

Napier Operative Society Inc.
1887-1987

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

LABOUR WEEKEND — 1987

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After a great deal of research, undertaken by Past Chairman Barrie Browne, it has been firmly established that the Napier Operatic Society's origin dates back to 1887.

A Review published in the Hawkes Bay Herald dated Wednesday 7 December 1887, stated in part -

'The Napier Amateur Operatic Society has fittingly inaugurated its career and "The Sorcerer" season is in full swing, hitherto our amateur's loftiest flights have been comedy or drama, but the advent of Mr Keith Wilson has nerved the local amateurs to still greater achievements and the Opera Society and "The Sorcerer" is the result.'

To help commemorate our Centenary the Society has formed a committee, under Barrie Browne's Chairmanship, to organise a Reunion on Labour Weekend, October 1987.

To assist this committee in their endeavours we are writing to all past members of the Napier Operatic Society to seek information, such as, names and addresses (if known) of others who may have been involved and omitted from the records available. Please put your thinking caps on and send us any snippets you can recall. List the shows you were involved in and other people you can recall who were also involved.

The Society is hopeful of producing a Booklet to commemorate the Centenary and to this end any old programmes or photographs you may have stored away could be most useful in compiling this Booklet. Please be assured that all care will be taken with these momentos and where requested will be returned in the same order and condition as received.

Please complete the attached questionnaire and return at your earliest convenience.

Operatically yours,



Dale Reid
REGISTRAR/TREASURER

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Centennial Committee and all the numerous sub-committees who have worked hard for many long months, I extend to you a very warm and welcome return to this - your Napier Operatic Society.

You all must have treasured your past association with us, but I am sure that during this weekend, you are going to rekindle and revive many of those fond memories that you may have almost forgotten.

Members of the Society have worked hard to present, for your inspection, our very own theatre complex. Please feel free to wander through it. As well, we have planned a full weekend of entertainment to give you numerous opportunities to meet everyone and to enjoy yourselves. I know that, you will find the 'Evening of Nostalgia', in the Municipal Theatre on Sunday night, the highlight of the celebrations.

A warm welcome to this weekend of festivities in celebration of our one hundred years in show business.

Fred Twyford
PRESIDENT.

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CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Below are the names of the members of the Centennial Committee. These people will be easily identified as they will be wearing jade and white rosettes. If you have any queries or problems I am sure one of these people will be able to assist you.

