

A conceptual image for a shoe event. A single, bright red, knee-high leather boot with a stiletto heel stands prominently on a metal conveyor belt. The belt is filled with a variety of other shoes, including sneakers, loafers, and casual boots, all in different colors and styles. The conveyor belt is set against a dark, industrial-looking background with large metal rollers and pipes. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the red boot and the shoes on the belt.

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Welcome to our Showbuzz Spring Edition!

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Kia ora Showbiz Whanau,

As we wrap up the final Showbuzz for 2023, I cannot help but reflect on the incredible journey we have shared throughout this remarkable year. Staging not one, but two brilliant productions marked a triumphant return since 2019, and I am thrilled to invite you to relive these moments in this edition of Showbuzz.

The curtain has fallen for the Saunders & Co season of *My Fair Lady*, a production that has been a labour of love since 2020. The positive feedback from those who experienced its magic speaks volumes, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to every one of you who played a role in bringing this beautiful show to life.

Our final *Way Off Broadway* - Duets, held on October 15th at NASDA, highlighted the immense talent within our community. Hosted by the enigmatic David Chambers and Sophie Ricketts, the evening was a testament to the dedication and passion of our local performers. To our backstage crew, techs, and the invaluable organiser Peter Hewson, thank you for making this event a success. Your volunteered time is the beating heart of *Way Off Broadway*, and we eagerly anticipate exploring new and innovative ideas for the coming year.

Looking ahead to 2024, the excitement is palpable as we announce the cast for *Kinky Boots* and unveil the creative team for *Mamma Mia!* in the pages of this issue. We can also look forward to more reunions, workshops and social events next year. There's so much to look forward to!

We are thrilled also that our season sponsors Saunders and Co are joining us again for our 2024 productions of *Kinky Boots* and *Mamma Mia!* and that we have once again secured operational funding from the Christchurch City Council! We truly value their support.

As we enter the festive season, I want to express our deepest gratitude to all our supporters. Your passion, dedication, and enthusiasm have made Showbiz Christchurch flourish. May this Christmas be filled with joy, laughter, and moments of warmth with your loved ones.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with anticipation and the promise of two exciting new productions!

Noho ora mai,



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Sarah Buchanan'.

Sarah Buchanan
President

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KINKY BOOTS - April 19 - May 4th, 2024

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Kinky Boots is set to grace the stage at the prestigious Isaac Theatre Royal from April 19th to May 4th, 2024.

This spectacular new production, licensed by Music Theatre International, promises an unforgettable experience for theatre enthusiasts and fans alike.

Kinky Boots is a heartwarming musical that has garnered critical acclaim, earning six Tony Awards, including the coveted title of Best Musical, along with a Grammy for Best Musical Theatre Album. It also clinched London's prestigious Olivier Award for Best Musical. The show boasts a sensational score crafted by pop icon Cyndi Lauper, complemented by the witty and uplifting book by four-time Tony winner, Harvey Fierstein. Notably, Billy Porter's portrayal of Lola earned him a well-deserved Best Actor Tony Award.

The production will be under the skillful direction of Stephen Robertson, with musical direction by Richard Marrett, and choreography by Glen Harris. Hilary Moulder also joins the team as Associate Director. Their collective expertise promises to bring a fresh and dynamic interpretation to this beloved musical.

The story unfolds with Charlie Price, who, having reluctantly inherited his father's struggling shoe factory, embarks on a mission to save the family business and uphold his father's legacy. Charlie's world takes a remarkable turn when he encounters Lola, a vivacious entertainer with an unapologetic flair for fabulous footwear. Together, they embark on a journey to transform the factory and, in the process, discover a deeper connection that transcends their differences. *Kinky Boots* proves that sometimes, all it takes is a change of heart to change the entire world.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the magic of *Kinky Boots* brought to life by Showbiz Christchurch. Tickets are available from Ticketek and promise an evening of entertainment, inspiration and unforgettable moments. For more information, please visit www.showbiz.org.nz/kinky-boots

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ANNOUNCING OUR INCREDIBLE KINKY CAST

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We are thrilled to unveil the talented ensemble that will bring the electric world of *Kinky Boots* to life in our highly anticipated 2024 production. With a blend of seasoned veterans and fresh faces, this cast promises to deliver a show-stopping performance that will leave you on the edge of your seats!

