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**NEWSLETTER FOR
THE FRIENDS OF THE WURLITZER**

**& THE "KIWI CHAPTER" of the
AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY**

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**UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE WURLITZER ORGAN TRUST of AUCKLAND
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MUSIC MAESTRO PLEASE!

We are now just three weeks away from our first show for 2019 featuring the UK's **Chris Powell** at the Allen Digital Theatre Organ – **Sunday March 3 @ 2pm.**

It is heart-warming to hear from Jan, our Ticket Secretary, that tickets are selling very well for this very popular and entertaining organist. Everybody knows that we are in for a lively, toe-tapping afternoon of very happy music. If you have not secured your seats yet, please remember that the \$20.00 *Friends of the Wurlitzer* discounted ticket offer closes on **Wednesday February 27th** when all payments must be in. No more bookings will be accepted after this date, and door sales will be available on the day from 1.30pm – all seats being \$25.00.

A sincere thank you also, to the many who have renewed their membership subscription for another year – this year being the one where we finally get to hear our Wurlitzer organ once again! The donations included by so many of you are also essential in helping the Trust to remain functional in these difficult *no-organ* times.

We do look forward to seeing you at Chris Powell's March 3rd show.

*++ The opinions expressed in this Newsletter ++
are not necessarily those of The Wurlitzer Organ Trust of Auckland.*

THIS & THAT FROM HERE & THERE.....

THE CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEGUN!

Here are some images from Trust Treasurer John Palmer, taken a few weeks ago at the Playhouse Theatre.



A rear view of the Playhouse Theatre – to the right of the stage roller door is the location of the organ chamber annex which is about to be built.

The Wurlitzer organ console on its new lift.

The organ chamber swell shutters are to be installed in the wall on the other side of the white screen seen here at the rear of the stage



The console still sitting on its temporary trolley together with the organ pedal board standing on end.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

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**THE PLAYHOUSE THEATRE
15 GLENDALE ROAD, GLEN EDEN**



SUNDAY MARCH 3 at 2pm – *Chris Powell (UK)*

Our first show for 2019, featuring Chris Powell at the Allen TH300 digital theatre organ who will give us some very lively theatre organ entertainment.

With thanks to Music Planet.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1 at 2pm – *Ken Double (USA)*

A welcome back to Auckland to this popular star of American T.V. as a sports newscaster, play-by-play commentator – and a darn good theatre organist!! Ken was also CEO of the American Theatre Organ Society for some years and always presents a great program of music. We are hoping the Wurlitzer will be ready for this show.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20 at 2pm – *Dave Wickerham (USA)*

Here's another very lively entertainer coming back to play for us! Dave was last booked for a show in 2015 but we were forced to cancel because of the sale of the Hollywood and our need to remove the Wurlitzer from the cinema. A great treat is in store for us with Dave's welcome return – hopefully he will also be performing on our Wurlitzer organ!



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