Barrie Browne

Sue Page

Dale Reid

Fred Twyford

Gerald Brown

Roy Clement

Patricia Fraser

Tony Fullerton-Smith

Robert Houston

Lynda Shirras

Leon Speakman

Dawn Unsworth

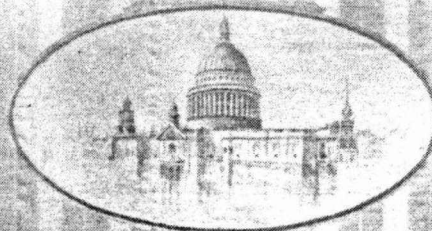
Helen Wakely

Chairman

Secretary

Registrar

Society President



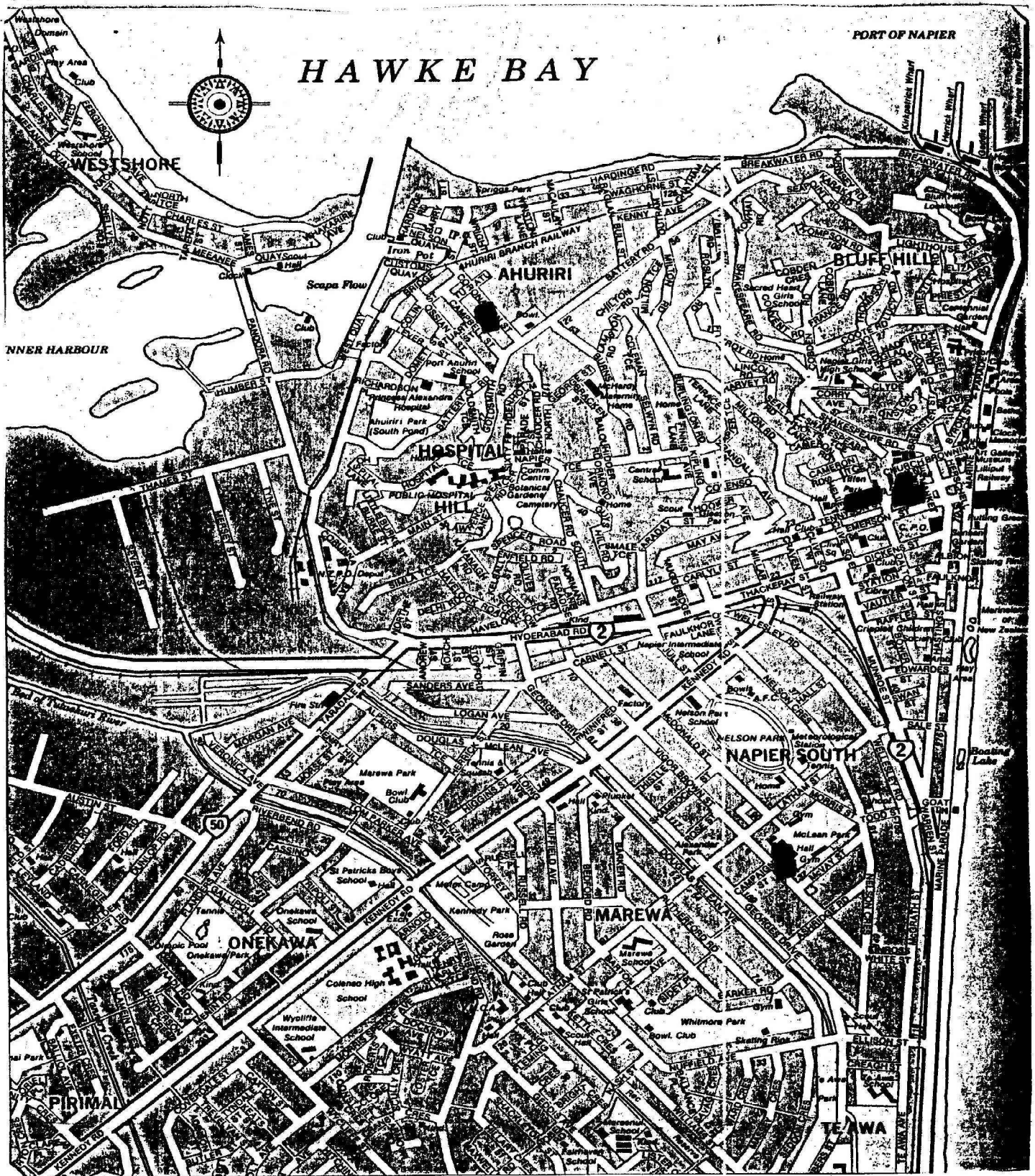
NAMES OF THOSE PARTICIPATING

HOLT, Alan
 DAILY, Marie & Brian
 COOK, Doug
 WILSON, Peter & Margaret
 JOHNSON, Brian
 ~SWEENEY, Jill
 MacKINNON, John
 BURNS, Betty & Derek
 COLLIER, Hazel
 WHITE, Jo
 JOHNSON, Liz
 BECKETT, Bill & Pauline
 PREBBLE, Tom
 HUDSON, Rosemay & Brian
 ~THORPE, Dot
 KING, Liz
 FEARN, Mrs M.
 ~COLLIER, John & Sue
 ~BARTLE, Guiseppa & Peter
 ~TWYFORD, Fred & Barbara
 WRIGHT, Brian & Liz
 ROSS, Bob
 (PLESTED), Kerry
 ~FELL, Barry & Marion
 TORLEY, Brendon
 SHEARER, Kerry
 ~PARDOE, Sharron & Steve
 ~BROWNE, Barrie & Lyndsay
 DOUGLAS, Lynette
 PRAKASH, Elaine
 DENNIS, Joe
 CORLISS, Shirley
 WILTON, Bruce & Gillian
 HUSHEER, Godfrey & Julianna
 ETHERIDGE, Mr & Mrs N.
 BUTTERY, Clive & Judy
 ALLEN, Jean
 JEFFRIES, B.J.
 JONES, Bill & Nancy
 CORNWELL, Ann & Mick
 O'DONOVAN, Mary
 BOSWELL, John
 LEWIS, Darrell
 SPIVEY, Heather
 ROSSE, David & Raewyn
 RAMSAY, Doug
 TAYLOR, Richard
 CROOK, Colleen
 MACAULAY, Bruce & Leeann
 ~FROST, Linda
 KENAH, Malcolm & Chris
 BROWN, Tessa & Chris
 ~PRITCHARD, Colin & Saima
 McGIRR, Cara
 FRY, Tony
 BEEDELL, Denise & Lloyd
 ~GRANEY, Elizabeth & Ian
 JAGO, Syd & Anne
 MAYHEW, Carine & Alan
 WRIGHT, Bob & Ethel
 PHILLIPS, Trish
 CLIFFORD, Anne
 WILLIAMS, Johnny
 MORRISON, Lynette & David
 MacKINNON, Effie Jane
 CONEY, Anne & Ben
 ~HURLEY, Dianne & Donald
 COLWILL, Joan
 MOONEY, Diana
 SHIRRAS, Lynda & Bill
 McKelvie, Audrey
 McNAMARA, Joy & Norman
 COYLE, Terry
 MORGAN, James & Keith
 PATON, Margo
 WILLIAMSON, Allan & Lyn
 PERRY, Bill & Anne
 LONDON, Sue
 ~WATKINS, Denise & Brian
 COOK, Jocelyn & Roy
 WARD, George & Glen
