### CHOCOLATE & CARNAGE THEATRE PRESENTS

BY MARK WILSON DIRECTED BY MEG ANDREWS



MATARIKI FESTIVAL 2023













A LOVE NOTE TO OUR ANCESTORS.

AN HONEST WORD TO OUR COMMUNITY.

A PROMISE TO OUR FUTURE PEOPLE.

TE KOREKORE. TE WHAIAO. TE AO MĀRAMA.

PAST. PRESENT. FUTURE.

THERE ARE NO NEATLY BOUND BEGINNINGS, MIDDLES, AND ENDS TO OUR STORIES. THEY ARE WOVEN IN COMPLEXITIES WHICH ARE IN NEVER-ENDING JAGGED, IMPERFECT CIRCLES.

.CO.NZ WAS BORN OUT OF AN URGE TO CONNECT WITH CULTURE, ANCESTORS, AND COMMUNITY. IT WAS FUELLED BY THE RAGE FELT FROM THE ONLINE WORLD, WHERE PEOPLE HAVE NO BARRIERS TO SAY WHAT THEY WANT.

IMMERSE YOURSELF, INDULGE, AND ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE SWEPT UP BY THIS SLICE OF THEATRE WE HAVE CREATED THROUGH MARK'S EXQUISTITE STORYTELLING AND MEG'S ABSURDIST VISION.

THIS SHOW IS FOR AOTEAROA AND ALL ITS PEOPLE.

AROHANUI
MARK & MEG
CHOCOLATE & CARNAGE THEATRE

NAU MAU, HAERE MAI - EVERYONE IS WELCOME

MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI!





### MARK WILSON

KAITITO WHAKAARI/PLAYWRIGHT CO-PRODUCER OF CHOCOLATE & CARNAGE THEATRE PLAYING TE KOREKORE (T.K)

TĒNĀ KOUTOU, TĒNĀ KOUTOU,
KIA ORA KOUTOU KATOA
KO PĪHANGA TE MAUNGA
KO TAUPŌ-NUI-A TIA TE ROTO,
KO WHANGANUI TE AWA
KO TE ARAWA TE WAKA
NGĀTI TŪWHARETOA AHAU
NO TAUPŌ TŌKU WHĀNAU
NO WHANGANUI AHAU
KO WILSON RAUA KO HAPI TŌKU WHĀNAU
KO PAULA TŌKU MĀMĀ
KO MARK TŌKU INGOA

Mark (he/they, Ngāti Tūwharetoa) is a multidisciplinary artist who has had countless award nominations for Shakespearean performances such as Macbeth, Oberon, Laertes, and Friar Lawrence. He has performed in professional productions: Alice in Wonderland (2020), Lovepuke (2019), and The Iliad (2018).

His love of storytelling through numerous art forms such as theatre, LARP, D&D and so on, has led him to writing his first ever play .co.nz. He is inspired by his culture, and is excited for Matariki finally being recognised as a public holiday in Aotearoa. He is also deeply aware of the divided opinions not only about Matariki, but about his culture.

Mark hopes that this new play will educate, inspire and entertain a diverse audience.





### MEG ANDREWS

RINGA TOHU/DIRECTOR
CO-PRODUCER OF CHOCOLATE & CARNAGE THEATRE
MARKETER

KO RUAPEHU TE MAUNGA KO MANAWATŪ TE AWA NO PAPAIOEA AHAU KO ANDREWS RAUA KO RAWSON TŌKU WHĀNAU KO DAVE TŌKU PĀPĀ KO PRU TŌKU MĀMĀ KO BRENDAN TŌKU HĀMUA KO MEG TŌKU INGOA MAURI ORA!

Meg (she/her) is an award-winning theatre actor and director who has had the privilege to direct vibrant pieces of theatre.

Some of her directorial credits include Lovepuke (Auckland Fringe, 2019) The Taming of the Shrew (Ugly Shakespeare Company National Tour 2019), The Vagina Monologues (2020), and of course the premiere of .co.nz in 2022.

She has a keen interest in absurdist theatre, and is passionate about tackling subjects like femininity, culture, the human condition and the human body.

