

### FROM ASHLEY'S DESK

7ith *Graffiti* only a few rehearsals away, the cast is working overtime to bring this mammoth show together. With 50 students ready to show off their talents it has been noisy to say the least. Trying to choreograph, costume and get this production ready for an audience has not been an easy task.

The usual end of year mania with school and sporting functions taking up so much of the students' time, it has been hard on them to find the time to attend extra rehearsals, essential for a show this size with so many involved. However, we are on the home stretch and the excitement is building. The next two weeks is full on and even more will be asked from our already exhausted cast members.

The bar was set very high with last year's production, Façade. It is indeed a hard act to follow. However, *Graffiti* promises to be equally as entertaining with wonderful group numbers and solo performances from some very talented teens.



SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PRESENTS

DIRECTED & CHOREOGRAPHED BY ASHLEY TARDY MUSICAL DIRECTOR DAVID MCNEVEN

A big thank you to all the parents who have willingly driven the students back and forth for extra rehearsals. We know end of year is equally difficult for you. Putting a show like Graffiti together is a huge ask from my students and most of them have risen to the task and have worked extremely hard to bring to you what promises to be an entertaining evening for everyone.

Thank you to all my students who have worked so hard with special thanks to those who have put their hearts into our show and given me even more than I asked.

Ashley





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2nd - 5th December 2010 BOOKINGS 5539 4255 or online www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

### 2ND GOLDEN PALM AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT (GOLD COAST AREA THEATRE AWARDS 2010)

Venue: The Paradise Room

The Arts Centre, Gold Coast

Date/time: Tuesday, 30th November, 2010 - 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Dress: Black Tie / Formal

Cost: \$35 pp (includes a welcome drink and one course meal).

Tables of ten may be booked in advance.

Bookings now open through The Arts Centre, Gold Coast Box Office (07 5588 4000).

### **2010 SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY NOMINATIONS**

Production Category The Boy From Oz Best Set Design Frog Johnson / Rhylee Nowell Little Shop Of Horrors Best Set Design Cilla Scott Little Shop Of Horrors Spotlight Costume Hire with Best Costume Design Gwenneth Lippiat, Bec Stanley, Brydie Hannabach Michael Sutton Little Shop Of Horrors Best Technical Achievement (Incl Lighting & Sound) Best Technical Achievement Michael Sutton / Tafe The Boy From Oz (Incl Lighting & Sound) Students / Ian Peters Little Shop Of Horrors Magic Moment Of Theatre Stewart Reeve The Boy From Oz Magic Moment Of Theatre Martina French The Boy From Oz Kim Reynolds / Rhylee Nowell Best Choreographer /Jess Papst The Boy From Oz Best Musical Director Steven McKay Little Shop Of Horrors Musical Director Stewart Kelly Little Shop Of Horrors Best Director Of Cilla Scott Musical or Musical Revue Best Director Of The Boy From Oz Rhylee Nowell Musical or Musical Revue The Boy From Oz Best Actor In A Leading Matthew Hadgraft Role In A Musical Stewart Reeve Little Shop Of Horrors Best Actor In A Leading Role In A Musical Best Actress In A Leading Rachel Love Little Shop Of Horrors Role In A Musical Crazy For You Best Actress In A Leading Rachel Love Role In A Musical Andy MacFarlane Crazy For You Best Supporting Actor in a Supporting Role in a Musical Little Shop Of Horrors Outstanding Production Of 2010

### REGIONAL COMMUNITY THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE EVENTS

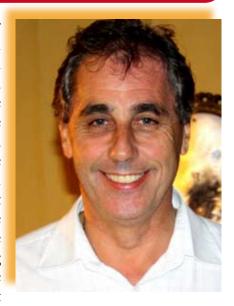
Tune in to 4CRB 89.3FM. The slot: (between 10am – 12 noon) "Community Theatre Roundup, presented by Joel Beskin"

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone who sent their best wishes to Lorrae and I as we travelled through England, Wales and Ireland. We had a very enjoyable and relaxing trip and managed to catch up with family and friends. I must thank Ian Peters who took over the reins in my absence for all the extra work and effort he put in to make sure that everything ran smoothly. We arrived back at the beginning of November just after Crazy for You opened and the comments I received tells me that this was a very good show and enjoyed by a near capacity audience. Closing night played to a full house and the audience left very satisfied. Well done to all Cast, Crew and Volunteers for making this show another success for The Spotlight Theatrical Company. As Crazy For You closed the Senior Primary Class was preparing for the Youth Theatre Production of *Climb Mate*, Change! followed the next weekend by the High School Music Class and their production *Graffiti*. These shows will highlight the talents of our Youth under the watchful eyes of teachers Peter and Ashley.