 WILLIAMS, Ulric & Gretta
 MERCER, Robin
 COOMBS, Ivan
 ~THORPE, Eric & Audrey
 BROWN, Gerald & Sheila
 GRIFFEN, Norah & Ken
 SEWELL, David & Cheridal
 CHRISTOFFERSEN, Oliver
 SHIRLEY, Jean
 ~PAGE, Neill & Sue
 ~ETHERIDGE, Gavin
 ~RUTGER, Walt & Sally
 WINTER, Janice & Steve
 STANDRING, Lesley
 OWEN, Chris
 SCOUGALL, Bill
 BROOMHEAD, Angela & David
 CRABTREE, Vern
 REED, B.
 PREBBLE, Dick & Val
 JENNINGS, Julie & Paul
 BLACKBURN, Avis & Bob
 SHAW, Val
 GORDON, Leeanne & Douglas
 LESLIE, Grace
 JONES, Keith & Iris
 EVANS, Roy & Evelyn
 CLEMENT, Roy & Elaine
 ROWELL, Joan
 ~PRITCHARD, Elly-Ann
 SCOTT, Keith
 BRADBURN, Margaret
 MATTHEWS, John & Diane
 COLLINS, Ian & Kay
 BARKER, Lex & Cath

HOWELL, Dianne & Richard
IRONSIDE, Tony & Betty
DAVIS, Anita
MURRAY, Frances & Bob
TANKERSELY, S.M.
KERR, Christine
COMPTON, Basil
RICHARDS, Jilly & Winton
SOMERSET SMITH, Owen & Margaret
FRASER, Patricia
-CARRAD, Linda
-JOHNSTON, Robin
-SHEPHERD, Joy & Peter
DYER, Andrea
BOURGEOIS, Eddie & Rae
SOUTER, Cam & Faye
WILLIAMS, Jill & Pearce
RAINBOW, Alec & Joy
PAINE, Jeanette
LAWSON, Wendy & Harry
KLAUS, Gail & Nick
BLAKE, Tony & Bev
-BARFOOT, Connie
PEACOCK, Velda & Bavi
PRYCE, Derek & Merrylyn
CULVER, Marion
REED, John
WHITE, Karen
GREEN, Trish & Terry
LUTMAN, Hazel
COTTERIL, Jenny
GARLAND, Barry & Yvonne
GILLIES, Gordon
DENSHAM, Audrey & Doug
BARTLETT, Kevin
CLOVER, Lionel
LONDON, Audrey
CAMERON, Leigh & Maree
-UNSWORTH, Dawn & Bunny
RITCHIE, John
HARVEY, Robin & Dennis
JEPSON, Paula
DAVIES, Irene
LUMB, Alice & Doug
-JONES, Harley
HAWKINS, Noel
WILLIS, Aline
REIPER, Ken
-JAMES, Rita & David
BLOW, Michael & Helen
FULLTERTON SMITH, Tony & Beverley
STANIFORTH, Celeste
-COLLINS, Buddy
BRIGGS, Troy
McCOWATT, Dawn
-JACKSON, Christine & David
TANGUAY, Heather & Jerry
WELLMAN, Joy
HYDE, Mike & Sonia
MATHESON, Greg
DAVIES, Gillian
ARMSTRONG, June
JONES, Denise
FLEMMING, Lucille
MAHONEY, Julia

