



Hello Everyone

Spring is just around the corner

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Kind Regards

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What's New?

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

Sheila's Island

Comedy

By Tim Firth

4 F

Bonfire night 2019, Sheila, Denise, Julie, and Fay are Team C in Pennine Mineral Water Ltd.'s annual outward-bound team-building weekend. Somehow, Sheila has been nominated team leader, and, using her cryptic crossword solving skills, has unwittingly stranded her team on an island in the Lake District. Our intrepid heroines find themselves manufacturing weapons from cable ties and spatulas and create a rescue flag with plastic plates and a toasting fork. Questions are asked; truths are told; dirty washing is aired. Is it possible to build an adequate night shelter with a prom dress and a sleeveless jumper? What is Julie's husband really up to in Aldi? And why are they on this bloody team building exercise when they could be at a spa? A female version of the successful Neville's Island

Casserole

Comedy

By Pam Harbaugh

3 M 3 F

Set in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, *Casserole* revolves around Clair Wilson, a Godly woman with love to spare. A normal day goes into high gear when Clair learns that a publisher saw her recipe for "Mayonnaise Casserole" and wants to feature her in a new cookbook, *The Midwest Chef*. Leonard, her grumpy husband, isn't happy with the situation and their daughter Erica, an abstract artist living in New York City, suddenly shows up with stunning news and a mysterious friend, Penny. Arriving for dinner are the hipster editor, Zachary, and his photographer, Nicholas, who have a hidden agenda for the cookbook. A wild menu is set before them. A food-slashing argument erupts, revealing secrets and setting the stage for Clair's loving wisdom.

Bobby & Amy

Dark Comedy

By Emily Jenkins

1M 6 F

It's the end of the 90s: Take That, Tamagotchis and Pog swaps. When Bobby and Amy meet, hundreds of cow's dot across the fields and the sun always shines. But when the cows begin to burn, Bobby and Amy's sleepy Cotswold town faces a catastrophe that will change their home forever. Bobby & Amy explores friendship, heartache, and what happens when our way of life is threatened by those who don't understand it. A dark comedy about foot-and-mouth disease by Fringe First winner Emily Jenkins.



How To Be Brave

Monologue

by Sian Owen

1F

When Katie was little, she was brave: climbing trees and riding bikes too fast. Now Katie's a mum, she must be brave in a new way. Determined her daughter will keep the fierce magic she arrived into the world with, Katie sets off on a mission around Newport with the help of a stolen BMX, a policewoman with bad hair, and a pigeon in a bag.

Shewolves

Adventure

By Sarah Middleton

2 F

Ever thought you should run the world, even though you're 'only fourteen and a girl'? Priya and Lou have. And they're ready to bite back against any adult who doubts them. Armed with a backpack full of Pop-Tarts and a hunger to tackle climate change, they embark on a covert expedition into the wild. But when the wilderness closes in around them, can Lou and Priya overcome their differences to make their voices heard?

Lifeboat

Drama

By Nicola McCartney

2 F

Tuesday 17 September 1940: two fifteen-year-old child evacuees, Bess Walder and Beth Cummings, are fast asleep on board a steam passage ship, The City of Benares, sailing away from World War Two torn Britain and relentless German bombing. Just before midnight they are violently awoken when the ship is hit by a German torpedo and starts to sink. Bess and Beth join the stampede to the lifeboats. Then begins their desperate battle to survive, clinging on to an upturned lifeboat for a night and a day, in the icy waters of the North Atlantic. Out of ninety children on board The City of Benares, Bess and Beth were among only a few who survived. Lifeboat is a tale of courage in the face of overwhelming danger, lifelong friendship and the will to survive.

The Amber Trap

Mystery/Thriller

By Tabitha Mortoboy

3 F 1 M

Come here. Come closer. I want to show you something. Katie and her girlfriend Hope work at their local corner shop. The bell tinkles as familiar feet tread into the aisles, the sign swings gently from open to closed and they steal kisses beside tins of baked beans and instant noodles. For Katie, the little shop is a sanctuary. A place where she can hold onto Hope without anybody watching. But when new employee Michael arrives, everything unravels. He's lovely. He can juggle. He can name every bone in the human body. But as Michael is tugged into the tight knit universe of the corner shop, the sands start to shift and the air begins to thicken.

The Glitter Girls

Comedy

By Mark Dunn

7 F 3 M

The play revolves around an ad hoc meeting of a North Georgia women's social club called "The Glitter Girls," convened by its richest member – one Trudy Tomaine – who is supposedly at death's door and wishing to bequeath some of her millions to one lucky "Sister of the Gleam and Sparkle." The hitch is that it's the members themselves who must decide to whom to award the small fortune (with hopes that the Glitter Girl they select will see it in her heart to share the money with the rest of her "sisters").



