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# HOStage

## Beauty and the Beast Auditions

Again, HOS experienced a fantastic turnout for auditions at the Meteor Theatre with over 100 people vying for the roles. Thirty-four dancers showed up at 9am and choreographer Sonja McGirr-Garrett had a tough time narrowing down the number of dancers to 8 given the high calibre of dancing. The vocal auditions were just as exciting, and a considerable amount of new talent came out of the woodwork.

The following leads have been confirmed:

The Beast - Roy Snow  
Belle - Amanda Burnett  
Maurice - David Artis  
Lumiere - Nick Wilkinson  
Cogsworth - Peter Young  
Babette - Justine Allen  
Madame De La Grande Bouche - Gayle Williams

The full cast list will be posted on our website very soon, along with more details on the production:

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## AGM Outcome

The AGM was held on Thursday 6 November 2008 at the Ventura Inn & Suites in Clarence Street. Thirty-one members were in attendance. Elections were held and the board is as follows:

Chair -  
Yvonne Milroy  
Treasurer -  
Lauren Leith  
Secretary -  
Jason Wade  
(confirmed at following board meeting)  
Shirley Buchanan  
Philippa Johnson  
Christine Sidwell  
Dave Smith  
Marwyn Staples  
Henry Stokes

Thanks to all those members that came along to the meeting and showed their support for the society. Also thanks to Ventura Inn & Suites for providing the venue for the AGM.

## Chairperson's Message

I'm thrilled to have been elected as the first female Chairperson for Hamilton Operatic Society. In 2005, I began volunteering in the wardrobe department (on the proviso I could dress up in costume) on Saturday mornings. From there I progressed into working backstage. My first "wardrobe team" production was The Rocky Horror Show, and soon became adept at lacing the cast into their corsets, and incredibly quick changes side of stage. My next move was to assist with marketing of the shows - first Nick Wilkinson's 2006 production of

"The Rollicking Adventures of Sue Narmi", then 2007's Blood Brothers, and this year's Hair and Cats. In 2007, I became a Board Member for the Society, and have thoroughly enjoyed being involved with the management and administrative sides of the society. Following our successful production of Cats, I'm looking forward to working with the same creative team of David, Campbell and Sonja in bringing you "Beauty & the Beast" in 2009.

Season greetings and break a leg!

*Yvonne*



# Christmas Wordfind

Here's a chance to refresh your memory with a Wordfind puzzle featuring 16 of our recent productions from 1999 to date. See how many you can find!

Words to Find:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| BLOOD BROTHERS     | BUDDY                 |
| CATS               | CELEBRATION           |
| CHESS              | GREASE                |
| HAIR               | JAILBIRDS             |
| LES MISERABLES     | PIRATES               |
| SOUTH PACIFIC      | TELL ME ON A SUNDAY   |
| THE FULL MONTY     | THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW |
| THE SOUND OF MUSIC | WESTEND TO BROADWAY   |



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 N T H E R O C K Y H O R R O R S H O W T F G D H D  
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 Q Y P K Y A D N U S A N O E M L L E T T W T Q W G  
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 M I C T Z Z J D L I S Y O K P Z Q S E N R D O U Q  
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 O I R Y U M T R L L R N Y P H E Z A I T F U X X J  
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 T J T C J E M I O J K G O R K H M H E R M G U A U  
 H Q K A M W Y C X M R H S T O I F Y R B X O J C W  
 P D Y T F G W Z M E L G Y T D I S J A E B L Q B C  
 A E B S H F D C A P E L B J L N N N B L N R A U F  
 C D D D P D X S H S L F U S E K E P L E K R S Z U  
 I T J M W J E Y W G E F N F Y M O T E C A W V L K  
 F U O Z X S Z T H J M T H P E J X I S Q V Z X X G  
 I C B Y W H S E U Y G I A B D H U X C E G P G R B  
 C I P Y F A W S X N N G L R H V T H I L W R M R D  
 L U W I Y D D U B T V V F I I R A B K S N Z X U T  
 U Q L R A Y V T Q Z V E O Q O P P L F B A M D U F  
 Z C I S U M F O D N U O S E H T R T W T I Q T P D

## Desperately Seeking...

- Volunteers to work in the Costume Hire department on Saturday, 10am to 1pm. Must have a passion for fancy dress and preferably a great imagination! Please contact Kathie on 07 839 3082.
- Rehearsal space for Beauty & the Beast. Ideally we'd like a disused warehouse in which to install the set. We'd need exclusive use of the area for seven weeks from 1 May - 20 June 2009. Please contact Yvonne on 07 858 4447.
- Your membership for 2009. A membership form is enclosed for your convenience.

### Costume Hire Christmas break

The last day for Costume Hire is **Monday 22 December from 10am - 2pm**. Costume Hire will re-open for 2009 on Thursday 29 January with normal hours. The wardrobe team would like to wish all members a happy and safe Christmas break.

### Waikato Chamber of Commerce

We've now joined the Chamber of Commerce, and hope to make the most of their networking evenings and events in 2009.

## We're on FACEBOOK

Joy Wright has created a fantastic public page on the social networking site Facebook that features the Costume Hire Department. The page is open to anyone to look and you don't have to be a member of Facebook -

although 106 Facebook members have already signed up. There are currently 92 photos of past productions, some going back many years. You'll also find discussions and links to other groups. Well worth a look: click the link on our website or go to: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=27669582729>



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