GARE, Jan & Brian
-LOCKYER, Robert & Lee
BOWES, Graeme & Ann
YORK, Heather
EDGEcombe, Digby
EVANS, David & Ann
CHARMAN, Elsie
McRAE, Linda & Andrew
DILL, Jack & Joan
BROWN, Barbara & Danny
WAKELY, Helen
STREETER, Tracey
BAYLISS, Weslie
VAN DE VEN, Roz & Emil
REEFMAN, Lois & David
KELLIHER, Denis & Mrs
LEE, Yvonne
PAINE, Taffy & Krystyna
ACE, Gwyn
BELL, Maureen
SULLIVEN, Peter & Lois
MacKENZIE, Jeanette & Ross
WILLIS, Ian
CRAWFORD, Len & Marie
FLEMING, Patrica
TURNER, Francis
BRUSEY, Harry & Phyllis
JUKES, Chas & Olive
-REID, Ian & Dale
LISTER, Wayne & Pam
ROSS, Pauline
SUTHERLAND, Maxine
WRIGHT, Peter & Barbara
JONES, Gail
MOORE, Anne
DALTON, Ray
WILSON, Keri
HOUSTON, Bob & Joy
COKER, Beryl & John
-McCLELLAND, Alex & Annette
AKED, Cyril & Jean
McKINNON, Eoin
COLLIER, Marc
-JONES, Alan & Leigh
-SHAND, Karen
CLARK, Glenda
-BRIGGS, Karyn & John
UNSWORTH, Tony
-JAMES, Megan
BEWLEY, Moyra & Anthony
STEVENS, Joanne & Mark
WESLEY, Linda
PAXIE, Jo
COLLIER, Paul
WRIGHT, Minnie
JUPP, Wayne
BROWN, Ion & Sylvia
SPEAKMAN, Leon
BRUNTON, Leon & June
PRICE, SYD & Margaret
LAURENT, Lynne
PIPE, Lynda & David
COOK, Kevin
HEMARA, Ken
ALDRIDGE, Patricia

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1. Tabard Theatre, Coronation Street, Ahuriri.
2. Centennial Hall, McLean Park, Vigor Brown Street.
3. St Johns Cathedral, Church Lane.
4. Sound Shell, Marine Parade.
5. Municipal Theatre, Tennyson Street.

MOODY, Doug
-DUNNETT, Graeme
RIDDELL, Enid
DALTON, Doug
-WAITOA, William
ENNOR, Frank & Noneen
PIRARD, Jane & Louis
ROBERTSON, Leslie & Susan
McLEAN, Ian

CAMPBELL, Jan & Richard
WOLFFRAM, Jill & Kevin
NEWLAND, John & Carol
FITZWATER, Cecil
READE, Bernard
COX, Bonn
COX, Stephen
-KYLE, Leanne