Spotlight has received 16 nominations in the 2010 Gold Coast Area Theatre Awards and we are looking forward to the night of nights on November 30th at the Art Centre.

Our playbill for 2011 has been set and I am sure that you will enjoy the shows we have in store for you next year. The Playbill will be revealed at Theatre Alliance Launch being held at the Gold Coast



Little Theatre on December 7th. That's about all the news for this month so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful volunteers for their commitment and tireless efforts to the theatre, the Committee for going over and beyond their call of duty and the staff for their outstanding work this year. I wish them all, our members and audiences a very enjoyable Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Look after yourselves and each other and keep smiling as it is contagious.

Best regards, Duncan

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARKING AT BENOWA GARDENS FOR MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, & PATRONS

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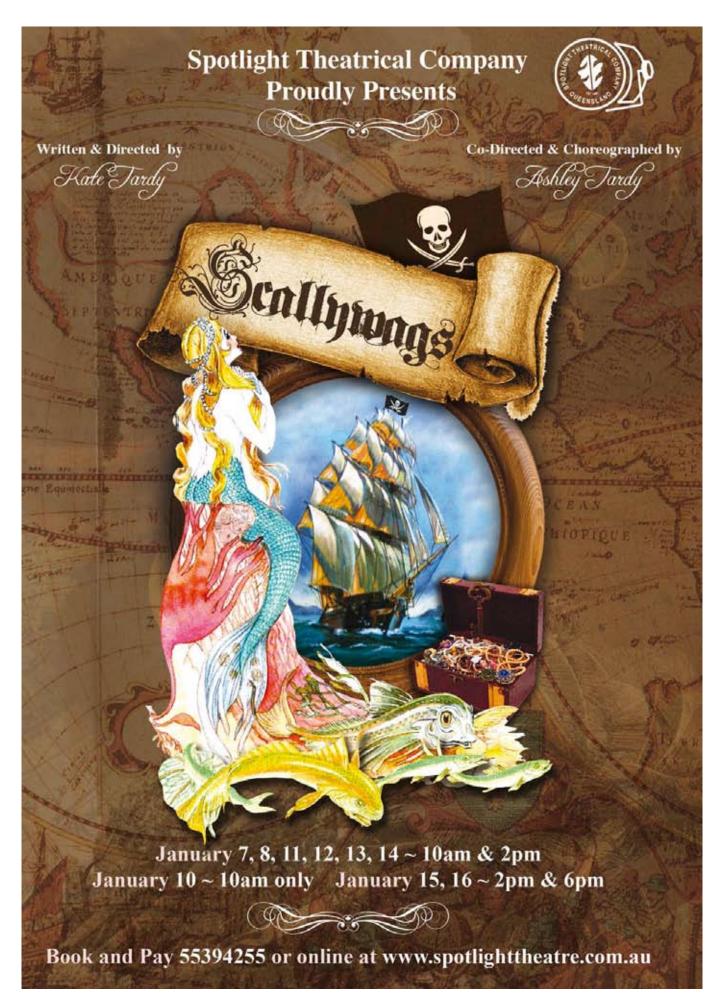
PLEASE NOTE: THE 9PM CLOSING TIME IS WAIVED AND IS 11PM WHEN THERE ARE PERFORMANCES AT SPOTLIGHT.



THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MEETING 6th December 2010– 7:00pm





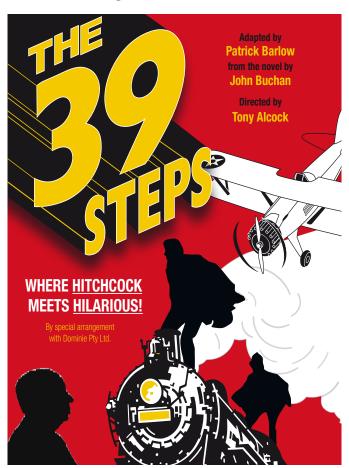


### **AUDITION**

Playing both the West End and Broadway, Alfred Hitchcock's classic spy thriller, *The 39 Steps*, brilliantly and hilariously recreated as the smash hit Olivier Award Winning Best New Comedy.