Lola/Simon – Euan Fistrovic-Doidge

Charlie Price – Cameron Douglas

Lauren – Sophie Harris

Nicola – Alyssa Parkinson

Trish – Sarah Kelly

George – Chris Goodyear

Pat – Katie Beer

Don – Matt McMenamin

Harry – Jordi Rea

Mr Price Snr – Matt Hudson

Simon Snr – Oscar Days

Angels – George Hosking, Drew Noble, Jack Shatford, Liam Collins.

Ensemble – Rebecca Boyce, Nic Catto, Eli Davis, Sophie Gilmore, Jane Godfrey, Heather McFarlane, Cameron Melville, James Shera, Leon Van't Veen, Patrick Ward.

Together, they will transport you to the vibrant world of Northampton and immerse you in the uplifting journey of acceptance, friendship, and self-discovery. Stay tuned for more updates as we embark on this thrilling production journey. We can't wait to share the magic of *Kinky Boots* with you in 2024!

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MAMMA MIA!

September 27 - October 12th

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Here we go again!

Meet Our Spectacular Creative Team for *Mamma Mia!*

Continuing on with our commitment to developing our next generation of creatives, we again put the call out for expressions of interest for creative roles in our upcoming production of *Mamma Mia! Again*, we had a brilliant response and we are thrilled to announce the incredible creative minds behind the magic of *Mamma Mia!* at the iconic Isaac Theatre Royal.

Director/Choreographer: Hillary Moulder

Musical Director: Kimberley Wood

Co-Choreographer: Gemma Kearney

These talented individuals are bringing their expertise to create an unforgettable experience filled with love, laughter, and sensational performances!

Don't miss out on this extraordinary production coming to the Isaac Theatre Royal later in 2024.



Director/Choreographer:
Hillary Moulder



Musical Director
Kimberley Wood



Co-Choreographer
Gemma Kearney

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My Fair Lady
September 21st - 30th

My Fair Lady

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It's hard to believe it's been over two months since we bid farewell to *My Fair Lady*. Time really does fly when you're having fun, doesn't it?

Looking back, we're still in awe of the incredible journey we shared. The energy and support our community brought to every performance created an atmosphere that our cast and crew will never forget.

A huge shoutout once again to our amazing creative team, cast and crew who poured their hearts into every moment on stage. You all made the magic happen.

As we reminisce about *My Fair Lady*, we're already getting excited about what's on the horizon in 2024. Your love for the arts is what keeps our theatre community alive and thriving, and we can't wait to share more amazing moments with you in the seasons to come. Here's to many more adventures on stage!



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Way Off Broadway
October 15th, 2023

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On Sunday 15th of October, our final *Way Off Broadway* for the year was an evening of celebration of the magic that happens when two incredible performers come together in our Duets edition.

Under the guidance of our hosts, David Chambers and Sophie Ricketts, nine dynamic duos took centre stage, delivering renditions of beloved duet numbers from your most cherished musicals, and some you may never have heard of.

From classic showstoppers to modern hits, the audience was treated to a journey through time and genre.

We extend our gratitude to each and every performer as well as to our dedicated team of organisers, technicians, and volunteers working behind the scenes.

As we bid farewell to *Way Off Broadway* 2023, we look back with pride and gratitude for the talent, creativity, and community spirit that filled the NASDA stage. We can't wait to see what the future holds for our performers and our vibrant musical theatre community.

Way Off Broadway has been running in the same format since 2014, so stay tuned for some exciting twists to *Way Off Broadway* in 2024! There are some great nights coming up!



