

PLAYBOX SHARING THEIR TALENTS AND HELPING OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

Playbox, according to Treasurer Lorna Ashton, have a unique way of helping other organisations with their fundraising. Lorna says it is a win/win situation for all concerned. Playbox recover the cost of a performance and the organisation booking that night receives a nice bonus for their fundraising activities.

It works by an organisation contacting Playbox at www.playbox.org.nz and requesting a performance night for their organisation. Playbox then allocate that night to them at a negotiated rate (enough to cover the costs of the performance for that particular night). The organisation then on-sell their tickets at a profit margin. Organisations in previous years have raised over \$1,000 in one night and had an enjoyable evening as well.

The next two shows for Playbox are:

Curtain Call by Bettine Manktelow

Season: 4th - 18th April 2009

Curtain Call depicts an amusingly chaotic day in the life of Alec Partridge, Manager of the The Thurlow Playhouse. The roof is leaking and the receipts are not good from recent amateur productions, Alec, is awaiting a visit from the Arts Council, whilst trying to cope with a highly strung amateur director upsetting the stage crew with her demands for real horses and corn in the production of Oklahoma. The flirty Front of House manager upsets his secretary and the Chairman of the Board brings negotiating skills reminiscent of Attila the Hun on an ever worsening situation. All ends happily (for most of them), but not before a few harsh words have been spoken. This play is directed by Bridget Murphy and produced for Playbox by Lorna Ashton.

Tickets for this show cost \$25 Adults, \$20 Senior Citizens and Students/Children.

Dinner is also available on selected nights for \$25 a head.

Group discounts available. To make a booking for this show call

Riverlea Theatre on 0800-800-192 or email boxoffice@riverlea.org.nz

The Darling Buds of May by HE Bates

Season: 1st - 15th August 2009

Pop Larkin, who makes a fortune from scrap-iron deals but has never paid income tax, lives in rural idyllic bliss with generous-hearted Ma and their six children. When a young, earnest tax official, Mr Charlton, turns up one hot May afternoon in 1957 to investigate he is bewitched immediately by eldest daughter Mariette and it isn't long before he succumbs to the boisterous Larkin family charm and largesse.

President Mark Perry says Playbox went through a bad period a few years ago but now with a couple of good years under their belts, the launch of their own website www.playbox.org.nz and an awareness of the difficulty with raising funds, they are now in a position to help other organisations with their fundraising in this particular way.

Please either leave a message on the playbox website www.playbox.org.nz or telephone the theatre manager Bryan and he will take your details. Whichever way you choose to contact Playbox you will be acknowledged.