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# The Taieri Musical & DKCM Production of

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A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film

Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by

Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

> Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

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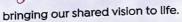
18-27 May 2017 Regent Theatre, Dunedin

# "Like something is brewing, about to begin.

From the first moment two years ago when we made the decision with DKCM Ltd to bring Mary Poppins to Dunedin, this beloved show has touched everyone involved with a sense of wonder and excitement.

Based upon the books by PL Travers, Walt Disney's 1964 movie about a magical nanny has become an indelible part of our collective memory, with a message about family and purpose that continues to resonate over 50 years later.

With that excitement comes a profound sense of responsibility, and we have been grateful for the assured hands of Doug Kamo, Emma Holloway and Michael Grant in



We have a wonderful cast, and it is a privilege to watch such accomplished performers practise their craft. To our wonderful Janes and Michaels, you have worked tirelessly over the last six months, and it is humbling to see such young performers achieve so much.

We cannot deliver shows of this calibre without our hardworking committee and volunteers. Taieri Musical strives for a sense of family and respect in all that we do, and we appreciate the many thousands of hours that our volunteers contribute to make shows like this possible. We cannot do this without you thank you, one and all.

A huge thankyou to our wonderful sponsors and the organisations that have generously provided grants to make shows like this possible.

To stage this particular show in such a historical venue has required a high level of careful planning and preparation, and we are immensely appreciative of the unwavering support from Regent Theatre

As the new President of Taleri Musical, my sincere thanks to Tania Graham and Rowena Monson, who have provided unwavering support and guidance throughout this daunting process. They represent what I love most about Taieri Musical – the culture of generous, talented and caring people coming together to create genuine but fleeting moments of shared delight and wonder,

To our audience: Thank you for your support – without an audience, we have no show. We trust that you will enjoy the fruits of our labour, and with open hearts we welcome you to Mary Poppins!

# CHRIS HINCH TAIERI MUSICAL, PRESIDENT

## "Daddy, I love Mary Poppins

Those were the words my then 4-yearold daughter said to me after taking her to see the Australian cast of Mary Poppins in Auckland four years ago. So, when the opportunity presented itself to produce this international hit, I knew I had

a wonderful reason in my young children to make it happen.

This third collaboration with co-producers Taieri Musical began almost two years ago, and now, after 14 weeks of rehearsals,

thousands of volunteer hours, the best family of local sponsors, trust funders and suppliers a producer could ask for, and a production team, crew and orchestra that would make any West End production stand up and take notice ... we're here and you're about to witness this intoxicating adaptation of both Disney's film and Pamela Travers' books.

This is a show full of magical moments, incredible staging effects and stunning visuals, but it is the committed performances from an incredible cast, the outstanding choreography by Emma Holloway and stunning orchestrations being brought to life by Musical Director Michael Grant that give this production the heart it so richly deserves. I thank

them deeply for their brilliant creative contribution.

We have all heard the expression 'art imitating life', but never have I connected more to this expression than whilst directing Mary Poppins. Every rehearsal has served as a sobering reminder of my duty as a father and the importance of family first.

If you're not with a child tonight - buy another ticket and bring them along, the joy you'll get watching them I'm sure will be the same that I had watching my daughter 4 years ago ... It is something I will never forget ...

I hope our production has that same impact on you ... enjoyl

DOUG KAMO DKCM LTD, PRODUCER

## History

Mary Poppins began life as a series of eight children's books, published over a 54-year period, from 1934-1988. The author was P.L. (Pamela Lyndon) Travers, who was born Helen Lyndon Goff in Maryborough, Queensland, in 1899, the oldest of three girls. Helen's father, Travers Robert Goff, was an alcoholic and unsuccessful bank manager, who was demoted to a bank clerk, and who died of influenza when Helen was 7. After her father's death, the family moved to Bowral, New South Wales, until 1917. In 1924, Helen left for England, never to return to Australia.

After a failed and short-lived attempt to become an actress, during which time she adopted her new stage name of Pamela Lyndon Travers, she turned to writing as P.L. Travers. The first *Mary Poppins* book, published in 1934, was Travers' first literary success and became an instant hit, attributed to its unusual mix of the everyday with the fantastical.

Walt Disney first attempted to purchase the film rights in 1938, but was rebuffed because Travers did not believe a film version would do justice to her creation. For more than 20 years, Disney periodically made efforts to convince Travers to allow him to make a Poppins film. He finally succeeded in 1961, although Travers only conceded due to financial pressures, and insisted on many conditions, including script approval rights and no animation. She was also an adviser to the film, a process portrayed in some detail in the film Saving Mr Banks.

Travers loathed the film version, disapproved of the dilution of the harsher aspects of the Mary Poppins character (which featured Julie Andrews playing her as sweet not tart, pretty not plain, and firm not rude), felt ambivalent about the music and hated the lengthy animated sequences (in which Disney had overruled her objections). She was so enraged at what she considered shabby treatment at Disney's hands, Travers would never again agree to another *Poppins/*Disney adaptation, though Disney made several attempts to persuade her to change her mind.

So fervent was Travers' dislike of the Disney adaptation and of the way she felt she had been treated during the production, that when producer Cameron Mackintosh

approached her about the stage musical in 1993, when she was into her 90s, she acquiesced on the condition that no-one from the film production and only English-born writers were to be directly involved with creating the stage musical. This specifically excluded the Sherman Brothers (who had written the film music) from writing additional songs for the production. However, original songs and other aspects from the 1964 film were allowed to be incorporated into the production. Over the next few years, the show was developed and workshopped, opening in London in 2004 (after Travers' death). The show won 2 Olivier awards (for Best Actress and Best Choreography), before transferring to Broadway in 2006, where it ran for six years until 2013. Although the show was generally praised by the critics, especially for its magical and technical feats, and was nominated for 10 Tony awards, it won only one: for Scenic Design. An Australian version of the musical opened in 2010. starring Verity Hunt-Ballard in the title role, and featuring Marina Prior, Philip Quast, Debra Byrne, Matt Lee and Judi Connelli.





