

Theatre

Local nuggets

Lunchtime Theatre at the University of Otago's Allen Hall offers an easily accessible, on campus, live theatre experience, with a new play performed every Thursday and Friday during teaching semesters.

Digging deeper...

Ralph Hotere designed the sets for the 1973 production of *The Devils* at the Globe Theatre.

X marks the spot

The Fortune Theatre occupies an important part of Dunedin's architectural history. R A Lawson designed the former Trinity Methodist church on the corner of Moray Place and Upper Stuart Street in which the Theatre is housed.

Inspired!

James K Baxter's poem *To Patric Carey* finishes:
 Lucky the playwright then who keeps
 After the public stoning and the praise,
 Silence and one producer as a friend.

The Globe, the Regent, the Fortune, the Playhouse, the Mayfair, Allen Hall; there are many opportunities to tread the boards in Dunedin or admire the stage talents of others.

The Globe is an amateur theatre company, created in 1961 by Patric and Rosalie Carey when they extended the living room of their London Street house to create an auditorium and 30-seat theatre. James K Baxter's first plays were produced here and it remains a unique Dunedin institution.

The Fortune Theatre – the world's southernmost professional theatre company – has been operating since 1973 as a repertory theatre and host of local and touring shows.

The Regent Theatre, modelled on the Regent Theatre in New York, opened in the lower Octagon in 1928. It's where the Royal New Zealand Ballet performs when in Dunedin and the location of most of the International Film Festival screenings, but is probably just as well known for its annual 24-hour book sale.

The Really Authentic Gilbert and Sullivan Performance Trust was established with the aim of staging all the surviving Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas in an authentic performance style. These are scheduled as annual events until 2012 in either the Mayfair or Regent Theatres.

Dunedin's Repertory Society's home is the Playhouse in Albany Street. The Society mounts at least two adult and three children's shows every year.

The heart of theatre at the University of Otago is Allen Hall. It's located next to Marama Hall in a bluestone building that once housed the Student Union. Converted to a theatre in 1974, it operates as both a teaching and performance space.



The entrance to the Globe Theatre, London Street, Dunedin



The Fortune Theatre is housed in a former church