LIST OF SHOWS CONFIRMED TO DATE

1887	The Sorcerer, 6-9 December	
1888		
1889	The Mikado, 18-21 March	Iolanthe Prgm
1890	Rip Van Winke, 7-9 October, repeated 15,16 - third season	Prgm
1891	The Mikado, 17, 20, 21 March	
1891	Iolanthe, 18, 19 March	
1891	Madame Favart, 5 6 7 8 9 October, repeated 16 fifth season	Prgm
1892		
1893	Rip Van Winkle, 19 20 21 23 June & Hastings 27 sixth season	Prgm
1893	Les Cloches de Cornville - seventh season	Prgm
<u>1894 - 1907 Unknown</u>		
1908	The Gondoliers	
1909	The Mikado	
1910	The Geisha	
1911	The Runaway Girl	
1912	A Greek Slave	
1913	Toreador	
1914	Miss Hook of Holand	
1915	Blue Moon	
<u>1916 - 1920 Unknown</u>		
1921	The Geisha, 5 6 7 8 October	
1922		
1923	A Country Girl	
1924	Floradora	
<u>1925 - 1927 Unknown</u>		
1928	The Arcadians	
1929	The Sunshine Girl	Prgm
1930	Our Miss Gibbs	Prgm
<u>1931 - 1937 Unknown</u>		
1938	Rio Rita, 7 8 9 10 11 June	Prgm
1939	The Belle of New York, 6 7 8 9 10 June, Hastings 12 13	Prgm
1940	Boots and All	
<u>1941 - 1953 Unknown</u>		
1954	Chu Chin Chow, 4-11 September	Prgm
1955	The Desert Song, 17-24 September, Hastings 28 Sept - 1 October	Prgm
1956	The New Moon, 15-22 September, Hastings 26-29	Prgm
1957	Oklahoma, 14-21 September, Hastings 25-28	Prgm
1958	Love From Judy	

1959	The Vagabond King, 8-15 August, Hastings 17-19 & 21 22	Prgm
1960	White Horse Inn, 6-13 August, Hastings 15-17 & 19-22	Prgm
1961	Kismet, 12-15 August, Hastings 14-16, 18 19 21	Prgm
1962	The Music Man, 6-13 October, Hastings 15-20	Prgm
1963	Wheres Charley, 30 March - 6 April, Hastings 17-20	Prgm
1963	The Merry Widow, 12-19 October, Hastings 21-26	Prgm
1964	The Maid of the Mountains, 10-17 October, Hastings 19-24	Prgm
1965	Annie Get Your Gun, 9-16 October, Hastings 19-23	Prgm
1966	Amahal and the Night Visitors, 3-10 December (Coronation Street)	Prgm
1967	Little Mary Sunshine, 2-16 December (Rep Theatre)	Prgm
1968	The Sound of Music, 17-31 August	Prgm
1969	Carnelot, 23 August - 6 September	Prgm
1970	Pink Champagne	Prgm
1971	South Pacific, August-September	Prgm
1972	Oliver, Hastings 17-26 August, Napier 31 August - 9 September	Prgm
1973	Fiddler on the Roof, Hastings 18-25 August, Napier 29 August - 8 September	Prgm
1974	My Fair Lady	Prgm
1975	Man of La Mancha	Prgm
1976	Pirates of Penzance	Prgm
1976	Music Hall	Prgm
1977	Oops Titipu	Prgm
1977	Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat	Prgm
1977	Music Hall	Prgm
1978	Oh What a Lovely War	Prgm
1978	Music Hall	Prgm
1979	The Great Waltz	Prgm
1979	Grease	Prgm
1979	Music Hall	Prgm
1980	Jesus Christ Superstar	Prgm
1980	Music Hall	Prgm
1981	HMS Pinafore	Prgm
1981	Hans Christian Andersen	Prgm
1981	Music Hall	Prgm
1982	Caberet	Prgm
1982	Oklahoma	Prgm
1982	Music Hall	Prgm
1982	Annie	Prgm
1983	Music Hall	Prgm
1984	Man of La Mancha	Prgm
1984	Patience (Song & Opera Workshop)	Prgm
1984	Music Hall	Prgm
1985	The Gingerbread Man	Prgm
1985	Chicago	Prgm
1985	Music Hall	Prgm
1986	Mack and Mabel	Prgm
1986	Music Hall	Prgm
1987	Sorcerer	Prgm