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Showstoppers: The Showbiz Singers
Sponsored by Ryman Healthcare

The Year of the Arts Block Party on November 25, 2023, successfully capped off the 2023 Year of the Arts initiative in Ōtautahi Christchurch. Showstoppers - The Showbiz Singers wowed the audience on the D Lawn beside the old Dux De Lux with an outstanding performance of musical theatre repertoire from their 2023 setlist.

The event united the community, allowing attendees to explore the BLOCK and enjoy artistic expressions showcased by The Christchurch Art Gallery and neighbouring establishments. Families and individuals experienced a day filled with diverse activities, celebrating the city's rich arts and cultural heritage.

This event marked the last performance for our 2023 Showstoppers group. If you would like to get involved in 2024, please keep an eye out for future newsletters next year with more information on how you can be part of the fun.



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"I see stars, we shine as bright as day. I will look out for you; we'll light each other's way." - *Mean Girls*



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BACKSTAGE

Wardrobe department of *Kinky Boots*.
Here's a sneak peak!

Greetings from the heart of the wardrobe team! The moment we've all been waiting for has arrived - the grand unveiling of the *Kinky Boots* costumes!

As we carefully pry open those crates, it's like unearthing a treasure trove of creativity and craftsmanship. Each piece tells a story, and we can't wait to see them come to life on stage! From the intricately designed heels to the vibrant fabrics, every detail has been lovingly crafted to perfection.

Our hands are itching to get to work, making sure every stitch is in its rightful place, every sequin gleams just right, and every hemline falls with grace. We're on a mission to ensure that every member of the cast feels like a star when they step into their costumes.

As we prepare for rehearsals in February 2024, we're not just crafting garments; we're creating personas, breathing life into characters, and setting the stage for an unforgettable performance. We can't wait for you to witness the magic!



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2024 WORKSHOP SUBMISSIONS

We are committed in 2024 to bringing new and exciting workshops to the local theatre community and so we are seeking experienced and passionate individuals to propose workshops that will enrich and inspire our local performing arts community. If you have expertise in any aspect of the industry, we invite you to submit your workshop proposal for consideration.

How Showbiz will support you:

- Profit share model – You will keep 80% of your total ticket sales
- Promotion of your event through our marketing channels
- Ticket sales for your workshop through our Patronbase system
- Full use of the Showbiz studios including our fully equipped kitchen
- Three studios with pianos available if required.

Submission Guidelines:

To submit your workshop proposal, please provide the following information:

1. **Name and Contact Information:** Include your full name, email address, phone number, and a brief bio highlighting your relevant experience.
2. **Workshop Title and Description:** Clearly state the title of your proposed workshop and provide a detailed description (200-300 words) outlining its objectives, content, and target audience.
3. **Duration and cost:** Specify the duration and participant cost of your workshop (e.g., half-day, full-day). Note : It is our desire to keep workshops as low cost and as accessible as possible.
4. **Timing:** We are aiming to provide at least one workshop per month from February to December. Please let us know any preferred dates that work best for you.
5. **Resources and Materials:** Outline any specific resources, materials, or equipment you will provide for the workshop.
6. **CV or Résumé:** Attach a CV or résumé highlighting your professional background and experience in the performing arts industry.

Submission Deadline:

All workshop proposals must be submitted by December 25th.

Selection Process:

The selection of workshops will be based on their relevance, quality, and potential impact on the participants. Shortlisted candidates may be invited for further discussion.

For inquiries and submission of workshop proposals, please email prodmgr@showbiz.org.nz with the subject line: "Workshop Proposal Submission - [Your Name]".

We look forward to receiving your innovative workshop ideas and contributing to the growth of the local performing arts community in 2024.

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The latest news from behind the curtain.

SAVE THE DATES!

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Movie Night at Lumiere

We will be hosting a classic musical theatre movie night at Lumiere Theatre early next year. The pencilled in date for this is

Friday February 23rd.

Vintage High Tea

We will be hosting another High Tea here at Showbiz Studios for our past members.

