R+T Productions 'Musical Theatre Vocal Workshop'

What: Intensive 3 day vocal workshop for high school aged students.

The workshop will be led by seasoned professional Alex Wiltshire from

Taupo, along with Whakatane's own Ritchie and Trace Tidd.

The workshop will culminate in a public concert on Saturday 27th July.

When: Thursday 25th & Friday 26th July: 10am – 5pm.

Saturday 27th July: 9.30am – 4.30pm, & 6.30pm–10pm for the Concert.

Where: Thurs – Fri: REAP, 21 Pyne Street, Whakatane.

Saturday: Whakatane Little Theatre, Short Street, Whakatane.

Cost: Course costs are TBA**

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This 3 day 'Musical Theatre Vocal Workshop' will focus on Singing and Performance Technique – both in the solo and ensemble contexts, and will draw invaluable insights from Alex's 'Performance Psychology' studies. Each attendee will have the opportunity to work with Alex to prepare a solo song of their choice. All attendees will be given the opportunity to perform their songs at a public evening concert being held at the end of the workshop. As well as benefiting from the time spent working on their own solo numbers, attendees will find that much can also be learned from observing Alex as she works with their peers. In addition to daily solo master classes, attendees will also take part in 3 of 4 ensemble group numbers which will feature in the concert programme. Throughout the workshop, as they rehearse and prepare for the concert with Alex, attendees will no doubt gain an understanding of what is expected in the professional world of Musical Theatre.

ABOUT THE TUTORS

Alex Wiltshire - Alex hails from Taupo and is an extremely talented and accomplished Musician, Singer, Music Tutor, Musical Director, Conductor, Pianist, Accompanist and Performer, who has made an exciting career out of her music. Alex has had a diverse range of musical experiences during her career as a professional musician, particularly in the professional Musical Theatre industry, where she regularly worked alongside members of industry 'royalty', both in NZ and Australia. She is also a trained Counselling Psychologist, and has done some interesting work combining the various threads of her career in 'Performance Psychology' seminars and workshops. Please see Alex's resume (attached) for more information.

Ritchie & Trace Tidd - Both Ritchie and Trace have trained in the Performing Arts at tertiary level (with 5 years full time study between them). They are extremely passionate about Performing Arts, and Musical Theatre in particular. Between them they have appeared in some 40 theatre productions and in countless concerts, events and variety performances. Together, they teach afterschool musical theatre classes to kids aged between 7 and 17 through Step's Dance School. Ritchie works as a panel beater and is heavily involved with Theatre Whakatane, at present holding the position of Vice President on the committee. Trace teaches singing to 20 private students. Both are regular faces on stage in Whakatane.

ABOUT THE CONCERT

The workshop culminates in a public presentation concert at the Little Theatre from 7:30pm on Saturday 27th July. Members of the public are invited to come along to enjoy solo and ensemble Musical Theatre numbers from all workshop attendees. Each singer will be masterfully accompanied on piano by the talented Alex Wiltshire, who will also treat concert goers to a solo performance during the evening.

REGISTRATIONS

Spaces are strictly limited, and will be on a first in first served basis, so get in quick to secure your place! Email traceritchie@yahoo.com.au for more information and/or to register for the workshop.

**We are hoping to offer the workshop for no more than \$50 per day (\$150 p/p total) – however this is dependent on the outcome of funding applications currently being considered. Fees will be confirmed as soon as possible.