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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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### ***STILL HANGIN' IN THERE !***

Friends.....three little rays of sunshine have shown themselves amongst the dark clouds, telling us that the "storm" that we have endured since 2015 is nearly over!

See over the page for news of these wonderful, heart-warming, rays of sunshine.

Subscription renewals have also been flowing in, keeping our Membership Secretary very busy. Apologies, that in removing cheque payment details, your scribe also removed Jan's contact details from the Membership Renewal Letter. Some of you employed quite remarkable methods to establish contact with Jan, that would have put Sherlock Holmes or Inspector Clouseau to shame – well done!! Rest assured, the newsletter header now has Jan's email address and of course, her phone number along with all of the Trust, is listed on the back page. Again, my sincere apologies.

We have a wonderful video show coming up at the end of May, and do hope to see you all there for an afternoon of superb music from a *mighty* theatre pipe organ with a much-loved artist at the console and afternoon tea. ....*turn the page for details*

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

## **THE WONDER OF "YOU" !**

I mentioned the "rays of sunshine" in my opening lines – well here they are;

- ✓ Our Prime Minister announced that there would soon be an opening of the borders between NZ and Australia, which means that we can begin discussions with our organ techs in Melbourne, regarding an installation works program for the Wurlitzer organ!
- ✓ The wonderful people at the **Western Districts Community Foundation**, on receiving our latest newsletter with news of our need to cover the 2021 admin costs and the loss of the \$10k grant from *The Trusts Community Foundation*, pledged to match, dollar-for-dollar, YOUR donations, up to the needed \$7500!!
- ✓ You – yes YOU!! Have once again proved that you are as committed to supporting the return of our Wurlitzer organ as we, the Wurlitzer Organ Trust of Auckland are! The essential \$7500 admin costs needed just to keep WOTA solvent with the annual Charity Commission fees, Annual Audit and insurance costs for the organ, has now been met by your donations!! You folk are amazing, and the WOTA team express our appreciation for your continued support. This also means that our lost \$10k grant can almost be recovered through the unbelievable generosity of the **Western Districts Community Foundation**, matching your donations as noted above.

Despite no organ playing, *Friends of the Wurlitzer* members listed below, have insured our survival by their amazing donations – some are four figures!

M.	Blayney	M.	Grace	I.	Mison
G.	Bowden	S.	Hamp	C.	Mountfort
L. & J.	Boyd	D.	Handley	D.	Penk
P.	Brady	B.	Hemming	H.	Perkins
J.	Briand	J.	Herle	S. & P.	Phillips
C.	Brodie	L. & J.	Howe	J.	Speer
N.	Brownlee	W.	Hutchinson	J.	Stallard
J.	Burnett	J.F.	Jones	B.	Stevens
T.	Cheeseman	R.	Kilroy	C.	Tyler
I.	Clarke	B.	Lawson	E.	Vujnovich
T.	Clements	J.	London	R.	Wainwright
T.	Coppard	M.	Massey	K.	Webster
S.	Crawley	M.	Matheson	M.	White
J.	Dekker	Y.	McBride	J.	Wills
S.	Downer	A.	McCarrison	C.	Zeff
J. & A.	Fryer	G.	McGhie		

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For those who are still to renew their membership subscription, a renewal form is enclosed with this newsletter. If no form enclosed, rest assured you are good until next year. However, once again, for payments by internet banking - You **MUST** advise Jan by phone or email when you make a payment into the WOTA bank account for any reason – subs, donations, or tickets for a show! **PLEEEEEEEASE.**

# THE WURLITZER ORGAN TRUST of AUCKLAND

*Invite you to our*

## FRIENDS OF THE WURLITZER CLUB AFTERNOON

**Sunday May 30 @ 2.pm**

**Playhouse Theatre, 15 Glendale Rd, Glen Eden**

**Doors open 1.30pm**

This video presentation is dedicated to the theme and the music of *love*, featuring Ken Double at the mighty Moller theatre pipe organ of the Fox Theatre, Atlanta. There are some real favourites included in this uplifting program of music. Ken also has a personal message recorded especially for Auckland's *Friends of the Wurlitzer!*

This show marks the second recorded-for-streaming concert on the Fox Moller since it received the USD\$500,000 rebuild of its console, and the installation of the Uniflex Relay System. A monumental task that was nearly two years in completing. Ken Double likens the transformation of this organ to be like exchanging a 1929 Royal typewriter for a brand new Apple computer.

Hope you will join us for a great show and a *gold-coin* donation afternoon tea.



### **PRIVATE FUNCTION FOR FOTW MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

**\$15.00 each - NO TICKETS ISSUED AND NO DOOR SALES!**

***Attendees will be checked off on arrival***

**Please call/email Jan to organize your payment for the event**

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**Bookings Close Wednesday May 26**



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