Sunday May 26th. TBC

Les Miserables Reunion

Next year marks 3 years since our first production of Les Miserables, what better reason than to have a Les Miserables reunion. This will be a weekend long event and will include all three casts and crews for our production in 1994, 2001 and 2018.

There are lots more details to come, and we hope to see many of you to celebrate our involvement with this wonderful show.

Please save the date: **23-25 August, 2024**

More details on all of our 2024 events will be available in the new year.

BACKSTAGE

The latest news from behind the curtain.

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

Exciting News! Our digital stage has a fresh new look!

Tom has worked tirelessly during the downtime between shows to revamp our online home.

Experience the all-new www.showbiz.org.nz and witness the evolution of our organisation! Reconnect with the magic of past performances like never before!

Explore our revamped site that better reflects who we are and what we stand for. Don't miss out on the upgraded magic - click the link and join us in this thrilling new chapter for Showbiz Christchurch!





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Catherina Hengst

Catherina, a quiet school librarian by day, discovered a love of theatre back in 2003 when a friend suggested she might like to be a part of the crew for Showbiz Christchurch's production of *Copacabana*. She has been involved with every show since then, all 35 of them, honing her craft and becoming an invaluable member of the Showbiz community.

Behind the scenes, as Properties Manager, she sources props (and people to help craft props), ensuring her team help each production boast an authentic and visually stunning experience. Her favourite builds include the glitz and glamour of *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* and the uproarious comedy of *Spamalot*. Catherina's attention to detail, resourcefulness and organisational prowess shines through in every show she contributes to.

Catherina was properties manager for our latest production of *My Fair Lady*. Not an easy task considering the huge amount of props in the show. Thank you for all of your hard work and expertise Catherina!



Patrice Hammond

Patrice is proud to have worked with Showbiz Christchurch since 2017 when she was an assistant on the makeup and hair team for *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*. Patrice's other theatre contributions working backstage with Showbiz are *Sister Act*, *Wicked*, *Miss Saigon*, *Matilda*, *That Bloody Woman* and *My Fair Lady*. She also won the MTI Australasia Nola Spier MTNZ NextGen Youth Encouragement Award in 2017, was the MTNZ NextGen Representative from 2019-2021 and holds a Diploma of Makeup Artistry which she gained in 2016 to follow a passion discovered through theatre.

Aside from community theatre, Patrice is no stranger to makeup design as the resident makeup artist and executive producer for local film production company One Dollar Genre. Patrice also contracts professionally as a makeup artist providing services for events and productions. Some of her previous credits include NZ Fashion Week and Metropol Magazine, most recently Sail GP (The Entertainment Company). Patrice is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability at University of Canterbury.



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	Free	\$30	\$60	\$120
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SOCIAL MEDIA Showbiz Squad closed FB group access	✓	✓	✓	✓
PRIORITY NOTIFICATIONS Priority email notifications of auditions, classes and pre-sales	✓	✓	✓	✓
PRIORITY BOOKING Pre-sales ticket purchase opportunity before public opening	✓	✓	✓	✓
VOTING RIGHTS Voting and nomination rights at AGM	X	✓	✓	✓
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Everything's going my way."
Oklahoma

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past so here we are
where the world has come
together."
Come From Away

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25 Nov - 27 Jan

Something Rotten
On Now!
Court Theatre

12-23 December

The Flight Before Christmas
Little Andromeda

17 December

A Christmas Carol
Toi Toi Opera
The Arts Centre

11 - 28 Jan

The Odyssey - Summer Theatre
Noosed Octopus
Botanic Gardens

8 - 16 March

Pippin
MUSOC
Ngaio Marsh Theatre

18 - 27 April

Mary Poppins
Centrestage Rolleston
Rolleston College

19 Apr - 4 May

Kinky Boots
Showbiz Christchurch
Isaac Theatre Royal

9 - 25 May

42nd Street
North Canterbury Musicals
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