

TIMBERRRR!!!



*From the co-creator
of Wheeler's Luck*

*By Damon Andrews
& Matt Chamberlain*

 **CIRCA**
THEATRE

26 March – 23 April 2022

THEATRE ARTISTS CHARITABLE TRUST

Circa Theatre has been operating since 1976 and has gained a reputation as one of New Zealand's liveliest and most innovative theatres.

In 1987, Circa Theatre established the **Theatre Artists Charitable Trust (TACT)** to provide financial support to the creative artists (actors, playwrights, directors, etc) and help them achieve a viable income and career as professional artists. The support the artists receive from TACT through founding sponsor **Chapman Tripp**, as well as **Deloitte Private, Creative New Zealand**, and **individual donors** such as yourself, is vital to ensure we can continue to bring world-class theatre to Wellington.

MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY

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Chapman Tripp is proud to support New Zealand's vibrant and diverse arts community. Founding sponsor since 1987.



Creative New Zealand is the national arts development agency developing, investing in and advocating for the arts.

CIRCA THEATRE

Circa Theatre staged its first production in April 1976 and in the succeeding years gained a reputation as one of New Zealand's liveliest and most innovative theatres. Circa also pioneered a collaborative system supporting creative artists who are the life-blood of our theatre. They emphasise the qualities of commitment and self-help which we greatly admire and which contribute to bringing our audiences professional theatre which is diverse and of the highest professional standard.

Circa Theatre is administered by a working council comprising:

Charlotte Bates, Neville Carson, Debbie Fish, Andrew Foster, Carrie Green, Carolyn Henwood, Ross Jolly, Simon Leary, Salesi Le'ota, Jamie McCaskill, Gavin Rutherford, Linda Wilson, Susan Wilson.

In November 1994 Circa moved to its new premises at 1 Taranaki Street, Wellington, and in 2018 Circa completed its cafe/bar and foyer renovations for all patrons to enjoy.

Theatre concept and design: Grant Tilly

Circa Theatre offers sincere thanks to the generous philanthropists and organisations who make it possible for us to continue to bring world class theatre to Wellington.

CORE FUNDERS



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Toi Uru Kahikatea (Arts Development) Investment Programme

Circa Theatre is supported by Creative New Zealand's Toi Uru Kahikatea (Arts Development) Investment Programme. The programme provides annual or multi-year funding (up to three years) to established New Zealand artists, arts practitioners and arts groups and organisations, to support regular or continuous programmes of activity.

Circa Theatre
proudly presents
the Premiere season of

26 March – 23 April 2022

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Director **Damon Andrews**
Surrogate Director **Conrad Newport**
Set Design **Andrew Foster**
Lighting Design **Henrique Beirao**
Costume Design **Matt Chamberlain**
Choreography **Caroline Bindon**

CAST

Stephen Papps
Serena Cotton
Tyler Kokiri

Running time: 1 hour and 25 Minutes. No interval.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Stage Manager/Technical Operator	Amanda Joe
Rehearsal Stage Manager	Lily Andrews
Publicity	Susan Fogarty
Graphic Design	Glen Drake
Promotional Photography	Yama Chamberlain
Set Construction	Harvey Taylor, Trevor Owen, Elizabeth Sproull
Riggers	Cameron Nicholls, Mitchel Sigley
Sound Design	Jonty Robinson, Damon Andrews
Pack-in Crew	Jonty Robinson, John Hodgkins, Neal Barber, Jacob Banks, Lauren Fergusson

HISTORY

Timberrr...! was inspired by the life and triumphs of World Champion Axeman Ned Shewry. Hailing from Tahora, Taranaki, Ned began clearing land with his brother at age 13. It was hard, physical and skilled work, entirely done by hand – with axes, saws and matches – and a good axeman could clear up to an acre a day of pristine forest.

Ned began competitive chopping at 17, and went on to win two World Championship titles, becoming a household name in New Zealand.

However, his woodchopping career was interrupted by World War 1 and in 1915, he and his brother, David, joined the New Zealand Cycling Corps and served in Egypt, France and Belgium. Ned's war service was recognised with the Military Medal for bravery, which he received for saving an officer's life while under fire.

Returning to Tahora, Ned found himself to be a big fish in a small pond – and a lifelong bachelor. This was the starting point for our play. We have fictionalised events with the introduction of the character Billy – in a bid to explore how a tough, resilient and competitive bloke might deal with a warmhearted sensitive softie.