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directors and entertainers in the country. As a producer and director, he has been responsible for over 60 national and international musicaltheatre productions, including The Rocky Horror Show, Les Misérables, The Producers, The Addams Family, The Buddy Holly Story, Jesus Christ Chess, Me & My Girl, 42nd Street and A Chorus Line. He toured New Zealand & Asia in the international casts of

Shortland Street, The Pretender and Passion in Paradise. As a television host he has fronted Lotto, The Lounge, Destination New Zealand, The Vodafone V24 Challenge and Hit the Road. In 2014 he joined forces with Taleri Musical to coproduce Dunedin's sellout season of Mamma Mial. He was awarded Best Direction at this year's Otago Southland Theatre Awards for his visionary production of Grease: The Arena Spectacular with Taieri Musical, and in 2018 he will direct Priscilla: Queen of the Desert for Musical Theatre Dunedin, and Mamma Mial for both Showbiz Queenstown and Musical Theatre

## Musical Direction MICHAEL GRANT

Since graduating from the University of Otago, Michael has been Teacher in Charge of Music at St Hilda's Collegiate School, where he has been musical director of numerous shows - including Seussical, Into the Woods, Bugsy Malone, Suspect: A Murder Mystery - and stage director of Thoroughly Modern Millie. For John McGlashan College, he has musically directed Grease, Godspell and High School Musical. Michael has performed on stage in Taieri Musical's The Buddy Holly Story and Jesus Christ Superstar, and for Musical Theatre Dunedin in Miss Saigon, as well as in a number of theatre restaurants. He has regularly played keyboard in the pit for Taieri Musical and Musical Theatre Dunedin - including for My

Fair Lady, Les Misérables, Mamma Mial and The Phantom of the Opera - and he also joined the band for Avenue Q at the Fortune Theatre, where he regularly accompanies Underground Broadway. Michael was Vocal Director for Grease: The Arena Spectacular, winning Best Vocal Work by a Company at the 2016 Otago Southland Theatre Awards. He is delighted to be teaming up again with Doug and Emma.



classical ballet, jazz, tap and contemporary dance from a young age. Her dance career took her around Australia, India and Taiwan on numerous corporate and theme-park contracts. She moved to New Zealand in 2008 and began teaching at Bennett School of Ballet and Jazz, while performing with Stage Struck Productions in the North Island, DKCM Ltd and the Otago Dancers, dancing at sporting and

corporate events and such local productions as the Big Night In. Emma made her musical-theatre

debut in 2014 with DKCM and Taieri Musical's Mamma Mial. At the Otago Southland Theatre Awards she won the Best Choreography Award for her work on the production. She has since choreographed shows around the region, including: Oklahoma, The Addams Family, Gourmet Broadway, Anything Goes and DKCM and Taieri Musical's 2016 Grease: The Arena Spectacularl, for which she won her second OSTA earlier this year. Emma has enjoyed working on Mary Poppins, a wonderfully magical story which we all know and love. She can't wait to join the audience and watch it come to life on the Regent stage.



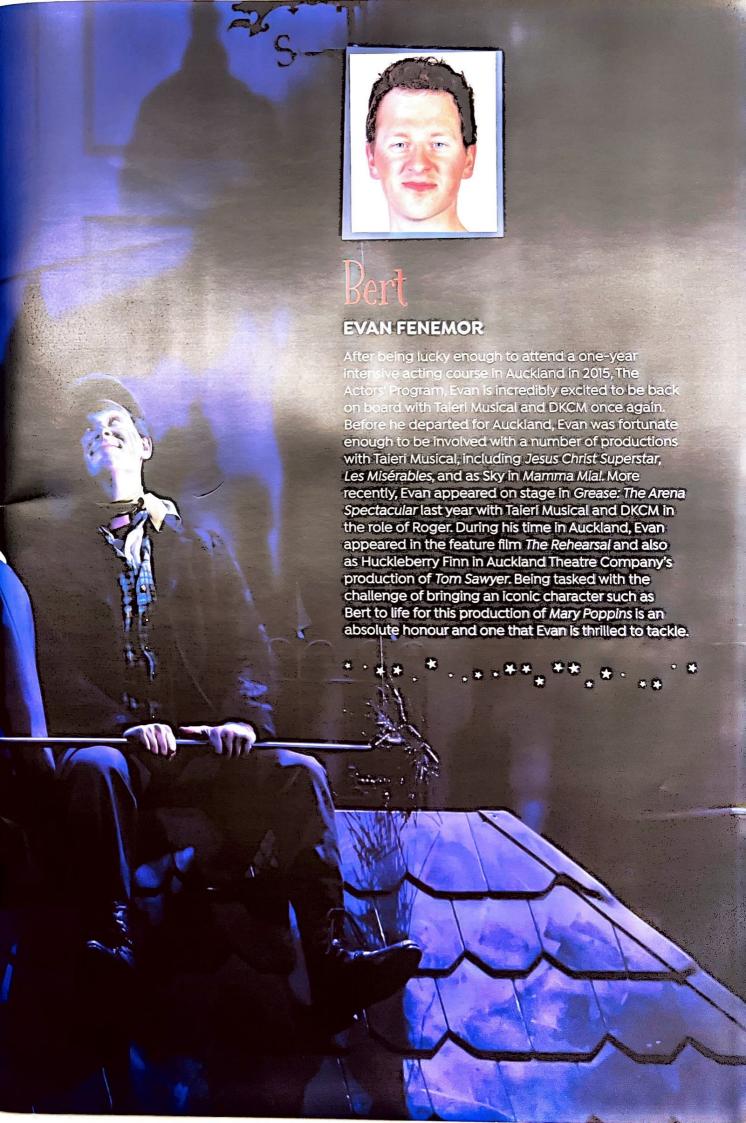


# Mary Poppins

#### **NADYA SHAW BENNETT**

Nadya thanks Taieri Musical for the opportunity to play three significant roles: Brigitta von Trapp (10-year-old début), the 'loverly' Eliza Doolittle and the 'practically perfect' Mary Poppins. Nadya has a first-class Honours Degree in Theatre Studies from the University of Otago, and has studied singing with Judy Bellingham. Her performance credits include Fortune Theatre plays (Motor Camp; Love, Loss and What I Wore; Flagons and Foxtrots; Over the River and Through the Woods); lead Gilbert and Sullivan roles (The Gondoliers; Utopia [Limited]; The Grand Duke); and documentary theatre (Hush; Be/Longing; and the one-woman play My Name is Rachel Corrie). A highlight of her time in London was a tour of the two-handed comedy Romantic Fools. In 2015 she won Dunedin's 'Female Performer of the Year' for Dun-Edie in Farley's Arcade. It has been a 'jolly holiday' working with Doug and the production team and she wishes everyone a wonderful season. 'Best foot forward!'





