

Polly Hood

in Mumuland

By Lauren Jackson



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Welcome

It is a great pleasure for Auckland Theatre Company to be back at the Mangere Arts Centre and back in Mumuland.

We first presented the adventures of Polly and Maile in 2011, with a talented team from PIPA (Pacific Institute of Performing Arts). It was so much fun we wanted to see it all happen again! But this time with the stars of your neighbourhood on stage.

So thanks to writer Lauren Jackson and to directors Alison Quigan and Troy Tu'ua and their fabulous creative teams and cast for creating this brilliant night's entertainment for the whole family.

Enjoy.

Colin McColl
Artistic Director
Auckland Theatre Company



Director's Notes

From the first audition we were hooked. On February 8th we found lines of talented performers, standing in the Mangere Arts Centre foyer, impatiently waiting to be seen and heard. They put their hearts and bodies on the line that day and we were inspired. Every rehearsal has been the same, every day the songs, the dances and the humour have made us gasp, laugh and even shed a few tears.

Of course it doesn't happen without hard work and this production has taken 10 weeks of evening and weekend rehearsals to make a show. It has been a test of stamina and discipline as much as performance skills. As the directors, it has been our job to pull the show together and we have learned as much from our amazing cast as they have from us.

This production brings together the creative expertise of Auckland Theatre Company and the sometimes raw talent and enthusiasm of our community here in Mangere. Sometimes the energy literally bounces off the walls, sometimes it lies on the floor in a puddle of sweat – but sweat that has been earned by gruelling dance sessions and exacting musical rehearsals.

We would like to thank Auckland Theatre Company for having the vision to put this production together. In particular we would like to thank Tanya Muagututi'a, ATC's Participation Co-ordinator, for her endless patience, her great organisational skills and for keeping us fed. We've had far too much fun but we have also created a wonderfully entertaining show to be proud of.

Enjoy the show.

Co-Directors Alison Quigan and Troy Tu'ua, and Musical Director Nastassia Wolfgramm



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Cast

Suivai Autagavaia — Red
Luse Sua — Maile
Paula Uvea — Aunty Sila
Tavai Faasavalu — Wolf
Italia Hunt — Grandma
Peter Williams — Narrator / Rooster
Nastassia Wolfgramm — Chick
Olive Asi — Chick
Adyhana Urika — Little Chick
Troy Tu'ua — Tala
Maia Te Ra-Fowler — Su / Chorus
Faamanu Vaueli — Capt. of Kilikiti Team / Chorus
Siana Vagana — Lil' Red / Girl / Chorus
Ella Mavaega — Busker / Timetables / Chorus
Josephine Mavaega — Busker / Girl / Chorus
Jill Karapani — Principal / Chorus
Jake Toaga — Woodsman / Chorus
Joanna Seumalo — Chorus
Kolopa Semei-Barton — Chorus
Isaac Nonu — Chorus
Idalene Ati — Chorus
Martin Vaioleti — Chorus
Klark Kahui — Chorus
Joseph Taouma — Guitarist
Bob Savea — Drummer
Pos Mavaega — Bass Guitarist
Mark De Jong — DJ Flip the Script

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Direction — **Alison Quigan and Troy Tu'ua**

Musical Direction — **Nastassia Wolfgramm**

Choreographer — **Troy Tu'ua** | *Set Design* — **Rachael Walker**

Costume Design — **Sophie Ham and Gayle Jackson**

Lighting Design — **Andrew Malmo**

Production

Production Manager — **Andrew Malmo** | *Technical Manager* — **Paul Nicoll**

Company Manager — **Fern Christie-Birchall**

Stage Manager — **Elaine Walsh**

Assistant Stage Managers — **Tanya Muagututi'a and Elizabeth Cruickshank**

Technical Operators — **Mark de Jong and John Lepper**

Props Master — **Rachel Walker** | *Follow Spot Operator* — **Billie Staples**

Set Construction — **2Construct** | *Floor Painter* — **Renee Te Pairi**

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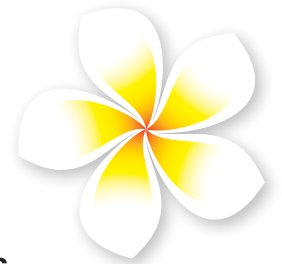
ATC Associate Director — **Lynne Cardy**

Participation Coordinator — **Tanya Muagututi'a**

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POLLY HOOD IN MUMULAND opened on 26 April 2014 at Mangere Arts Centre - Ngā Tohu o Uenuku, and is approximately 70 minutes with no interval. Please remember to switch off all mobile phones, pagers and watch alarms.



About ATC Participate

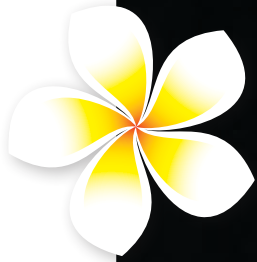
ATC Participate is Auckland Theatre Company's innovative community programme providing opportunities for people from all over the super city to get creative, get involved and share their love of performing. Our exciting Neighbourhood Theatre project works with local communities and guest artists to celebrate Auckland's diverse neighbourhoods through pop-up performances, large and small-scale community events and theatre in all sorts of surprising places. Past shows include the mighty AUT DOMINION ROAD STORIES – presented in association with the Auckland Arts Festival 2013 – which featured over 200 volunteer performers and crew.

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