5.30pm to experience the unique occasion.

Two tour groups visited the Workshop and Storage areas where we saw sets, costumes and props of past shows. Obviously, we did not see dressing rooms and the stage as actors and technicians were preparing for the upcoming production.

Rent—The performance.

Part of the Press review described the production as *"It's a banging show to end the year at Court. Rent takes you on a satisfying musical journey, with a big cast, soaring highs and lows, banging tunes and an enduring message about living in the moment. Rent has been enthralling audiences since its New York debut in 1996 with its gritty depiction of the 1990s bohemian life in the Big Apple, tackling issues like homelessness, addiction and the HIV/Aids crisis. The themes are dark but the ensemble cast bring light and warmth to this examination of the frailty of the human condition and the benefits of being part of a supportive community"*.

To me the production lacked a story line, the music and songs were delivered too loud and in most cases the lyrics were unable to be understood. The behind scenes orchestra played their heavy metal music excellently. Movement and choreography whilst clever was frenetic and some, such as the pole dance sequence although well performed deemed unnecessary to some of the audience.

By interval I had experienced enough of the 'gritty depiction of the 1990s bohemian life in the Big Appl' and I left the theatre. I knew I did not want to go through a further period of mind numbing yelling and mindless headache inducing noise.

Entertain me with Rogers and Hammerstein or Lerner and Loewe any day.,

Thanks to Lew for the report

Harmony Waitaha

Presents

SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Featuring

**GIRLS' CHOIR
ŌTAUHAHI**

**ILLUMINATE
STRING QUARTET**

The
PLAINSMEN
... CHRISTCHURCH NZ ...

Promenade

Quantum est. 2021
Acoustics

SATURDAY 7PM
DECEMBER 10

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DECEMBER

14TH

Wednesday

6 pm to 9 pm

Cashmere Club

**GIFT UP TO \$10 IN A
BOTTLE:**

**PICKLES - JAM - WINE
- BATH SALTS - ETC**

\$36pp, please pay to the below account

03-1599-0081963-00

Upcoming Meetings

7 December

Hatesa Seumanutafa (Partners Night)
Canterbury Museum—Local early settlement

14 December

Partners Night
Christmas Function

18 January

Cashmere Rotary visit

25 January

Geoff Bailey (Partners Night)
Out of Africa—the life and times of our very own Geoff Bailey

1 February

Jenny May ONZM
Heritage in the City and the Rebuild of the Cathedral

Upcoming Events

14 December

Christmas Function (6.30pm)

18 January

Joining with Cashmere Club Rotary

Notices

Imagine What's Next in Melbourne, Australia

Take advantage of the reduced rate by registering now for the 2023 Rotary International Convention, 27-31 May in Melbourne, Australia.

The reduced rate expires 15 December. Registration link below
[2023 Rotary International Convention Melbourne](#)

Christmas Party

14 December, 6.30pm to 9pm, \$36pp

The Christmas function will be themed this year—wear a Christmas hat! It can be a favourite hat decorated, or a Christmas themed hat.

We will also bring a gift for each other—a bottle of something up to \$10—it can be pickles, jam, bath oil etc. These will be exchanged through the evening.

Pay on the night or via bank transfer: 03-1599-0081963-00

Harmony Waitaha—Songs for Christmas

Purchase tickets here: [Harmony Waitaha tickets](#)

Change of Address

Robin Redpath
Russley Village
73 Roydvale Avenue
Apartment 114
Christchurch 8053

Walking Group

Many thanks to Deborah McCormick from Scape who took the Rotary walking group and friends for a guided tour of art in the city.



Duties

Duty	7 December	14 December
Cash Desk	A McCully	M Bruce
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Reception	K Gunasekara	S Harris
Speaker Host	M Bruce	N/A
Grace	M Bruce	P Mears
International Toast	K Gunasekara	N/A
Thanks to Speaker	M Opie	N/A
Quote	A McCully	N/A
Speaker Reporter	J Chamberlain	G Fowler
Sergeant	M Rickerby	N/A

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Haye	11/08/20	TBA
R McKinney	28/09/22	14/04/23
L Bermingham	17/10/22	31/12/22
J Chamberlain	17/08/22	13/12/22

Don't forget to follow us on our [Facebook](#) and [Website](#)

Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Shirley Harris on 021 198 2234 or Viv Ellis on 027 490 3161
- You will receive an email reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising or bringing a guest
- If you are unable to do your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute and advise the President
- Leave of absence requests (three weeks or more) must be in writing to the Secretary