# **PRINCIPAL CAST**

## George Banks GREG MACLEOD

Greg is a Dunedin singer, actor and a principal/teacher at Broad Bay School. His performance career was launched

following his portrayal of Jesus in Jesus Christ Superstar (2001). Greg attended Toi Whakaari: The New Zealand Drama School (2004) and since has been involved with numerous theatre companies throughout New Zealand. Performance highlights include the Beast in Beauty and the Beast (2006), Jerry in The Full Monty (2008), Engineer in Miss Saigon (2010) Joseph in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (2012), and Edna in Hairspray (2013). Greg and his wife, Heidi, produce and manage the Little Cabaret Band, a nine-piece big band specialising in corporate events, the most recent being Planet Earth is Blue, a David Bowie tribute

concert.

## Winifred Banks KELLY HOCKING

Kelly Hocking is a native of California, USA, where she trained in acting and voice at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Los Angeles. She now lives in Dunedin with husband Peter and daughter Scarlett. In New Zealand, Kelly has performed in productions for the Fortune Theatre, The Court Theatre, Musical Theatre Dunedin. Taieri Musical, North Shore Musical Society and in national touring productions for THETA. Performance highlights include Kate/Lucy in Avenue Q, Ellen in Miss Saigon, Roxie Hart in Chicago, and Janet in Boeing Boeing. Kelly works as a vocal coach, specialising in contemporary commercial music, and provides mentorship and training to other teachers. In 2014 she founded The Voice Labnz, a forum to bring singers and voice teachers



### Michael Banks LUCAS MACLEOD

Lucas is a Year 5 student at Anderson's Bay School. He is the youngest of three siblings and has spent many years watching his sister, brother and his dad perform in musical theatre, and so it was really only a matter of time before he too joined them on the stage! Lucas has previously performed in school-holiday productions at the Playhouse Theatre, and learns hiphop at RASA. He also enjoys futsal, surf lifesaving, basketball, hockey and skiing.

### Jane Banks GRACE JOHNSTON

together with leading voice

professionals.

Grace is a Year 8 student at Columba College. She started dance lessons with Shona Bennett aged 31/2 and continues to learn ballet, jazz and musical theatre at BSBJ. Grace has studied drama with Cindy Diver at InterACT for 6 years, learns speech and drama with Esther O'Neill at Rhetorical, and plays the clarinet. She loves performing in school productions, and has also been cast in various short film roles. Grace has loved being part of this talented cast.



## Michael Banks Joseph Kelly

Joseph (8) is delighted to join the cast of Mary Poppins. He loves being on stage and has taken leading roles in school music and drama performances. Joseph takes drama classes at InterACT, and musical-theatre classes with Denise Henderson. He learns singing with Barbara Hendry, and also plays the alto recorder and trumpet at Saturday Morning Music Classes, In 2016, Joseph debuted in his first stage role as Tiny Tim in Opera Otago's production of A Christmas Carol.

## Jane Banks samantha McCormick

Since age 5, Samantha has been studying singing and dancing. She also plays violin and piano, and is a singer in her school rock band. Samantha attended dance school in Australia for five years, becoming proficient in ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary and musical theatre. She has competed in numerous competitions throughout Brisbane, the Gold Coast and

Sydney, and attended numerous musical-theatre workshops. Samantha is studying tap with Denise Henderson and has just competed in her first song and tap competition.



## Mrs Brilfharriet Moir

For an 'almost' middle-aged broad who can't dance, it always astounds Harriet that she muscles her way into most local musicals, including Mamma Mial (Rosie), The Sound of Music (the Baroness), and Grease: The Arena Spectacular (Miss Lynch). She is a popular MC and entertainer and performs regularly in Dunedin and further afield. In 2016 and 2017 she co-wrote and performed a sellout two-woman show for the Dunedin Fringe Festival. When not performing, Harriet can be found negotiating warfare between her two daughters or pimping out Dunedin babies at Miracle, the boutique store she co-owns in Wall Street Mall.

## Robertson Ay CHRIS KEOGH

Chris has been involved in musicals since his first role, performing as Bugsy in Taieri Musical's Bugsy Malone, aged 13. Recently Chris performed the role of Rocky in Richard O'Brien's The Rocky Horror Show. The show was overseen by the creator himself and cast with some of New Zealand's best musical-theatre talent. Performance highlights include: Skimbleshanks in Cats, Mary Sunshine in Chicago, Dennis Galahad in Spamalot, Chuck Cranston in Footloose and Corny Collins in Hairspray. In 2007, Chris toured the South Island as a member of a Rat Pack tribute group managed and led by Doug Kamo.

### Miss Andrew Alethea Chittenden

Alethea is delighted to be a part of Mary Poppins as the tyrannical Miss Andrew. Her favourite previous roles include the Lady of the Lake (Spamalot), for which she won the 2016 Otago Southland Theatre Award for Best Leading Female in a Musical, Madame Giry (The Phantom of the Opera), Velma von Tussle (Hairspray) and Matron 'Mama' Morton (Chicago). Alethea has also performed roles in Cats, Les Misérables, Die Fledermaus, Chess, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Kismet and the world premieres of John Drummond's Lamach and Bridge to Somewhere and Anthony Ritchie's The Trapeze Artists.

## Rird Woman Arlie McCormick

Arlie McCormick's extensive performing career spans more than 20 years and she has effortlessly moved within the genres of pop, jazz, musical theatre and cabaret. She is the contemporary voice and musical theatre voice lecturer at the University of Otago and this is her first production with Taieri Musical. She is best known for her award-winning role as Diana in Next to Normal, Liza Minnelli in The Boy from Oz, Calamity Jane, and Reno in Anything Goes. In addition to this, Arlie was also part of cabaret group Babushka and successfully toured their multiple shows throughout Australia.



#### **CHRIS HINCH**

Chris has performed in Jesus Christ Superstar, Les Misérables, Mamma Mial, The Sound of Music, Grease: The Arena Spectacular, Underground Broadway, and Mrs Brownz Other Boys. Chris was production manager for The Sound of Music and Grease: The Arena Spectacular, and has recently taken on the role of President of Taieri Musical. Chris is immensely grateful to be part of this beloved show with such an incredible cast, and thanks Jill, Emma, Kelly, and Doug for their wonderful support.

