



"She Danced On a Friday"

The Birth and Death of Margery Hopegood

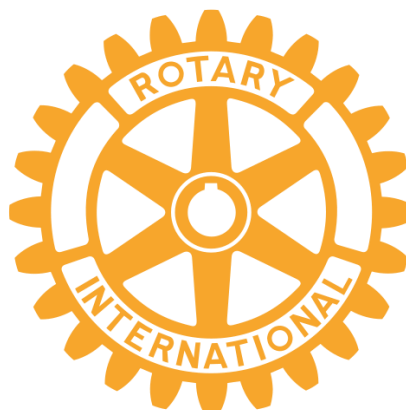
4 Special School Performances

April 9, 10, 11 and 12

2018

At the Waikato Museum

Rotary



"She Danced On a Friday"

This is a wonderful opportunity for your students to experience live theatre and interact with the cast and crew.

"She Danced On A Friday" is written and performed by Nicola Pauling. Nicola is a theatre practitioner who has worked the past 13 years in the field of participatory performance art, supporting community and personal development by creating opportunities for people to tell their own stories in their own voice. She is the Artistic Director of Voice Arts (www.voice-arts.org.nz). She is an experienced performer and improviser, but this time she's created an opportunity to tell one of her own stories in her own voice.

Margery's story is a Hamilton Story. It captured the hearts and minds of the country as it was revealed through news reports. On a sunny Friday afternoon in a public toilet, in the middle of Hamilton city - Margery's life was senselessly taken.

What reports never revealed was, who was this woman and what was she doing in Hamilton? Operation Hopegood lasted five weeks before an arrest was made. For much of that time Margery's photograph held the front page of our newspapers.

The play reveals the fascinating back story to this tragic event. Nicola Pauling is the granddaughter of the woman Margery was on her way to see the day she died.

The **Waikato Museum** provides an intimate setting for this unique theatre experience. With the generous assistance of **Fairfield Rotary** - we can bring to the Waikato 4 special school's performances (**Recommended for Years 11 - 13**).

Monday 9 April 2018 @ 10:30 am

Tuesday 10 April @ 10:30 am

Wednesday 11 April @ 10:30 am

Thursday 12 April @ 10:30 am

All performances are in the Waikato Museum Theatre

Cost per student \$15 (1 Teacher per group free = 1:30 ratio)

Nicola Pauling (Writer and Performer) will be available to talk with students after the performance about her work. She is happy to answer questions and examine drama techniques used in the performance.

Museum Educators are available to assist students and teachers with NCEA assignments.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the Education Manager

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