

Principal's Comment

Steve Robb



It is my pleasure to extend to our school community, supporters and visitors a very warm welcome to our school's 2006 production "FAME The Musical".

As 2006 is our 70th anniversary and our School has developed an enviable reputation in Music and the Performing Arts, it is appropriate that we have chosen to perform "FAME". The show embodies all facets of the Performing Arts and gives our students and staff an outstanding opportunity to showcase their many talents.

This production is a result of a huge team effort. Under the professional direction of Mr David Sidwell, musical direction by our Director of Music and Performing Arts Ms Victoria Brown and Mr David Hall, we have a large group of staff, parents, supporters and students who have worked really hard to make this production possible. We acknowledge and thank them for their leadership and support.

We congratulate all of the principals and company. As they step on to the stage, their many talents and skills sparkle in the very best tradition of St Peter's School, Cambridge. As a school, we are very proud of each and every one of them.

Best wishes for another exciting and entertaining season.

Break a leg! Let the show begin!

SF Robb
Principal

Director

David Sidwell



Director...musical director...composer...orchestrator/arranger ...pianist ...David has 35 years' involvement in music and theatre under his belt.

As Musical Director, some of David's many credits include *Chicago*, *Evita*, *Annie*, *Hello Dolly!*, *Nunsense I & II*, *Juke Box*, *A Chorus Line*, *Les Misérables*, *Gypsy*, *Caught in the Act* (with Tina Cross), to name but a few.

David has also directed countless productions. Among them, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Mack and Mabel*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *Chess* - the musical, *Big* - the musical, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *70, Girls, 70!*, *Les Misérables*, *Tell Me On A Sunday*, *Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, *Fame*, *Seussical*. The 'audience participation' version of *The Sound of Music*, a 'new experience' *Grease* and the sensational 2005 season of *The Rocky Horror Show*.

Working professionally with theatre groups both in New Zealand and Australia, David has had successful seasons of *Andrew Lloyd Webber & Friends* (Gold Coast & New Zealand), *Westend to Broadway* with Wellington Musical Theatre and the Wellington Sinfonia, *Tell Me On A Sunday* (Circa Theatre), the critically acclaimed Wellington productions of *West Side Story* and *Phantom of the Opera*, and the New Zealand premieres of *The Secret Garden*, *Big* - the musical and *The Full Monty*.

David is an accomplished pianist and has worked with many well known New Zealand recording artists. He has been the pianist for the New Zealand Film Archive touring roadshows, and works extensively throughout New Zealand and Australia as an arranger and orchestrator. He currently lectures and manages the Music Section of the School of Media Arts at Wintec.

David has particularly enjoyed working with the students and staff within the St Peter's culture of excellence. Through the youth of today "we can make a difference".



St Peter's School, Cambridge

70 Years, 1936-2006

presents



Thornton Auditorium

17 - 22 June, 2006

17 June, 8.00 pm

18 June, 2.00 pm Matinee

19 - 22 June, 7.30 pm

FAME THE MUSICAL

Conceived and Developed by David De Silva

Book by Jose Fernandez

Lyrics by Jacques Levy

Music by Steve Margoshes

Title song "Fame" written by Dean Pitchford and Michael Gore

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Pty Ltd

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Originally produced at the Coconut Grove Playhouse,
Arnold Mittleman, producing Artistic Director.