This blissfully funny show follows the incredible adventures of our handsome hero Richard Hannay, complete with stiff-upperlip, British gung-ho and pencil moustache as he encounters dastardly murders, double-crossing secret agents, and, of course, devastatingly beautiful women.

This wonderfully inventive and gripping comedy thriller features four fearless actors, playing 139 roles in 100 minutes of fast-paced fun and thrilling action.



MAIN THEATRE SPOTLIGHT THEATRE COMPLEX 185- 187 ASHMORE RD BENOWA

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER II-00 am

## REHEARSALS WILL COMMENCE MID JANUARY 2011 THE 39 STEPS WILL PREVIEW IN THE BASEMENT THEATRE THURSDAY 31ST MARCH 2011 AND PLAY FOR A THREE WEEK SEASON. Director: Tony Alcock

We are seeking a versatile and energetic cast of 4 for this hysterically funny adaptation of the Alfred Hitchcock classic.

#### **CAST**

### RICHARD HANNAY ANNABELLA SCHMIDT/ MARGARET/ PAMELA CLOWN 1 CLOWN 2

NB – The clowns play all the other characters in the play.

THE AUDITIONS WILL CONSIST OF SOME COLD READS AND IMPROV EXERCISES. PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY.

TO SECURE AN AUDITION PLEASE EMAIL auditions@spotlighttheatre.com.au For further information on the play try http://www.love39steps.com/

This really is an extremely amusing play. Maybe the funniest thing on the Gold Coast ever

I won't give away too much of the plot, not that it would really spoil the experience.

**The 39 Steps**, by John Buchan, was most famously directed by Alfred Hitchcock in the 1935 film, but this play, based on the same film is an altogether different experience.

With just four actors, minimal scenery, and simple visual props and many characters this is an absolute masterpiece of visual humour and comic timing.

This is perhaps the ultimate spoof espionage thriller. The play starts with the 37 year old hero feeling bored and looking for something exciting to do. He goes to the theatre where he meets a mysterious young lady and to cut an hysterical story short, she gets murdered in his flat after revealing some secret information and the chase begins.

Most other roles are played by just two male actors, sometimes several at a time with just

a quick change of hat and accent to alert you to the identity.

Pythonesque female characters and outrageous overacting will keep you laughing to the end.

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"ABSURDLY ENJOYABLE! THIS GLEEFULLY THEATRICAL RIFF ON HITCHCOCK'S FILM IS FAST AND FROTHY, PERFORMED BY A CAST OF FOUR THAT SEEMS LIKE A CAST OF THOUSANDS."

Tony Alcock - Director

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Welcome to New and Renewing Members John & Lizzie Boulton and Tamara Ward. MEMBERSHIP 1026

ur Senior Primary Production will be over by the time you get this Spotlighter. High School Musical group's exciting show *Graffiti* has been written especially by Kate and Ashley Tardy to include all the 57 aspiring actors in Ashley's classes. Ashley with the help of David McNeven as Music and Vocal Coach have done a great job and they are looking and sounding fantastic. *Graffiti* opens 2nd December and closes on the 5th so please book early as tickets are selling fast.

I'm already receiving enquiries for all classes next year.

Have a healthy, safe, happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year and hope all our "sickies" are on the mend.

you have changed your contact details please let me know so we can keep our records updated.

Cheers,

Lea Vosti – Youth Theatre Administrator and Membership Secretary





### ALL THE NEW SHOWS REVEALED! Drama, Comedy, Thrillers, Orchestral, Choral and big, big Musical Premieres.

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- Discount on Theatre Tickets
- Discount on Costume Hire (conditions apply)
- shows, Spotlight Entertainers Festival, members Spotlight Theatre Audition & Production Dates as well as news about current and upcoming · Monthly newsletter "Spotlighter" – giving and social events.

