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# SHORTLAND STREET - THE MUSICAL

## HERALD THEATRE

TUESDAY 14 MARCH, 6:30 PM + 8.00PM

1 HOUR WITH NO INTERVAL

## ABOUT THE PLAY

Killers on the loose, medical calamities, forbidden love, and a Christmas curse...life isn't easy at Shortland Street. Featuring iconic characters from the classic era of NZ's favourite soap, with songs including 'Not In Guatemala Now', 'Stuck In A Love Triangle', and 'Cliffhanger', *Shortland Street - The Musical* will have you partying like it's 1992.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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We are currently seeking partnerships to bring *Shortland Street - The Musical* to audiences throughout New Zealand. If you like what you've seen tonight and would like to help us make the musical a reality, please contact Guy at [shortymusical@gmail.com](mailto:shortymusical@gmail.com)

## WRITER'S NOTE

It was in my apartment at 41 Rue de l'Orillon, Belleville, Paris, that the idea to adapt *Shortland Street* into a musical comedy occurred to me. I'm fully aware that adding song and dance to a hospital drama sounds a little crazy...but I had learnt, over the past two years training at international theatre school École Philippe Gaulier, that 'a little crazy' is good.

Upon my return home I slowly chipped away at this project - bouncing ideas, writing scripts, jamming songs - in search for a way to make it work. Eventually, I pitched the show to South Pacific Pictures and TVNZ, and thankfully, they gave it their blessing. Since then it's been full steam ahead and, with the help of many, the work has grown immensely.

My intent for this show has always been to celebrate. To celebrate *Shortland Street* on its 25th birthday, to celebrate what the TV show has done for us culturally and for our entertainment industry, and more importantly, to celebrate who we are as New Zealanders. For me, *Shortland Street* is New Zealand. The characters are us: their problems are our problems, their dreams are our dreams, and their cliffhangers are our cliffhangers... My hope is that through laughter, story, movement and music, we'll feel lighter, more connected, and proud.

**All the RAW projects are an opportunity for an artist to take a risk, to try out an idea, a script or a song in front of an audience. And an opportunity for you as audience to give your feedback. The four RAW projects this year are quite varied, however, three combine music and theatre but are completely different in style. The fourth is a play with a story that needs to be told. I am delighted to welcome the artists from around the country, and thank them for sharing their process with us.**

***Carla van Zon, David Inns and the Festival Team***

## CREDITS

### CAST

Chris Warner  
Hone Ropata  
Kirsty Knight / Jill The Gym Instructor  
Lionel Skeggins / Jill's Husband Brad  
Alison Raynor  
Carrie Burton  
Jaki Manu  
Nick Harrison / Paramedic  
Rachel McKenna / Pregnant Patient  
Sam Aleni / Greg Feeney / Patient  
Marj Neilson  
Michael McKenna / Sir Bruce Warner

Guy Langford  
Justin Rogers  
Torum Heng  
Jack Barry  
Tizane McEvoy  
Cherie Moore  
Milly Grant  
Simon Leary  
Comfrey Sanders  
Shimpal Lelisi  
Kathy McCrae  
Paul Barrett

### BAND

Keys  
Guitar  
Bass  
Drums

Penny Dodd  
Sam Taylor  
Richie Pickard  
Adam Tobeck

### CREW

Director  
Assistant Director  
Musical Director  
Choreographer  
Designer  
Stage Manager  
Technician  
Communications  
Sponsorship/Marketing  
Writer/Composer

Simon Bennett  
Katie Wolfe  
Penny Dodd  
Jesse Wikiriwhi  
Poppy Serano  
Sophie Lindsay  
Te Aihe Butler  
Tamar Münch  
Briony Ellis  
Guy Langford

NZ Sign Language Interpreters

Kelly Hodgins  
Dale Thomas

**Hand-picked by Artistic Director Carla van Zon, RAW features works at different stages of development – from concept onwards.**

**Artists' ideas are presented in the raw and give you an opportunity to get an insider's view of the various processes, artistic practices and hard work that go into creating a production.**

**Auckland Arts Festival does not have a set price for this showing but welcomes a koha for your attendance. Thank you.**