The Unfriend

Drama

By Steven Moffat

3 F 4 M

Peter and Debbie are enjoying a cruise – a celebration of twenty years of marriage, and a break from their annoying teenagers. They befriend fellow passenger, Elsa Jean Krakowski, an eccentric American with a fondness for Donald Trump. There's something slightly unsettling in her overeager friendliness... but there's no point rocking the boat if you're about to get off it.

Back home, in the comfort of suburbia, Elsa suddenly turns up on Peter and Debbie's doorstep, unexpectedly. And when they look up their house guest online, unearthing some hair-raising evidence, their good nature is challenged as never before. What kind of danger have they allowed to take up residence in their guest room? And can they bring themselves to say anything about it? Sometimes, the truth is just too impolite.

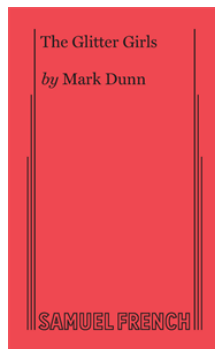
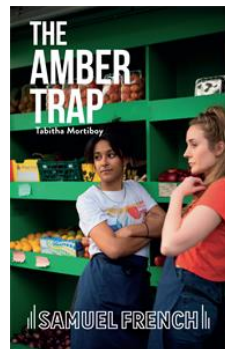
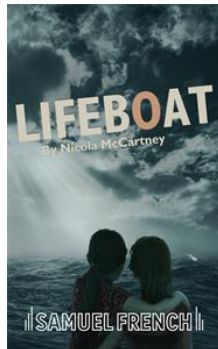
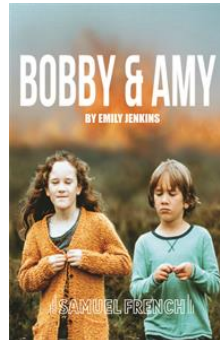
Holy Sh!t

Comedy

By Alexis Zegerman

2 F 2 M

Simone and Sam will do anything to get their daughter into the local Church of England school. Juliet and Nick agree to show them the ropes. The bonds of family, faith and friendship are stretched to breaking point as four forty-somethings wrestle for school places.



New Rights Release:

City Melodies by Lorna French

Safe House by Lorna French

New Zealand Playwrights:

Mad Sisters by Devon Williamson

Over 50 & Flattening by Karin Halliday

Penalties, Pints and Pirouettes by Neil Troost

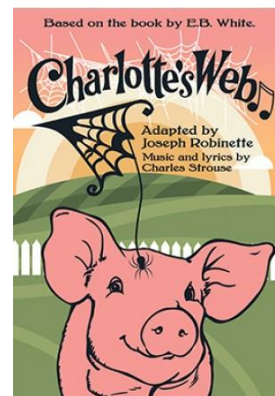
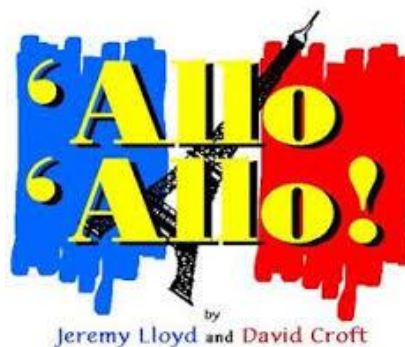
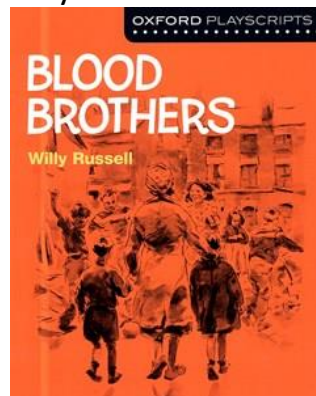
Ward 7 by Kate Moira Spencer

Direct Hit by Shona M Wilson

Poppy Day by Val Franklin

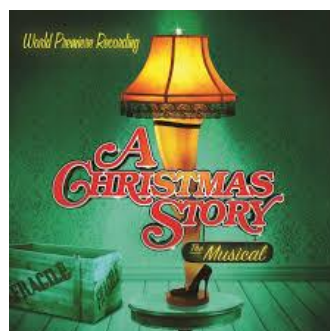
Sharon & Kevin's Wedding by Julia Banks

Plays With Music:



By Devon Williamson

Family & Junior Musicals:



Stuart Little

A Full Length Musical
from the book by
E.B. White

Dramatized by

Joseph Robinette

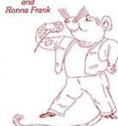
Music by

Renaud Frank

Lyrics by

Joseph Robinette
and

Renaud Frank



The Dramatic Publishing Company

What's On around the Country

Title	Author	Group	Date
Spirit Level	Pam Valentine	Waipukurau Dramatic Soc - Little Theatre	Aug 03 - Aug 19
The Ghost Train	Arnold Ridley	The Butterfly Creek Theatre Troupe Inc	Aug 04 - Aug 13
Someone Who'll Watch Over Me	Frank Mcguinness	Mairangi Players Inc	Aug 05 - Aug 13
Don't Dress For Dinner	Marc Camoletti	Warkworth Theatre Group	Aug 05 - Aug 13
Girls Like That	Evan Placey	Garin College	Aug 07 - Aug 08
The Hound Of The Baskervilles	Steven Canny	Rosmini College	Aug 09 - Aug 11
The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband	Debbie Isitt	Offbeat Theatre Company	Aug 10 - Aug 14
The Ash Girl	Timberlake Wertenbaker	Epsom Girls Grammar School	Aug 10 - Aug 11
Out At Sea	Nicholas Bethell	University of Otago- Theatre Studies Programme	Aug 11 - Aug 12
I'll Be Back Before Midnight	Peter Colley	South Otago Theatrical Society	Aug 12 - Aug 20
The Thrill Of Love	Amanda Whittington	Company Theatre	Aug 12 - Aug 27
Spider's Web	Agatha Christie	Rotorua Little Theatre Society Inc	Aug 17 - Aug 27
Sequence Of Events	George Macewan Green	Elmwood Players	Aug 17 - Aug 20
What's For Pudding	David Tristram	Elmwood Players	Aug 17 - Aug 20
Love And Information	Caryl Churchill	Epsom Girls Grammar School	Aug 17 - Aug 18
One Good Beating	Linda Mclean	Elmwood Players	Aug 17 - Aug 20
Jerusalem	Jez Butterworth	Company Theatre	Aug 17 - Aug 30
Constellations	Nick Payne	Coromandel Players	Aug 19 - Aug 27
Geezers	Tommy Lee Johnston	Hamilton Playbox	Aug 20 - Sep 03
The Visit	Friedrich Durrenmatt	St Patricks College	Aug 23 - Aug 25
Buckets	Adam Bernard	St Cuthberts College	Aug 23 - Aug 24
DNA (School Edition)	Dennis Kelly	Baradene College	Aug 25 - Aug 26
Close To Croydon	Gillian Plowman	Friends of the Globe Theatre	Aug 25 - Aug 28
A Tale of Two Spectators	Peter Manos	Friends of the Globe Theatre	Aug 25 - Aug 28
Teechers	John Godber	Howick College	Aug 25 - Aug 27

Our Man In Havana	Clive Francis	Ellerslie Theatrical Soc	Aug 25 - Sep 03
The Lady In The Van	Alan Bennett	Wanganui Repertory Theatre Inc	Aug 25 - Sep 03
An Inspector Calls	J.B. Priestley	Geraldine High School	Aug 30 - Sep 02
This Changes Everything	Joel Horwood	Epsom Girls Grammar School	Aug 31 - Sep 01
No Exit	Jean Paul Sartre	Stagecraft Theatre Inc	Sep 01 - Sep 09
Katzenmusik(multiplay Drama)	Tom Fowler	The Court Theatre	Sep 03 - Sep 10
The Farndale Avenue... Production Of Macbeth	David McGillivray	Te Awamutu Light Operatic Society	Sep 03 - Sep 17
Albert	Richard Harris	Brick Road productions	Sep 07 - Sep 10
The New Quixote	Michael Frayn	Brick Road productions	Sep 08 - Sep 10
The Mousetrap	Agatha Christie	Detour Theatre Company	Sep 08 - Sep 24
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Ghost Writer	David Tristram	Mana Little Theatre	Sep 14 - Sep 24
Murdered To Death	Peter Gordon	Taieri Dramatic Society Inc	Sep 14 - Sep 18
Murder On The Menu	Devon Williamson	Hokitika Dramatic Society	Sep 15 - Sep 24
A Toe In The Water	Derek Benfield	Hunua Theatre Club	Sep 15 - Sep 24
Wait Until Dark	Frederick Knott	Theatre Hawkes Bay	Sep 21 - Oct 01
Picnic at Hanging Rock (stage version)	Joan Lindsay	Country Players Inc	Sep 22 - Oct 01
Boeing Boeing	Marc Camoletti	Friends of the Globe Theatre	Sep 22 - Oct 01
Attempts On Her Life	Martin Crimp	University of Otago- Theatre Studies Programme	Sep 23 - Sep 24
At The Sign Of The Crippled Harlequin	Norman Robbins	Matamata Dramatic Society	Sep 24 - Oct 01
Pinocchio	Brian Way	Howick Childrens & Youth Theatre Inc	Sep 24 - Sep 25
Puffs (Two Act for Young Wizards)	Matt Cox	Kings College	Sep 26 - Sep 28
Spring Storm	Tennessee Williams	Waiuku College	Sep 27 - Sep 28
Love And Information	Caryl Churchill	Green Bay High School	Sep 28 - Sep 29
How We get To Where We Are Going	Theresa Rebeck	Whitireia New Zealand - Polytechnic	Sep 29 - Sep 30
The Contract	Theresa Rebeck	Whitireia New Zealand - Polytechnic	Sep 29 - Sep 30