She endeavours to create theatre that feels authentic, meaningful, thought-provoking, a bit weird, but most of all - entertaining. The audience is at the forefront of her mind throughout the entire directing process.

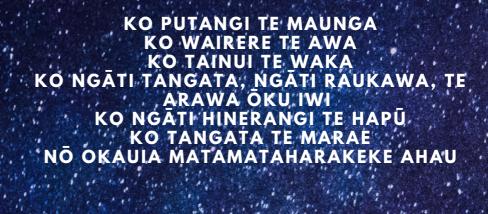
She hopes you enjoy being captivated by the enchanting story of .co.nz written by her incredibly talented partner, Mark!





# ĀRIA HARRISON-SPARKE

TE WHAIAO (T-DUB)



Āria (Ngāti Tanagta, Ngāti Raukawa, Te Arawa) is an award-winning actress, production, and costume designer.

Her favourite roles have been Ophelia in 'Hamlet', Abigail in 'The Crucible' and Alice in 'Alice?' - a short film that won her 'best actress' at the Sweden Film Festival and the Atlanta Comedy Festival.

She is thrilled to be returning to perform .co.nz again!







### JORDAN HENARE

TE MĀRAMA (MĀ)

KŌ JORDAN AHAU
KŌ LESLEY TOKU MĀMĀ, KŌ TERRY TOKU PĀPĀ
KŌ NGĀTI WHĀTUA O KAIPARA, ME NGĀTI
WHĀTUA ŌRĀKEI I TE IWI
KŌ RANGITOTO I TE MAUNGA
KŌ WAITEMATA I TE MOANA
KO MATAĀTUA I TE WAKA
KIA MANAĀKI O TE MĀTUA TAPU, ME WAIRUA
TAPU, ME TE TAMA TAPU KOUTOU

Jordan (Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei) has been acting since the age of ten - for over twenty years. In that time, he has performed in Shakespeare, Pantomime, Musical Theatre, Contemporary Theatre, and Traditional Theatre. He has received multiple award nominations for Shakespeare performances, and has won several national and international gold medals in singing competitions. Jordan also had the pleasure of playing 'Mā' in .co.nz last year for its inaugural Matariki performance.

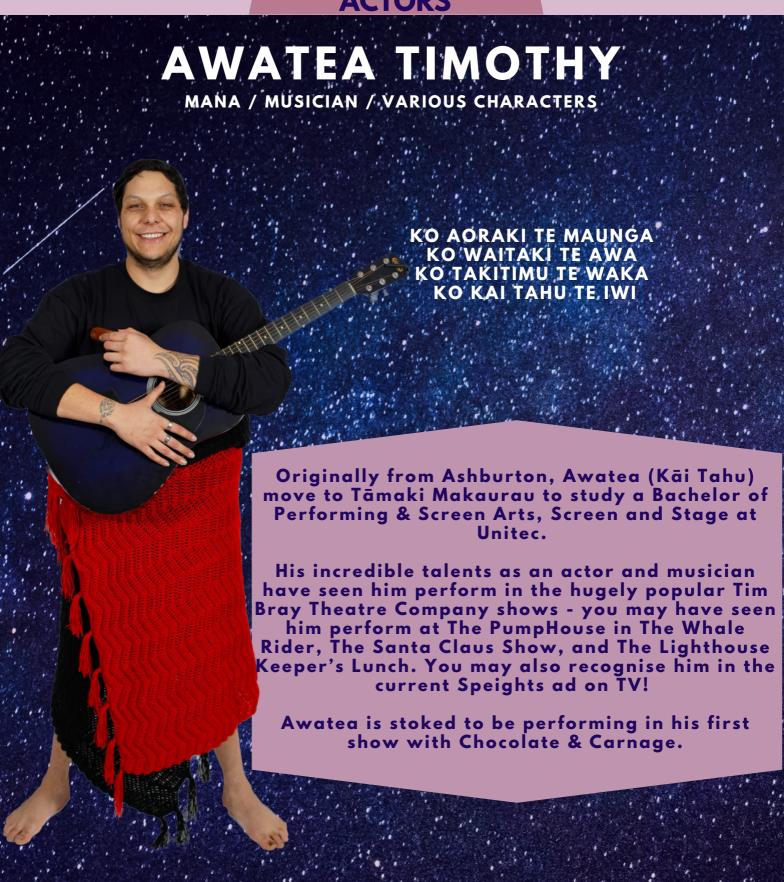
He has spent several years as a Tikanga Māori advisor to multiple NGO groups and Charities and is a Chaplain both in his daily role and in his spare time in which you will often find him at the beach blessing Pounamu and Taonga.