## Neleus Oliver Davidson

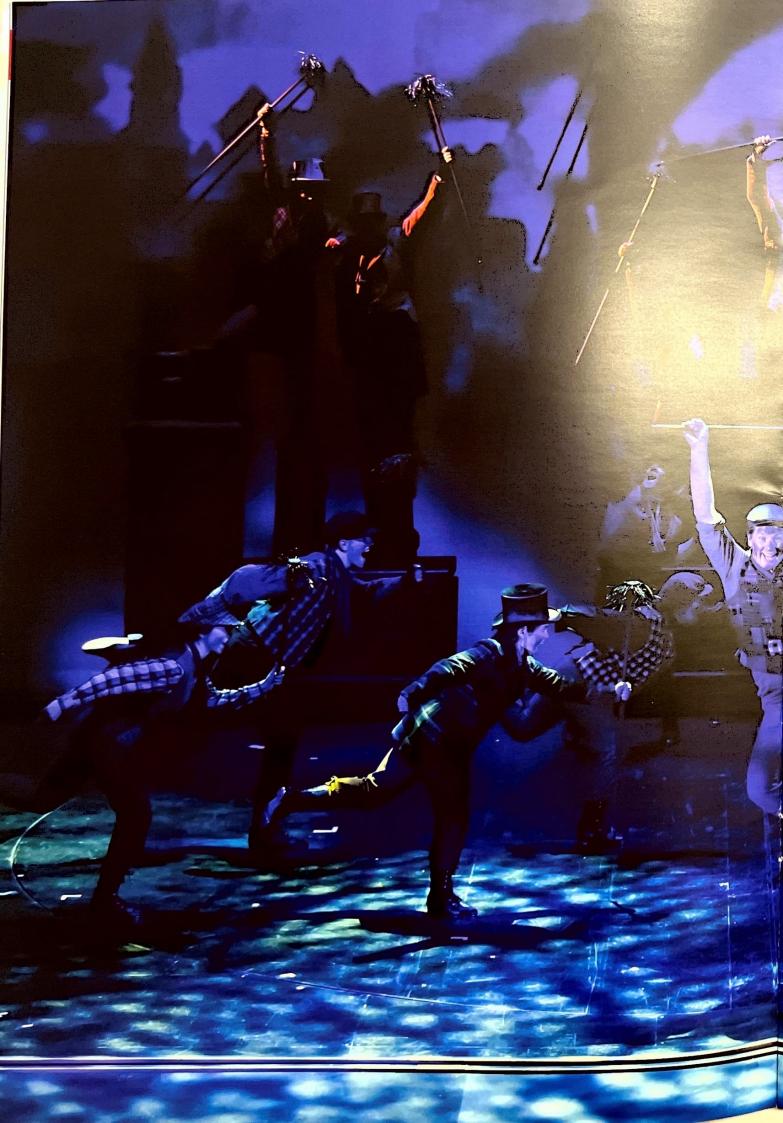
Oliver began dancing aged 7 years and was a member of both Senior Ballet and Senior Jazz Companies at Southern Ballet, Christchurch. He completed with distinction Advanced 2 Jazz (NZAMD) and Advanced 1 Ballet (BBO). Last year Oliver also completed with distinction Grade 8 Music Theatre (Trinity) and Grade 8 Drama (Trinity). Oliver recently moved to Otago to commence his Bachelor of Performing Arts (BPA) and in June will compete at the World Championship of Performing Arts in Los Angeles. In 2016 Oliver performed in Mamma Mial, Hairspray and Evita with Showbiz Christchurch. This is Oliver's first production with Taieri Musical.



Mārama graduated NASDA in 2006 with a Bachelor of Performing Arts. Prior to studying, Mārama was co-director at the Globe Young Persons Theatre in Dunedin, directing many children's productions. Professional highlights include Three Little Pigs and Guys and Dolls (Court Theatre), 84 Charring Cross Road (Christchurch Repertory), Mum's Choir and A Streetcar Named Desire

(Fortune Theatre) and most recently in a sellout Melbourne season of Medea (Eagle's Nest Theatre Company). Mārama has also performed with Canterbury Opera and Showbiz Christchurch. Mārama works as a vocal coach, singing and drama teacher. This is her first appearance with Taleri Musical and DKCM.













### Act One

Bert, a man of many trades, introduces us to the Banks family at No.17 Cherry Tree Lane. Jane and Michael Banks are constantly misbehaving, and Katie Nanna – the latest in a long line of nannies – has had enough ("Cherry Tree Lane"). She leaves, and George Banks asks his wife, Winifred, to place an advertisement in the newspaper for a new nanny, but the children decide to write their own ad ("The Perfect Nanny"). Mary Poppins arrives and fits the children's requirements exactly ("Practically Perfect").

Mary Poppins takes the children to the park, where they meet Bert, who is creating his latest works of art. Bored with the park and wary of Bert's scrappy appearance, the children try to escape, but Mary urges them to see the magic in everyday life. Then, the park bursts into brilliant colours as the statues come to life and dance with them ("Jolly Holiday").

As Mary Poppins begins to win over the children, George informs Winifred that they must maintain order and convention. Winifred feels that she is disappointing her family, struggling to understand her role ("Let's Hope She Will Stay"). The household prepares for Mrs Banks' party ("A Spoonful of Sugar") but no one shows up. Mrs Banks is left feeling more lost than ever.

Mary Poppins takes Jane and Michael to visit their father at the bank ("Precision and Order"). George must decide between giving a loan to the dubious money-making Von Hussler, or an aspiring factory owner, John Northbrook, who has little collateral. Jane prompts George to remember the ideals and values he once held ("A Man Has Dreams"). He decides to take a chance on Mr Northbrook.

On the way home, the children and Mary Poppins run into the Bird Woman.

Jane is still worried about outer appearances and shuns her, but Michael gives the Bird Woman money ("Feed the Birds").

Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael and Bert meet Mrs Corry, the mysterious owner of an unusual "talking shop". The children are surprised to hear that, when their father was a boy, he came to this shop to enjoy its magic and spirit of invention ("Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious").

Things begin to go very wrong for George. Von Hussler goes to another bank and makes millions, and George is blamed for passing on the deal and is suspended without pay. In his stress, George yells at the children. In turn, an angry Jane and Michael fight over their toys, which magically come to life to teach them a lesson ("Playing the Game"). Recognizing the children are not yet ready for the lessons she has to teach them, Mary says goodbye to Bert ("Chim Chim Cher-ee"), leaving a note that reads, "au revoir," or "till we meet again."