We hope you enjoy the shenanigans that unfold...

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Timberrr...! crew would like to sincerely thank:

Kate Louise Elliot, Martin Carr, Sam Millen, Matthew Poppellwell, Centrepoint Theatre, BATS Theatre, CNZ, Playmarket, Cath Harkins, Tova Andrews, Rebecca Rose, Deirdre Tarrant, Avondale Lions Club, Heather O'Carroll, Dan Pengelly, Katherine McRae, Nick Bollinger, Michael Murphy, Peter Daube, Arthur Sinclair, Kirsty McKenzie, Rob and Kaye Shewry, Doug and Pat McCartie, Roland Kennedy, Jason Oxley, Jason Cowan, Gill Lane, The Auckland Axeman's Association, Steve Unahi NZ Axeman's Association, Pete McEwan, Barbara Darragh, Rebecca Jennings, Chris Ward, Squiggy and Laverne, Desmond Burdon.

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What's on at Circa!



Sundays at Ira's

Created by Jane Keller and Michael Nicholas Williams

Musical Direction by Michael Nicholas Williams

Presented by Hurst First

Circa Two 2 - 16 Apr

\$25 - \$38

Jane's Great Aunt Alice was a close personal friend of Ira Gershwin and was a regular guest at his Sunday Soirées. Other regulars were Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Noël Coward, George Gershwin, and many others. Alice dined out for years on the stories of rivalries, feuds, and great friendships. Told with humour, charm and interlaced with songs from these marvellous early 20th Century composers, Sundays at Ira's is a nostalgic and entertaining night out.



His/Herstory

An outstanding double bill!

I'll Tell You This for Nothing by Kate Jason Smith

Milord Goffredo by Jan Bolwell

Directed by Jan Bolwell and Kerry Palmer

22 Apr - 14 May

\$25 - \$54

In I'll Tell You This for Nothing, Kate Jason Smith brings to life the dramatic and often humorous tale of her mother's life in an acclaimed show about war, courage, danger and romance. Milord Goffredo is Jan Bolwell's dynamic re-creation of her father Geoffrey's WWII exploits - a Dunedin butcher who became 'a bloody legend' in a small northern Italian town, where he lived in a cave for two years after twice escaping from his German captors.



Cringeworthy - The 80s

A slice of Kiwiana in the 80s!

Directed and Devised by Andrea Sanders

14 May - 11 Jun

Circa One

\$25 - \$54

Cringeworthy is back, baby with a brand new show! A righteous, stellar, fantabulous blast from the past that is equal parts nostalgic and hilarious. Following on from the highly successful Cringeworthy [the 70s] this show takes you back to NZ in the 1980s. It's a feast of contagious Kiwi songs served with a side of spandex, a huge dollop of cheesy comedy, and stunning vocals. Get into the groove and wear your best 80s outfits, fluoro lycra and mullets! Made possible with the help of Centrepont Theatre.



CREATIVE NEIGHBOURS

It is an exciting time for Circa Theatre and Te Papa as we build our cultural partnership on the Wellington waterfront.

"We have much in common and, with our mutual talents, we can work together to make many opportunities for people to

come to the waterfront and enjoy exhibitions and live performances."



CAROLYN HENWOOD,
CIRCA CO-FOUNDER
& CIRCA COUNCIL MEMBER

A TRUE ARTISTIC TREASURE

"Circa has become one of our true artistic treasures and is now a platform for artists from across the country to engage with

audiences. A place for Wellingtonians to see the best theatre our country has to offer."



ANDREW FOSTER,
CIRCA COUNCIL
CO-ORDINATOR

A NIGHT OUT TO REMEMBER

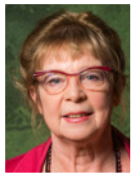
"Circa's vision is to present our audiences with the best work from New Zealand and the world. This year we've got an incredible

breadth of programme and a range of voices that will entertain, challenge and inspire audiences."



SALESI LE'OTA,
CIRCA COUNCIL

WE LOVE WELLINGTON



"In our first 10 years, Circa staged over 20 plays by Wellington writers set in Wellington or relating to its people and places. We have continued this pattern and now in our programme you will always find a play by a Wellington writer with a story about Wellington and its people – their triumphs and tribulations."

SUSAN WILSON, DIRECTOR/CIRCA COUNCIL



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