Jordan is both Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara, me Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and lives his daily life connected to tikanga Māori principles.















PRODUCTION COORDINATOR MANAAKITANGA COORDINATOR STAGE MANAGER

KIA ORA TĀTOU
KO RANGITOTO TE MAUNGA
KO OMAHA TE AWA
NŌ TĀMAKI MAKAURAU AHAU
KO WILSON TŌKU WHĀNAU
KO LAUREN TŌKU INGOA

Lauren (they/she) is an award-winning creative artist based in Tāmaki Makaurau. After studying 3 years of theatre (on stage and off) in Wellington, they moved to the USA to work at Disney in their Entertainment department for a year. They moved back to Tāmaki Makaurau and have been working since 2015 across various stages and performances.

In 2019 they moved to London and for 2 years and studied various courses with the National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company, and Siberian Lights. They made their way home in 2021 and have continued their career in creative arts.

Lauren has performed in Lovepuke, Twelfth Night, Women of Troy, the award-winning Dracula and many more. They are an award-nominated actor, director, producer, audio engineer, light & sound designer and have worn many hats in the creative world. Their love for stage, story telling and supporting productions is what drives them to be part of fantastic productions such as .co.nz. They are excited to be working with Chocolate and Carnage again and supporting the amazing story telling of Mark Wilson and the creatives.





### JULIA RUTHERFORD

LIGHTING & SOUND DESIGNER/OPERATOR SET DESIGNER

KIA ORA TĀTOU
KO RANGITOTO TE MAUNGA
KO WAIPAPAROA TE MOANA
NŌ NGĀRUAWĀHIA AHAU
KEI TĀMAKI MAKAURAU TŌKU KĀINGA INĀIANEI
KO RUTHERFORD TŌKU WHĀNAU
KO STEPHEN TŌKU MATUA
KO JOANNE TŌKU WHĀEA
KO JULIA TŌKU INGQA

Julia has experience in most areas of theatre but has a clear favourite in technical design. Julia especially loves creating unconventional designs in unconventional spaces and digging deep into the meat of a good story.

She has been a keen theatre creator since high school; getting into theatre through school drama. This is what fueled her decision to move to Australia to complete her B.A in Design for Theatre and Television at Charles Sturt University, specialising in lighting and set design. After graduating she moved back to Auckland where she further diversified into sound design and management.

She currently splits her time between freelancing and her day job as Rental Manager at Kenderdine Electrical. She has worked with such companies as Crossfade Productions, Act One Productions, The Classic Theatre Company, The Pumphouse Theatre, Whoa Studios, Foolish Wit and of course Chocolate and Carnage.







INTIMACY ADVISOR PHOTOGRAPHER

KIA ORA TĀTOU
GREETINGS ALL
KO RANGITOTO TE MAUNGA
RANGITOTO IS THE MOUNTAIN
KO HAURAKI TE AWA
HAURAKI IS THE RIVER
NŌ TĀMAKI AHAU
I AM FROM AUCKLAND
KO DIESCH TŌKU WHĀNAU
DIESCH IS MY FAMILY
KO MATTHEW TŌKU INGOA

Matthew is an actor, director, photographer and intimacy coach. His most recent productions include Educating Rita, An Unseasonable Fall of Snow, NSFW, and The Thrill of Love.

He has had an absolute blast working with Chocolate & Carnage Theatre, and taking pictures of this fabulous cast and crew in

Matthew is directing The Welkin at The PumpHouse Theatre in October, keep an eye on the PumpHouse website for details.



# 2022



2023



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YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PHOTOS (WITHOUT A FLASH)
OF THIS SHOW BUT NO VIDEO, PLEASE.
IF YOU SHARE ANY PHOTOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, TAG US!









### **HE MIHI NUI KI A KOE!**

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### HE MIHI NUI KI A KOE!