#### Act Two

The fall has turned to winter. The house is bustling again because a nanny is returning to No.17 Cherry Tree Lane. However, it's not the much-missed Mary Poppins, but Miss Andrew, who raised George. Miss Andrew is a harsh woman who believes that children should be punished on a regular basis (\*Brimstone and Treacle\*). In a panic, the children escape the house and run to the park, where they meet Bert, who explains that the cure for every ill can be found at the end of a kite string ("Let's Go Fly a Kite"). Their kite flies up into the London sky and, when it comes back down, Mary Poppins is with it. George has also been hiding from Miss Andrew ("Good for Nothing"). With her entire family missing, Winifred worries that she is to blame, but resolves to assert herself and fight harder for the people she loves ("Being Mrs Banks").

Mary returns home with the children and defeats Miss Andrew in an epic battle of wits and will. George returns, relieved to find that Miss Andrew has left, but still anxious about supporting his family. Winifred reminds him he can count on her and the children to stick by him.

Whisked up to the rooftops, Mary

Poppins, Jane and Michael meet Bert and his fellow chimney sweeps ("Step in Time"). The sweeps dance across the rooftops of London and Into the Bankses' house, wishing good luck to George and shaking his hand as they go.

The Bank Chairman asks to see George Immediately. George fears the worst, but Bert reminds him that his family is more important than his ambitions ("A Man Has Dreams – Reprise/A Spoonful of Sugar – Reprise"). George leaves for the bank as Winifred wishes that she could go with him. Mary Poppins and the children encourage her to do what she believes is right ("Anything Can Happen").

In front of the bank's board of directors, George launches into a defence of his actions before they can tell him that he was right all along: Von Hussler's scheme has fallen through, and the competing bank that approved his loan has been ruined. Northbrook's business, on the other hand, is thriving and earning a healthy profit. Winifred shows up, ready to defend her husband, but, when she finds the board is promoting him, she negotiates his raise for him. George announces that, from now on, his family comes first. As George and Winifred walk along the streets of London, Mary Poppins takes Jane and Michael on one more magical adventure — this time, through the heavens.

Her job done, Mary Poppins says her goodbyes and files off to her next task. Although the Banks family is sad to see her go, they are

glad that they have finally found one another.



 $\operatorname{Act} 1$  Scene 1 Cherry Tree Lane

Chim Chim Cheree, Cherry Tree Lane - Part 1, The Perfect Nanny, Cherry Tree Lane - Part 2

Scene 2 Mary's Arrival (Parlour)

Scene 3 Practically Perfect (Nursery)

Practically Perfect

Scene 4 Jolly Holiday (Park)

Jolly Hollday

Scene 5 Let's Hope She Will Stay (Parlour)

Scene 6 Spoonful of Sugar (Kitchen)

A Spoonful of Sugar

Scene 7 The Bank

Precision and Order, A Man Has Dreams

Scene 8 Feed The Birds (Cathedral Steps)

Feed The Birds

Scene 9 Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (Park)

Supercalifragilisticexplalidocious

Scene 10 Bad News (Street, Parlour)

Scene 11 Playing the Game (Nursery)

Playing The Game

Scene 12 Chim Chiminey (Roof)

Chim Chim Cheree

 $\operatorname{Act} {\mathfrak D}$  Scene 1 Brimstone and Treacle

Cherry Tree Lane (Reprise), Brimstone and Treacle

Scene 2 Let's Go Fly a Kite (Park)

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Scene 3 Good For Nothing (Park)

Good For Nothing

Scene 4 Winifred Despairs (Park)

Being Mrs Banks

Scene 5 Brimstone and Treacle Revisited (Parlour)

Brimstone and Treacle (Part 2)

Scene 6 George Returns (Parlour)

Practically Perfect (Reprise)

Scene 7 I'll Stay Until The Chain Breaks (Nursery)

Scene 8 Step In Time (Roof)

Step In Time

Scene 9 A Man Has Dreams (Parlour)

A Man Has Dreams

Scene 10 Anything Can Happen (Nursery)

Anything Can Happen Part 1

Scene 11 Anything Can Happen Part 2 (Cathedral Steps, Bank)

Scene 12 Anything Can Happen Part 3 (Park, Heavens)

Anything Can Happen Part 2

Scene 13 | Love You Mary Poppins (Park)

A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise)

Scene 14 Family Life (Nursery)

A Shooting Star

## Fulf Cast List Principals

Mary Poppins Nadya Shaw Bennett

Bert

Evan Fenemor

Mr Banks

Greg MacLeod

Mrs Banks

Kelly Hocking

Jane Banks

Samantha McCormick,

Grace Johnston

Michael Banks Lucas MacLeod, Joseph Kelly

Mrs Brill Harriet Moir

Robertson Ay Chris Keogh

Aiss Androw Alothon

Miss Andrew Alethea Chittenden

Bird Woman Arlie McCormick

Admiral Boom/Bank Chairman Chris Hinch

Neleus

Oliver Davidson

Mrs Corry/Queen Victoria Marama Grant

#### Ensemble

Scott Bezett

Max Beal

Bryn Monk

Joshua Larkins

Nic Laughton

Scott Christie

Reynard Dain

Janine Weatherley

Lydia Bernard

Leah Hay

Cadyne Geary

Summer Johnson

Jane Craigie-Read

Anna Thomson

Petra Leonard

Toni Shanks

**Destiny Carvell** 

Rebecca McCracken

Charlotte McKay

C , C.

