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The Biggest Blue Ribbon Performance for Prostate Cancer

26 June 2018

Tonkin & Taylor mainstage at The Court Theatre

THE COURT THEATRE GOES BLUE TO SUPPORT THE PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION

The Court Theatre is supporting the Prostate Cancer Foundation of New Zealand in a special Blue Ribbon performance of *The Biggest* on 26th June.

The Biggest is a heart-warming and hilarious play that follows four small-town, middle aged 'she'll be right' blokes as they try to win big at the local fishing competition – despite their lack of skill.

In their age and attitudes, they're the very type of men most likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in New Zealand men, affecting around 1 in 8 men at some point in their lifetime – most commonly when they're over 50.

Mark Hadlow, who plays Stu in the play, is an ambassador for the foundation and holds the cause close to his heart.

"The cause is very important to me because I've had a few friends who have had prostate cancer. A lot of guys die from it every year – 600 to be precise – and a lot of it is due to not many people knowing about it."

Graeme Woodside, the CEO of Prostate Cancer Foundation New Zealand, says that all men over 50 (or those over 40 with a family history) should be having annual prostate checks.

"We often use the phrase 'don't die of embarrassment. Man up and get tested for prostate cancer'."

Hadlow also encourages men not to be shy about getting checked – something that he himself had to overcome.

"I had my fear of going to the doctor and saying 'I need an examination', but the relief when you've been is astronomical."

The Prostate Cancer Foundation's mission is to eliminate death and suffering from prostate cancer. They aim to promote awareness, provide support and fund research to help cure the cancer.

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The Foundation will be at The Court from 6pm on 26th June selling blue ribbons and promoting awareness for the cause. Audiences are encouraged to wear blue on the night– and will even be able to buy a blue cocktail before letting their imaginations take them away to small-town Coromandel in *The Biggest*, which will begin at 7:30pm.

The Biggest Blue Ribbon Performance for Prostate Cancer will be held at The Court Theatre on 26th June, 2018. The event begins at 6pm in the foyer with the performance starting at 7:30pm.

The Biggest Blue Ribbon Performance for Prostate Cancer Date & Time:

- Tuesday 26 June 6:00pm

The Biggest Show Times:

- Monday & Thursday 6.30pm
- Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat 7.30pm
- Forum 6:30pm Monday 18th June
Discuss the play with cast and creative team after the performance
- Matinee 2:00pm Saturday 30 June

Ticket Prices

Adult	\$54.00 - \$62.00
Senior 65yrs+	\$47.00 - \$55.00
Supporter	\$45.00 - \$53.00
Group 6+	\$44.00 - \$52.00
Child (U18)	\$25.00 - \$33.00
30 Below (max 2 per person)	\$30.00

Bookings: phone 03 963 0870 or visit www.courttheatre.org.nz

The Biggest Information:

Short show description:

With determination (and not a lot else) Walter, Pat and Mick try to win big at the local fishing competition. They're after a replacement for Stu's dream-boat; the one he spent his life-savings on and then wrote off, landing himself in a wheelchair. Can they catch *The Biggest*?

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Cast

Walter Mack	Robert Lloyd
Stu Wakefield	Mark Hadlow
Mick Taipari	Apirana Taylor
Jan Martin	Nick Dunbar
Cassie Mack	Juanita Hepi
Pat Chestnut	Phil Grieve

Creatives

Playwright	Jamie McCaskill
Director	Ross Gumbley
Set Designer	Mark McEntyre
Costume Designer	Hayley Douglas
Lighting Designer	Joe Hayes
Sound Designer	Gil Eva Craig
Stage Manager	Erica Browne
Operator/Head Technician	Giles Tanner
Construction Manager	Bryce Goddard
Workshop Supervisor	Henri Kerr
Set Construction	Richard Daem, Robert Hood , Nigel Kerr and Nick Lowry
Properties Manager	Christy Lassen
Properties Technician	Nick Lowry
Production Manager	Flore Charbonnier

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

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