**ANNUAL SPOTLIGHT MEMBERSHIP FEES Family - \$40** Youth/Junior - \$17

185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa, 4217 PO Box 8074, GC Mail Centre Q 9726 The Spotlight Theatrical Company **ALL MEMBERSHIP AND TERM FEES PAYABLE AT / TO** 

\* Combining of classes may be required during rehearsals and show "runs". **ALL CLASSES STRICTLY LIMITED** 

**TERMS COMMENCE FIRST SATURDAY AFTER SCHOOL TERM BEGINS.** 

CONTACT: **LEA VOSTI**  (Youth Theatre Administrator) on 5630 8289

or COSTUME HIRE - 5539 4700 to reserve a place in class.



Would you like to tread the boards and Are you a drama queen or king?

Are you 18 or under?

see your name in lights?









The Spotlight Theatrical Company is the most established theatre on the Gold Coast commencing operation in 1955. Spotlight began a Youth Theatre to cater for the development of entertainment skills and the huge growing interest in the Arts by the youth in our community.

Today Spotlight has classes accommodating students from Grades 2-12 giving an excellent standard of tuition that has earned Spotlight Youth Theatre an outstanding reputation.

These classes are grouped into four groups – Junior Primary, Senior Primary, High School Musical Theatre and High School Drama.

## THE CLASSES

\*(Times and Fee Structure)
\*Class times subject to change owing to demand.

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Cost: \$180:00 per term
Monday 5.30-7.30pm
beginning Jan. 24th, 2011

2 Classes - Tuesday 4.00-6.00pm & 6.00pm-8.00pm beginning Jan. 25th, 2011

# **HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA**

Cost: \$150:00 per term Wednesday 4.30-6.00pm beginning Jan. 26th, 2011 Wednesday 6.00-7.30pm beginning Jan. 26th, 2011

# **SENIOR PRIMARY DRAMA**

Cost: \$140:00 per term Saturday 9.00-10.30am oeginning Jan. 29th, 2011 Saturday 10.30-12.00pm

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Saturday 12.00-1.30pm beginning Jan. 29th, 2011

# **Junior Primary Drama**

Cost: \$140:00 per term

Saturday 1.30-3.00pm beginning Jan. 29th, 2011 Saturday 3.00-4.30pm beginning Jan. 29th, 2011

# ORIENTATION DAY 2011 is in the MAIN THEATRE on Saturday January 22

Junior & Senior Primary: 10am - 12pm High School Drama & Musical: 12pm to 2pm To confirm a place in the class of your choice, Fees and Membership are required to be paid on Orientation Day.

If you have more than one child attending classes, every child after the first enrolment will receive \$10:00 DISCOUNT.

If students wish to do both Music and Drama Sessions cost will be \$290.

# **PRODUCTION DATES**

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA 2nd & 3rd September JUNIOR PRIMARY DRAMA 15th & 16th October

15th & 16th October

SENIOR PRIMARY DRAMA 25th – 27th November HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE

1st - 4th December

Commitment to Classes and Production Dates is required by all students enrolled in classes at Spotlight Theatre.

**ALL CLASSES STRICTLY LIMITED** 



fter auditioning 52 hopeful Avenue Q'ers over two nights, the production team came to a unanimous decision. The small cast of 10 is made up of some of the most talented local performers I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Under the Musical Direction of Antony Zambolt this show is sure to be a hit! I'm also very excited to have on board Jarrod Boutcher, our professional puppeteer who is not only making all our puppets and assistant directing but has also taken on the challenging role of Trekkie Monster! Rehearsals are already well under way with our cast jumping straight into the demanding task of puppeteering, singing, acting and dancing their way through this fabulous show. I can't wait for audiences to meet this fabulously talented cast!

Starring ...