### Support Singers

Mason Bouzaid

Lucia Vincent

Hannah Pearson

Sophie O'Driscoll

Nicole Everett



#### Orchestra

Bass Daniel Potter

Cello Nisa Jaafar Guitar Mike Moroney

Guital Mike Molorie

Horn I Geeny Moon

Horn II Nigel Finney

Keys I Sandra Christie

Keys II Stuart Walker Percussion I Georgie Watts

Percussion II

Maddy Parkins-Craig

Reed I Natasha Manowitz Reed II Jonty Schmidt Reed III Hamish Prince

Trombone I Ted Pheloung
Trombone II Althea Blakey

(Alfie)

Trumpet I Lydia Anderson Trumpet II Anton Dunford

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# ENSEMBLE

#### Max Beal Mr Northbrook

Max is very excited to be a part of Taieri Musical and DKCM's Mary Poppins. He has been classically trained in singing for seven years. In 2016, Max played Patsy in Musical Theatre Dunedin's Spamalot, for which he gained the OSTA for Best Supporting Male, and the ITicket Upcoming Talent Scholarship. This year Max won 'Outstanding Actor' in the Sheila Winn Shakespeare



Festival, is playing Pharaoh in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and Rapunzel's Prince in the Fortune Theatre's Into The Woods

#### Lydia Bernard Miss Lark

Lydia always loves being involved in Taieri Musical productions, with some of her favourites being Grease: The Arena Spectacular, Mamma Mia! and Gourmet Broadway. She graduated from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Performing Arts at the end of last year. Her most recent performance credits include Blaise in Behind Bars as part of the



Lunchtime Theatre Series, Cathy in The Last Five Years and Red in the Fortune Theatre's production Little Red Riding Hood.

#### **Scott Bezett Von Hussler**

Mary Poppins is Scott's second major production with Tajeri Musical and DKCM after performing in Grease: The Arena Spectacular last year. He is thrilled to be a part of such a talented cast and crew. He is in his second year at the University of Otago, studying Classics, Maths and Classical Voice under Judy Bellingham. Outside of performing, Scott is a keen rower



for North End Rowing Club and the University of Otago.

#### **Destiny Carvell**

Destiny has just completed her second year of an education degree in which she is working towards becoming a primary school teacher. She is an accomplished tap-dancer, having been taught by Denise Henderson for 14 years. A recent highlight was placing 5th overall in New Zealand at the National NZAMD Tap Dancing Scholarship Weekend last



November. Mary Poppins is Destiny's second musical with Taieri Musical She's looking forward to working with the talented cast and crew of Mary Poppins.

#### **Scott Christie**

The movie Mary Poppins was a

huge part of Scott's childhood,

being one of the first musicals he ever watched. This makes it a huge

honour to perform in the cast of

Mary Poppins. This is Scott's fourth

show for Taieri Musical, having previously been in Oliver!, The Sound

of Music and Grease: The Arena

Spectacular. Scott has also been

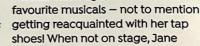
learning tap-dancing for almost

three years and is excited to show off his tap skills in 'Step in Time'.



#### Jane Craigie-Read Katie Nanna

Jane is well known to Dunedin audiences, having performed in numerous productions since 2001, with highlights including: Encore, Beauty and The Beast, Jesus Christ Superstar, Les Misérables and Mamma Mial. She is thrilled to be working with the DKCM and Taieri Musical team again in one of her



works in local government and is the proud Mum of a busy two-year-old.



#### **Reynard Dain**

Reynard is thrilled to be working again with this talented group for

Mary Poppins. This will be Reynard's third production with Taieri Musical

and DKCM, following Grease: The

Arena Spectacular in 2016. His

other credits include Hairspray and

Mamma Mial. Reynard has been singing and dancing since the age

of five. Reynard teaches Hip-Hop

and Korean-Pop (K-Pop) at Otago Dance Association. He thanks the

Mary Poppins team for their support,

but most of all, is grateful to his wonderful family.



#### **Cadyne Geary Fannie**

Cadyne's passion for performance has grown with 13 years of dance training in mostly ballet, jazz and aerobics. She is in her third year of a Bachelor of Physical Education

at the University of Otago, working part-time at Air Fitness as a class instructor, trainer and receptionist. Cadyne has performed in Taieri

Musical's Mamma Miai and Grease, and Musical Theatre Dunedin's Phantom of the Opera. She would

like to thank her beautiful friends and family for their support.



# ENSEMBLE

#### **Leah Hay**

Leah is 23 years old and works as a speech language therapist at Dunedin Hospital. She has been singing and dancing since the age of four and is looking forward to what will be her sixth show for Taieri Musical, with a highlight being playing Jan in Grease: The Arena Spectacular. With such a great cast and production team, Leah is excited to be part of Mary Poppins,



performing in this wonderful family favourite. She hopes you enjoy the show.

#### Summer Johnson Annie

Summer is a 16 year old student at Otago Girls' High School. She first performed with Taieri Musical in 2014 in The Sound of Music. Summer has learned tap-dancing from Denise Henderson for 12 years, competing in the National Young Performer Awards 2016. She learns singing from Judith Borick, and piano and guitar from Sandra Dingwall. Summer also enjoys competing in regional and national



aerobics competitions. She is looking forward to performing with Taieri Musical again in Mary Poppins. .....

#### Joshua Larkins Park Keeper

This is Joshua's first show with both Taieri Musical and DKCM and he has enjoyed getting to know and learn from a new creative and production team. After performing in Musical Theatre Dunedin's Spamalot last year, he has been eager to get back on the stage in 2017 with the cast of Mary Poppins! He is also an aspiring guitarist and singer/songwriter who has plans to release an EP within the next 12 months. Enjoy the show!



#### Nic Laughton Valentine

Nic has been singing since the age of 6. His first show was Oliver with Taleri Musical at the age of 10, as Oliver, In 2016, Nic was in Grease: The Arena Spectacular with Taleri Musical, and in The Lion King as Simba with King's and Queen's High Schools. Nic has had a very busy year, also being involved in Bayfield High School's Anything Goes as Moonface, and has just



been cast as Jack in the Fortune Theatre's Into the Woods.

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#### Petra Leonard

Mary Poppins is Petra's second production with Taieri Musical. Her other theatre credits include Grease:

The Arena Spectacular, Dusty: The

Original Pop Diva, Joseph and the

Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Miss Saigon, and 'Mimi' in the theatre

restaurant Allo' Allo. Petra has been dancing all her life and has spent three years with the Otago

Dancers. She was fortunate enough to be invited to perform at Disneyland, Los Angeles. Petra has a Bachelor of Education Studies endorsed with Physical

Education and Dance



Rebecca is a Dance Studies graduate from Auckland University, currently studying towards a Master's in primary school teaching here at the University of Otago. She has danced since age 4, exploring all styles of dance. At 7, Rebecca started singing lessons, supporting her love of the stage. This is

Rebecca's third show with Taieri Musical, having performed in both

Honkl and My Fair Lady. She is looking forward to being back on the stage in Dunedin, bringing Mary Poppins to life.