Walk	Theresa Rebeck	Whitireia New Zealand - Polytechnic	Sep 29 - Sep 30
Candy Heart	Theresa Rebeck	Whitireia New Zealand - Polytechnic	Sep 29 - Sep 30
Mary, Mother Of God, Intercede For Us	Theresa Rebeck	Whitireia New Zealand - Polytechnic	Sep 29 - Sep 30
Ladies' Day	Amanda Whittington	Elmwood Players	Oct 05 - Oct 15
Twas The Fight Before Christmas!	Devon Williamson	Hamilton Playbox	Oct 15 - Oct 29
My Husbands Nuts	Devon Williamson	Ashhurst Drama	Oct 15 - Oct 18
The Pillowman	Martin McDonagh	Wing Valley Productions	Oct 18 - Oct 20
Alice In Wonderland	Brainerd Duffield	Burnside High School	Oct 18 - Oct 19
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) (Revised)	Adam Long Daniel Singer Jess Winfield	Freyberg High School	Oct 24 - Oct 25
Love And Information	Caryl Churchill	Northcote College	Oct 26 - Oct 27
Sex, Drugs & Rick 'n' Noel	David Tristram	Inglewood Dramatic Soc	Oct 26 - Nov 05
The Domino Effect and other plays for teenagers	Fin Kennedy	Macleans College	Oct 27 - Oct 29
Radiant Vermin	Philip Ridley	A Little Box At The Top Of The Stairs Productions	Oct 27 - Oct 29
The Revlon Girl	Neil Anthony Docking	Otamatea Repertory Theatre Inc	Oct 28 - Nov 06
Run For Your Wife	Ray Cooney	South Canterbury Drama League Inc	Oct 28 - Nov 04
The Jungle Book	Vera Morris	Kidztheatre	Oct 29 - Oct 30
The Woman In Black	Stephen Mallatratt	Stagecraft Theatre Inc	Nov 02 - Nov 12
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) (Revised)	Adam Long Daniel Singer Jess Winfield	Napier Operatic Society	Nov 10 - Nov 19
Shirley Valentine	Willy Russell	Te Awamutu Little Theatre	Nov 10 - Nov 20
Anne Of Green Gables	Sylvia Ashby	Papakura Theatre Co. Inc	Nov 12 - Nov 26
Hay Fever	Noel Coward	Howick Little Theatre	Nov 12 - Dec 03
Nora: A Doll's House	Henrik Ibsen/Stef Smith	The Actors Programme	Nov 15 - Nov 26
A Bunch of Amateurs	Nick Newman	Canterbury Repertory Theatre	Nov 16 - Nov 26
3Women	Katy Brand	Dolphin Theatre Inc	Nov 17 - Dec 03
Hypnosis	David Tristram	Oamaru Repertory Society Inc	Nov 17 - Dec 03

The Jailhouse Frocks	Devon Williamson	Onewhero Society of Performing Arts	Nov 18 - Nov 26
Calendar Girls	Tim Firth	Papakura Theatre Co. Inc	Nov 19 - Dec 03
Duets	Peter Quilter	Country Players Inc	Nov 25 - Dec 03
Bouncers (1990's Remix)	John Godber	Stage Right Theatre Trust	Nov 25 - Dec 10
Captain Corelli's Mandolin	Louis de Bernieres/ Munro	Tauranga Repertory Society	Nov 29 - Dec 11
The Fat Lady Sings In Little Grimley	David Tristram	Limelight Theatre Company	Nov 30 - Dec 04
Murder! in Little Grimley	David Tristram	Limelight Theatre Company	Nov 30 - Dec 04
A Christmas Story, The Musical	Joseph Robinette	Rotorua Musical Theatre	Dec 02 - Dec 17
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	Don Quinn	LIFE	Dec 09 - Dec 11