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The end of September saw 110 thespians gathered for the **Antoinette Awards** night, the biggest night of the year for Wellington District Theatre Federation.

A big thank you to Mana Little Theatre for hosting the event. The pavilion had been strung with fairy lights and each table had a flower arrangement with a replica golden Antoinette in the middle. We enjoyed salsa and chips beforehand and supped on deli platters later.

Five of the 12 entries in this Full Length Competition were able to entertain us with a small snippet of their productions and some fine acting was later acknowledged during the presentation of awards. Thirteen Antoinettes were awarded:

Best Overall Production for 2006

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying music and lyrics by Frank Loesser
Directed by Robert Ormsby for Porirua Little Theatre

Best Director

Robert Ormsby as above

Best Play with Music

Piece of My Heart by Shirley Lauro
Directed by Sue Miller for Mana Little Theatre

Best Drama

Twelve Angry Men by Reginald Rose
Directed by Kathi George for Khandallah Arts Theatre

Best Comedy

Tons of Money by Will Evans and Valentine adapted by Alan Ayckbourn
Directed by Ewen Coleman for Wellington Repertory Theatre

Best Period Play

Table Manners Part 2 of The Norman Conquests by Alan Ayckbourn
Directed by Maureen Aitken for Mana Little Theatre

Best Farce

Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer
Directed by Arthur Williams for Heretaunga Players

Best Actor Male in a Drama: Dom Gibbs as Juror 8 in *Twelve Angry Men*
By Reginald Rose directed by Kathi George for Khandallah Arts Theatre

Best Actor Female in a Drama: Michelle Felderhof as Beth in *A Lie of the Mind*
By Sam Shepherd, directed by Darrell Haddon for Wellington Repertory

Best Actor Male in a Comedy: Gary Mills as Norman in *Table Manners Part 2*
By Alan Ayckbourn directed by Maureen Aitken for Mana Little Theatre

Best Actor Female in a Comedy: Rachel Neilson as Maxine in *Social Climbers*
By Roger Hall directed by Pat Moran for New Players Theatre Company

Best Overall Technical: Porirua Little Theatre for *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* by Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock & Willie Gilbert (book), music & lyrics by Frank Loesser

Best Lighting and Special Effects in a First Production: Ian Clark for *Ghost Writer* by David Tristram directed by Lynn Bushell for Harlequin Theatre

Adjudicator Sandra Bartlam also gave out certificates for Significant Achievement and Significant Technical Achievement and these can be viewed on our website www.theatrefed.wellington.net.nz
Thank you to her for her work and to Bob Cater the Full Length Play Competition organiser.

At the end of July the District held its Festival of Community Theatre at the Cochran Hall in Khandallah. We had 2 entries and **Wellington High's *Nobody's Fool*** written and directed by Annie Millard won. Adjudicator Dale Hendry sent them on to the Regional at Hawera where they did just as well, adjudicator Nanette Wright sending them on to the National Final in Palmerston North where they came out tops again and won most of the awards. The team of three young men won **The Book of Honour**, the **Best Male Actor Award**, the **Selecon Design/Technical Award**, **Best NZ Play at the Final** and **Best New NZ play** written for the competition. Congratulations!!

What's Gone, What's On & What's Coming Up

Greytown Little Theatre	<i>When Did You Last See Your Trousers ?</i> by Ray Galton & JohnAntobus	Sept 21 – 30
Heretaunga Players	<i>'Allo, 'allo</i> by Jeremy Lloyd & David Croft <i>Last Tango in Little Grimley</i> by David Tristram	Nov 1 – 4 Nov 29 – Dec 3
Hutt Repertory	<i>Funny Money</i> by Ray Cooney	Nov 22 - Dec 2
Kapiti Playhouse	<i>The Odd Couple</i> by Neil Simon	Nov 22 - Dec 2
Khandallah Arts Theatre	<i>Dancing at Lughnasa</i> by Brian Friel	Oct 5 -14
Mana Little Theatre	<i>The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe</i> by Jane Wagner	Nov 15 - 25
New Players	<i>Weed</i> by Anthony McCarten	Nov 1 - 11
Porirua Little Theatre	<i>Rumors</i> by Neil Simon	Nov 15 - Dec 2
Stagecraft Theatre	<i>Blithe Spirit</i> by Noel Coward	Nov 8 - 18
Wellington Repertory	<i>Daisy Pulls It Off</i> by Denise Deegan	Nov 29 - Dec 8