#### Charlotte McKay

Charlotte has studied and performed in several cities around

New Zealand and Australia, but is

now settled in Dunedin. She has worked professionally in musicals,

opera, choirs, and vocal ensembles,

including work for NZ Opera and Chamber Music NZ. Charlotte's

most recent Dunedin appearances

include a two-woman cabaret show she co-created for the Dunedin

Fringe Festival, and playing Rizzo

in Grease: The Arena Spectacular. Charlotte co-founded and

runs Underground Broadway, a music-theatre performance

platform that plays regularly at the Fortune Theatre.

#### **Bryn Monk**

Bryn is beyond excited to be part of the cast of Mary Poppinsi This is his fourth production with Taieri

Musical, and second with DKCM,

most recently playing the role of Eugene in Grease: The Arena

Spectacular. Later this year Bryn will be starring as The Steward in the

Fortune Theatre's Into The Woods. He thanks his tap-dancing teacher Denise Henderson, his singing

teacher Arlie McCormick, and his friends and family for their continued support. Enjoy the show!





## ENSEMBLE and Support Singers

#### **Toni Shanks**

Toni has been involved in musical theatre for years, with performance highlights including The Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables, and Jesus Christ Superstar. Toni graduated from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Performing Arts in December 2016. She originated the role of 'Nora' in the Lunchtime Theatre production of Behind Bars as part of her final year at



University. Since then Toni has been enjoying teaching her own singing pupils and running the choir at Taieri College.

#### **Nicole Everett Support Singer**

Nicole has been singing for 26 years, starting with classical training then moving on to a country music background. She has competed in several competitions locally and has also competed in three Gold Guitar Awards. Nicole has been learning for three years with Bridget Telfer and has decided to move into musical theatre to gain more experience in



this area. She is loving the experience of being a part of Mary Poppins and is very grateful to Taieri Musical.

#### **Anna Thomson**

Mary Poppins is Anna's fifth show for Taieri Musical, following turns as the kooky Helen Staddercheck in Grease, Sister Margaretta in The Sound of Music, and the ensembles of Mamma Mial and My Fair Lady. Previous shows for MTD include Dusty, Joseph, Hairspray, Phantom of the Opera, Lights on Broadway 2 and the role of Olive Ostrovsky in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Anna



will soon be completing her BA before taking on the world, boots and all.

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#### Sophie O'Driscoll **Support Singer**

Sophie is in her first year of a visual arts degree. She has a passion for the performing arts and has participated in many school shows and choirs. Last year, as a final year student, Sophie was cast in the leading role of 'Delores Price' in the St Hilda's production Suspect: A Murder Mystery. Sophie, who has learned singing with Bridget Telfer

since age 11, is looking forward to



being in her first major local production as a backing vocalist.

#### Janine Weatherley Miss Smythe

Mary Poppins is Janine's fourth show for Taieri Musical and she is excited to once again be a part of the dedicated and passionate team. Her theatre credits include: Grease: The Arena Spectacular (2016), 'Maria' - The Sound of Music (2015), Musical Theatre Dunedin's Theatre Restaurant We Need a Little Christmas (2014) and Mamma Mial (2014). Being a full-time teacher



and a mother of two stunning children, Janine would like to thank her husband, Graham, for being such a 'rock' during the production process.

#### **Hannah Pearson Support Singer**

Hannah is a third-year student at the University of Otago. This is her first show with Taieri Musical and

she is delighted that it is such an iconic one. Hannah has previously performed for Musical Theatre Dunedin. She learns singing from Gladys Hope, and also studies

musical theatre voice with Arlie McCormick and tap with Sheridan Labes. Hannah is very excited to

help share the story of Mary Poppins and knows you'll love it as much as she does.

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#### **Mason Bouzaid Support Singer**

Currently a senior student at Taieri College, Mason is also the lead vocalist in his school band, which made it into the regional final of Smokefree Rockquest in 2016. He was also lucky enough to be in the chorus for Grease: The Arena Spectacular in 2016, which he enjoyed so much, and he is excited to be involved in his second



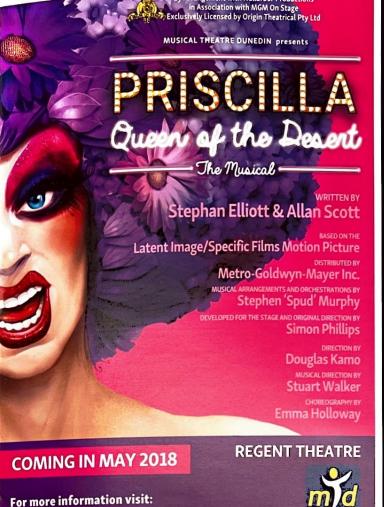
production with Taieri Musical and DKCM, Mary Poppins.

#### Lucia Vincent **Support Singer**

Lucia works as a lawyer in the Litigation Team of Webb Farry Lawyers, specialising in employment law. Lucia studied law and performing arts at the University of Otago, completing an honours degree in theatre studies. Lucia's dissertation focused on how community-based theatre can instigate radical social change.

She is excited to be involved in the great work Taieri Musical does, and, of course, Mary Poppins







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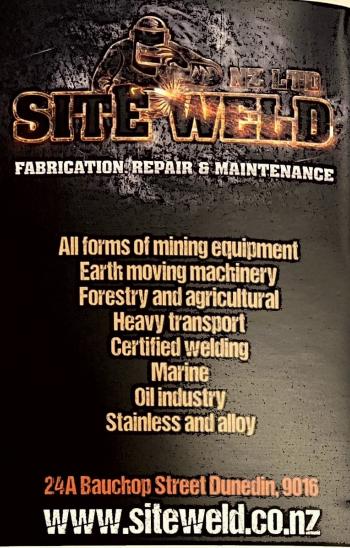
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## PRODUCTION TEAM

#### PRODUCTION MANAGER

Liv Graham

Liv is 21 years old and has been involved with dance and musical theatre most of her life. She graduated in December last year with a Bachelor of Applied Management, majoring in Human Resources and Event Management, and has recently started working as an Event Coordinator at Dunedin Venues Management Limited. Liv is very excited about taking on this challenge



of Production Manager for Mary Poppins and would like to thank DKCM and Taieri Musical for providing her with this opportunity.

#### PRODUCTION ACCOUNTANT

**Rowena Monson** 

Rowena first began her involvement with musical theatre when her daughter, Louise, started performing at a young age. Louise is now grown up and performing in Auckland, however, Rowena has continued working with Taieri Musical, taking on the mammoth role of Treasurer in 2013. Rowena has made some lifelong friends through her involvement, and loves being part of the administration



team, working closely with Tania to achieve successful Taieri Musical productions.