Stewart and Sharon Wilson James Bell Paula Wilson Pru Andrews **David Andrews** Viv Cotton Patty Andrews Brendan & Sheril Andrews Natasha Lillie Andrews Margaret Rawson Joe Musaphia Amba Barker Zara Ann Conor Twyford Briar Collard Stephanie O'Connor Kim Kindley The Dunnings Joshua Downs Tony & Trish Bate Natasha Pareraukawa Cameron Pitney Emma Bishop Zane & Rhiannon Nick Vince Rosheen Leslie Rachel, Cam & Meredith Bate Kristof Haines **Daniel Malyon** Vanessa Rancour Kierron Diaz-Campbell Gabrielle Reid Erin Meek

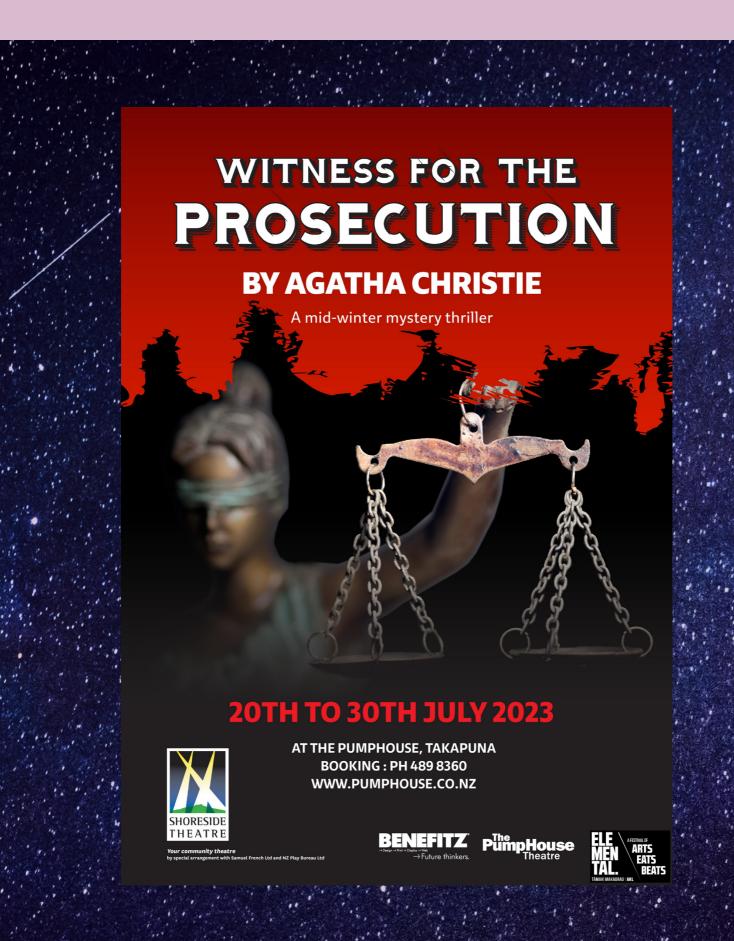
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### HE MIHI NUI KI A KOE!

Tamati Patuwai Matt Goldsbro Mira Jukic Manaia Aupouri Fiona Diesch Luke Golds Christine Ball Mags Delaney-Moffatt Helena Easey Phillippa Hibbs Anneliesje Dobbyn Rosaria Price Dave Agnew Jasmine Clancy Rhea Taylor Kat Glass Steph Curtis **Emily Hunter** Sophie Melchior Max Easey Kierron Rene Diaz-Campbell Hamish Boyle Laura Mendes Vettinia Ross Luke Thornborough Mel D Isabelle Cohen Sessils Foote Jackie Brasfield Dan Tomlin Ana Clarke All our lovely Anonymous Boosted donors! And YOU - our wonderful audience

### THANK YOU!

### **SUPPORT OUR MATES!**





## SUPPORT OUR WHĀNAU!



MANAWATŪ-BASED CELEBRANT AND CHOCOLATE & CARNAGE WHĀNAU MEMBER PRU ANDREWS MADE THE BEAUTIFUL BLACK, WHITE, AND RED BLANKET YOU SEE ON STAGE.

NGĀ MIHI, PRU!



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