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22 July 2022

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## [Foxtrots and Flagons](#)

Directed by: Kathleen Burns

Sponsor: Harmans Lawyers

Location: The Court Theatre, Addington, Christchurch

Dates: 13 August – 17 September

### Short show description:

Bringing back the nostalgia of a time when life was simpler, *Flagons and Foxtrots* is a homegrown Kiwi comedy.

Set in 1960s Ohoka, *Flagons and Foxtrots* invites you to the Saturday night dance hall where a group of young locals prepare for what feels like a night that could make-or-break their dreams. Whilst Jill is waiting for boyfriend, Jack, to pop the big question, best friend Rita is the one with the big secret... Whatever your age, you can recognise yourself in the struggle of being young and trying to make sense of life (all set a great soundtrack!)

*Flagons and Foxtrots* runs at The Court Theatre from 13 August.

*“New Zealand comedy at its best” – The Press*

## FLAGONS AND FOXTROTS AND THE PROMISE OF THE SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE



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## IN DEPTH:

Bringing back the nostalgia of a time when life was simpler, *Flagons and Foxtrots* is a homegrown Kiwi comedy that will whisk you back to a deeply familiar experience – being young and enthusiastic for life.

*Flagons and Foxtrots* is the next production to take The Court Theatre stage and it promises the simplicity of a more straightforward era, yet somehow life still manages to get as complicated as the some of the dance steps.

Set in 1960s Ohoka, *Flagons and Foxtrots* focusses on one Saturday night dance when a group of young locals prepare for what feels like a night that could make-or-break their dreams. The boys in the band are determined that tonight will be their big break. Meanwhile Jill is waiting for boyfriend Jack to pop the big question, but her best friend Rita has a secret that could change everything for everyone.

Director Kathleen Burns makes her mainstage directing debut with *Flagons and Foxtrots*. Kathleen will be familiar with Court audiences for her many years as an actor, Court Jester and children's show director. She also played Rita in the Fortune Theatre season of *Flagons and Foxtrots* in 2015 and it was then that she fell in love with the show.

"I think going to the theatre should be a good time... and this show guarantees that" says Kathleen. "It's packed full of laughs and the jokes per minute won't disappoint. What will really surprise you, though, is when you fall in love with these characters."

Having performed in this play herself, Kathleen knows how it can capture the hearts of all generations. "My aim is that audiences will recognise and connect to these familiar people from North Canterbury. You'll love them, you'll cheer for them, you'll be wow-ed by them - you might even dance with them. I cannot wait for this cast and crew to unleash our take on this play; this is going to be a good night out."

Helping set the 60s scene are the music, costume and set, designed by Caelan Thomas, Stella Gardner and Mark McEntyre respectively. Mark had to accommodate both a dance hall (complete with bandstand) and carpark (complete with car), onto the small Court Theatre stage, whilst Stella's challenge was to evoke the 1960s in a small rural town where perhaps the latest fashions hadn't quite caught all the way up. Caelan has worked with the actors to create a live band onstage who supply the great soundtrack to the dances, and the unfolding drama, of the night.

Burns believes that *Flagons and Foxtrots* will appeal to people across the spectrum for totally different reasons. Whether it's personal reminiscing; curiosity about the times and places that our parents or grandparents knew; nostalgia for a simpler time; or simply for its Kiwi sense of humour.

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Ultimately, we can recognise a bit of ourselves in the experiences, even if the setting is unfamiliar, because we've all survived the struggle of being young. *Flagons and Foxtrots* takes you back there, complete with a great soundtrack.

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## Cast

Jill Jenkins  
Rita Vincent  
Jack Taylor  
Sid Jenkins  
Archie Moore  
Ina Jenkins  
Pinkie Moore  
Ted - Bobbin Robbin  
Dean - Bobbin Robbin  
Swing (Jack, Archie, Pinkie); Bobbin Robbin  
Swing (Rita, Jill)  
Ina Jenkins Understudy  
Sid Jenkins Understudy  
Pinkie Moore Understudy

## Performed by

Anna-Maree Thomas  
Lily Bourne  
Ben Freeth  
Adam Brookfield  
Finley Hughes  
Juliet Reynolds-Midgley  
William Burns  
Mitchell Thomas  
Cameron Clayton  
Cameron Douglas  
Meredith Jackson  
Eilish Moran  
Greg Cooper  
Chris Moore

## Creatives

Director	Kathleen Burns
Musical Director	Caelan Thomas
Choreographer	Hillary Moulder
Set Designer	Mark McEntyre
Costume Designer	Stella Gardner
Lighting Designer and Operator	Giles Tanner
Sound Designer	Matt Short
Stage Manager	Jo Bunce
Props Master	Vanessa Reed
Construction and Premises Manager	Matt McCutcheon

## Show Times

- Monday and Thursday 6:30pm
- Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat 7:30pm
- Forum (incl. Cast and Crew Q&A) 6:30pm Monday 15 August

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An [Audio Described Performance](#) on 18 August 2022

A [Communication Friendly Performance](#) at the 10 September matinee

**Bookings:** phone 0800 333 100 or visit [www.courttheatre.org.nz](http://www.courttheatre.org.nz)

**Ticket Prices**

Adult	\$60 - 67
Senior (65+)	\$54 - 60
Group (6+)	\$57
Community Services or Hāpai cardholders	\$34
Children (under 18)	\$31 - 34
30 Below (18 - 30)	\$30

Images can be found at The Court Theatre's [Media Centre](#)

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