

# Still Life with Chickens

By D.F. Mamea  
Directed by Fositua Amosa  
Produced by Auckland Theatre Company  
Starring Goretta Chadwick

Circa Two  
9 May - 2 June

Tues - Sat 7.30pm, Sun 4.30pm  
\$25 - \$46

E, leai, I'm not doing an encore. I'm an old woman, you stupid chicken. The last time I sang and danced like that... oi, 'ta fia ola e. My wedding day. I was so young and beautiful, and so was Papa.

Loved by audiences in its Māngere and Auckland Central seasons, *Still Life with Chickens* is an intimate, heart-warming, and funny play about friendship, loss, love and life. Here's what audiences had to say:

*"Mamea's writing is lyrical and insightful and his portrayal of Mama is both familiar and touching. Goretta Chadwick is a wonderful comedian and her performance gives life to a strikingly familiar character, not necessarily for the details of her journey but for the empathy she arouses."* – Dione Joseph, NZ Herald

*"We saw **Still Life with Chickens** on Saturday - absolutely brilliant! Soooo funny, Goretta you were the bomb! Totally related to "mama" a mixture of my mum, my outlaw mother-in-law and some of my friend's mums. You had us in tears, both with the funny bits, and the serious stuff. Puppetry was excellent - you really thought the chicken was real."*



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*You can't beat live performances, especially with the performances of our Pasifika performing arts (from playwrights, directors, performers, back of house – the whole community). My only criticism.... I wish there was more.... could have watched another hour!!"* – Cherry, Facebook review

*"An understated gem that packs big themes into a small package. Mamea offers us an opportunity to sit down with someone we are all familiar with, to empathise with them in the most direct way, and go away into the real world hopefully with more compassion. To, ideally, make us consider the Mamas in our own lives, and our responsibility towards them. A play that promises the audience laughter, but surprises by moving them too."* – Nathan Joe, Theatre Scenes

## Theatresports 2018



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Circa One

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*"That highly entertaining scenarios can be conjured out of thin air by people whose major skill is to listen to each other, accept what is offered and build on it with alacrity, still rates as small miracles to me."* – Theatreview

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