#### STAGE MANAGER/SHOW CALLER

Ian McCabe

lan has been involved in musical theatre since his teens, originally as a musician. Ian moved out of the pit in 2010 and has since worked extensively backstage in a variety of crew and stage management roles for both Taieri Musical and Musical Theatre Dunedin. Ian is honoured and excited to be working with such a team on this, his second show with Taieri

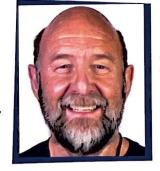


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## TECHNICAL MANAGER & HEAD MECHANIST

**Garry Gibson** 

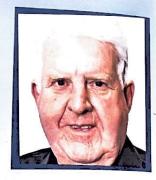
Garry has had vast experience working backstage as Technical Manager. He has performed this role for several Taieri Musical shows, including Les Misérables, Mamma Mial, and Grease: The Arena Spectacular. Other shows include The Phantom of the Opera, and operas for the University of Otago. Garry enjoys the challenge of getting the set into the



venue, ensuring all aspects are working correctly, and working closely with the director to achieve his vision, as well as working with the sound, lighting and visual effects teams.

## SET MECHANICS/BUILD Jim Monson

Since getting involved when his daughter, Louise, began performing, Jim has worked on many shows, mostly for Taieri Musical, Musical Theatre Dunedin and the University of Otago. He would like to thank his construction team for their effort and time in building the additional set required for this show. Jim looks forward to another highly successful season with Taieri Musical and DKCM.



#### PROPS MANAGER

**Anne Gilkison** 

Anne has been working backstage for Taieri Musical for the past 11 years, after coming from a background of no musical-theatre experience at all. She loves being part of the team that brings musical-theatre shows to life, and hopes you enjoy the magic of the enchanting story of Mary Poppins tonight.



#### WARDROBE MANAGER

Samuel Keen

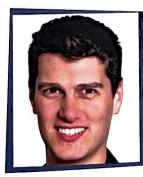
Samuel's vast theatrical experience includes production management of West Side Story, 42nd Street, Les Misérables, Fiddler on the Roof, Cabaret and Miss Saigon, and wardrobe management for Beauty and the Beast, Cats, Chicago, Dusty, Joseph, The Phantom of the Opera and Spamalot. Samuel sincerely thanks the wardrobe team for all their hard work and enthusiasm in the completion of the Mary Poppins wardrobe.



#### WEB DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

**Blair Hughson** 

Having been involved with Taieri Musical for the past 14 years, both on stage and behind the scenes, Blair has really enjoyed watching this show come together. The positive response to our online ticketing pre-sales has been a highlight and it was fantastic to see our audience members showing such commitment to the show in those early stages. As always, it has been a privilege working with the fantastic team at Taieri Musical and DKCM.



#### LIGHTING & VISION DESIGNER

**Dave Spark** 

Dave is a professional lighting and video designer with over 15 years of experience in the industry. He has designed and produced corporate and theatre events all over the country. Dave is highly sought-after for his creative innovative top-end video and production design and technical solutions. He currently runs his Christchurch-based company, Pixel,



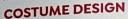
which designs and supplies a large variety of video displays and visuals for events.

### SOUND DESIGN

**Bart Barkman** 

Bart Barkman has designed and mixed theatre shows in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Middle East and Asia. He started at the Regent Theatre on Capping Shows and Rocky Horror. Then off to Australia for a couple of decades, starting with two years on Disney's Beauty and the

Beast. Bart has worked on shows such as Saturday Night Fever, Jesus Christ Superstar, The King and I, Cabaret, Shout, Stevie Wonder, The Beastie Boys, Stadium Australia Opening and The Main Event. .....



Stephen Robertson

Stephen is a freelance director, spending much of the year touring NZ directing, staging and designing for musicals, corporate events and cabaret. Directing credits include Chess, A Chorus Line, Chicago, Jesus Christ Superstar, West Side Story and Avenue Q; NZ premières of Les Misérables (Wellington), 42nd Street (Wellington);



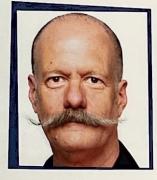
Beauty and the Beast (Wellington); Cats (Christchurch) and Miss Saigon (Christchurch); and The Phantom of the Opera in Palmerston North, Christchurch, Invercargill and Dunedin. Design credits include: Anything Goes (set & costumes), Jesus Christ Superstar, West End to Broadway I, II and III, Grease, A Chorus Line, Fiddler on the Roof, Chicago (set & costumes), Joseph, Buddy (set and costumes), Avenue Q (puppet design and construction), Cats, Beauty and the Beast, Evita (set & costumes). Costume design credits for The Court Theatre. Christchurch: Grease, The Mikado, One Man Two Guvnors, Ropable, The Lady Killers, End of the Rainbow, Mary Poppins, Legally Blonde, Blood Brothers (set & costumes). Stephen is currently working on designs for Wicked, Les Misérables and Chicago.

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#### PRODUCTION DESIGN

John Harding

John has had a versatile career, not only as one of NZ's most respected theatre designers, but also as a film and television designer, art director, and character and costume designer. Design credits include The Dead Room, Hope and Wire, Rage and Predicament, and he was the Costume Designer on James Cameron's Avatar. John



worked for Weta Workshop on The Lord of the Rings trilogy in many roles. He also designed and developed miniature sets, native costumes and weapons for King Kong and The Hobbit trilogy. Recent theatre-design highlights include Chicago, West Side Story and Mamma Mial. John has won many awards for his work, including Lysistrata, The God Boy, Predicament, Until Proven Innocent, Home by Christmas and the short films Fpg and The King Boys. Art-director work includes the American telemovie Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America, the NZ TV series Kidnapped (Robert Louis Stevenson), and Larry Parr's feature Fracture.

#### FRONT-OF-HOUSE MANAGER Sandra Nixon

Sandra is delighted to be involved with Taieri Musical's production of Mary Poppins. She has been an active member of the society for the past 12 years and thoroughly enjoys working with such a dedicated team, ensuring the Front of House runs smoothly. Sandra wishes everyone in Mary Poppins the very best

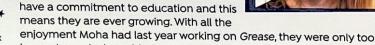


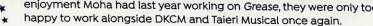
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