



Arts Leaders Elsie Bollinger and Isobel Shore have encouraged students across all years to participate in the annual **Otago University Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition**. We have eight entries competing this year and students have selected a great range of plays with some participants getting involved in more than one excerpt/scene! It is fantastic to see the devotion of senior students inspiring juniors to get involved and with continued support I am sure they will be fantastic on the day.

Parents are welcome to attend to watch performances from Auckland Central Schools at Auckland Grammar School, Centennial Theatre (registrations are now closed and final running order and performance schedule will be released shortly).

University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival – Auckland Central Competition

Dates: Friday 11th - Saturday 12th April

Performance times: Friday: 4pm - 9pm; Saturday: 9am - 6.00pm with awards at 7.00pm

Venue: Centennial Theatre at Auckland Grammar School

School Production Support:

Barnaby James – HOD Drama would like parents and community to contact him if interested in having their business advertised in the 2014 School Production ‘SPAMALOT’ programme. We would greatly appreciate your support. Please forward details to: jamesba@wsc.school.nz

Thank you Lucas Flynn – 13 Art Design for the ArtsNews Heading in this issue. All headings are the work of 13 Art Design students 2014.

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Kirsty Britton – Arts Coordinator

ARTS LEADERS

We have now had our first meetings with the new Arts Committee and are excited by the 2014 projects to come.

The University of Otago - Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival preparation is going well and everyone is on track with groups sorted, plays and scenes chosen getting ready for the performances at Auckland Grammar's Centennial Theatre in early April. Practice has begun with such a great range of plays selected. In other parts of the competition we have students working on design and poster production and with music and costume.

Rehearsals for the school production, 'Spamalot', are underway. Two weeks ago the cast and others that were interested were involved in a comedy workshop run by Ben Hurley. We got a taste of what it's like to be a stand-up comedian and learnt more about the skills needed for successful comedy. It was a lot of fun.

Also, if anyone is (or knows of someone who may be) interested in having their business advertised in the school production programme then please express your interest to the Head of Drama, Barnaby James.

Elsie Bollinger and Isabel Shore – Arts Leaders



Comedy Workshop with Ben Hurley



DRAMA

2014 is a massive year for the Drama Department! All classes are producing 4 great plays. Year 11 are recreating Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, Year 12 are introducing *Until You Say*, Year 12 are exploring Epic Theatre with Abi Morgan's *Fugee* and Year 13 get involved with New Zealand playwright Toa Fraser's *Bare*. As well as the fantastic production of Monty Python's *Spamalot* as a school wide production. The dates for these shows are as follows:

The Tempest: 15-16th of April
Until You Say: 7-10th May
Fugee: 13-16th May
Bare: 21-24 May, 26-29th May
Spamalot: 11-16th August

Tickets are available online at tapac.org.nz

Pearl Little - Drama Leader

DANCE

This year WSC will be entering the National Hip Hop competition Street Dance NZ (SDNZ) in the Mega Schools Division. It is our second year entering the competition which this year takes place in early May. This group is made up of a team of students, from a range of year levels and is led and choreographed by Eddie Liu (Year 13). If you have a passion for hip hop dance then this is a perfect opportunity for you.



Georgia Pardoe & Oliver Carruthers - Dance Leaders

MUSIC

In Music we have performance evenings coming up - **Y12 on Wednesday 26th March** and **Y11 on Wednesday 3rd April 2014**. Y13 will be performing in class this term.

Kim Tait – Music Department

VISUAL ARTS

Extended Greetings

At the time of writing its week 8, the first lot of senior submissions are due, progress reports have been completed and classes are buzzing with activity. The Y9s are about to complete their term 1 work with a flourish of intaglio works for the 'house of cards' unit and the Y10s are half-way through their class work and Level 1 Art History Internal. The Y11s are also producing some interesting responses to their 'changes' themed works and the establishment of an afterschool group (the 'potato' club) has been an added incentive for students completing their works to a higher level of finish.

EOTC for the remainder of the term will see the three y13 Art classes on an excursion to Elam school of Fine Arts to view the touring 'Top Art' exhibition of last years folios. This is a valuable learning experience and will also include a quick foray to the Auckland Art Gallery to view contemporary artworks. The Y13 Art History class will also be having a field trip in the last week of term. They will be researching for two internal standards and we will head out west to view civic and gallery art in