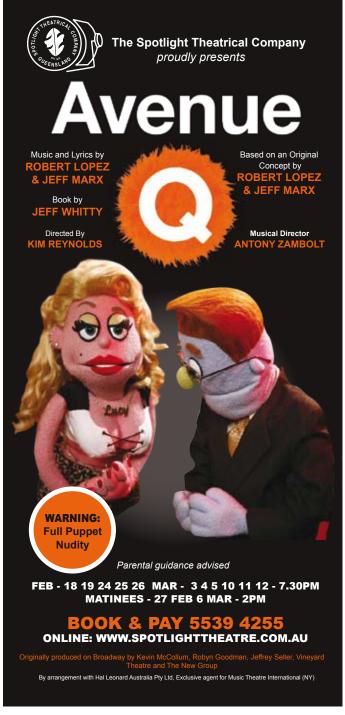
Emma-June Curik as KATE MONSTER
Stewart Reeve as ROD/PRINCETON
Robert Pigdon as NICKY
Anna Sofroniou as GARY COLEMAN
Steffi Kriz as CHRISTMAS EVE
Grant Ebeling as BRIAN
Ashley Tardy as LUCY
Max Bimbi and Amy Church as BAD NEWS
BEARS
and Introducing Jarrod Boutcher as TREKKIE
MONSTER!

Kim Reynolds – Director

#### NOTE:

You can read more about Jarrod's expertise by visiting his home page on the web and also the following link.

http://www.jbpuppets.net/









Great school holiday fun for kids who love to perform!

### TOP HAT PRODUCTIONS' MUSIC THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL

A fabulous week of theatre classes & performance with the people who brought you CINDERELLA, SLEEPING BEAUTY, RUTHLESS - The Musical! etc. Classes including Auditioning, TV & Film Work, Getting an Agent, Makeup & Wardrobe, will be run by some of the Gold Coast's most respected teachers and entertainers!

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Dates: Tuesday 4th - Saturday 8th January
Showcase on Sunday 9th January!
Juniors 8 - 12 years; Intermediates 13 - 18 years
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peterslk@iprimus.com.au for more info!
This course is a must for all future performers!



The incredible *Crazy For You* journey from the first tentative rehearsals, to the maiden performance, to the ultimate glittering finale of white and gold, has now been run. Those lucky folk in the audiences were witness to the wonderful lighting creativity of the TAFE team under the guidance of Michael Sutton, enhancing the work of those on stage and the unseen heros that inspired, built and painted the set. How great did the mood lighting and shadowing look in 'Slap That Bass'? Fabulous!

In this show the stage crew were seen, and were meant to be seen, on stage, deftly moving pieces around keeping the whole experience flowing following instructions from Jacqui Goodliffe (Stage Manager)

Sound crew kept pressing the right buttons, sliding the right slides to keep a balanced sound, and the costume ladies who thought their stint was finished on Opening night were still at hand for quick repairs.

The cast and crew have now vacated the stage, ready for the





GRAFFITI artists from the High School Musical Theatre Classes. So now it is all over, well except for the washing and ironing of the costumes - any volunteers?

Philip and Debbie Harrison PICS DEBBIE HARRISON

#### CRAZY FOR YOU REVIEWED BY ROGER MCKENZIE

potlight's final musical of the year was the George and Ira Gershwin's Crazy For

The story line is a little far fetched (which was often the case back in the golden days of the American Musical) but the show is held together by some of the Gershwins' most popular tunes.

Tony Campbell - Bobby and Rachel Love - *Polly*, headed the cast of talented performers many of whom tapped their way through the varied routines and the show was brimming with energetic performances.

The numerous scene changes were executed with a minimum of fuss and the clever use of sections of revolving scenery.

Several highlights of the show were: Rachel Love's singing of *NotForMe* and Tony Campbell's exciting tap dancing and the "mirror" scene between Anthony Jaeger - Zangler and Tony Campbell impersonating Zangler.

The costumes were many and colourful; in keeping with the era and the showgirls looked like they had stepped out of a Busby Berkeley movie!

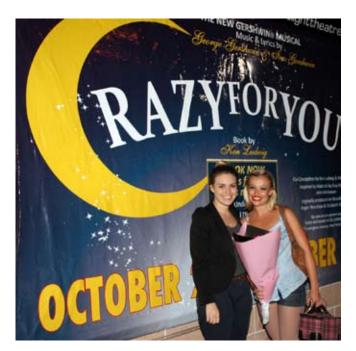
Once again the set construction and the lighting design and operation were in the capable hands of the Certificate IV Live Production, Theatre and Events from the Gold Coast Tafe under the direction of Michael Sutton.

It's always a good sign when the audience leave the Theatre humming the score!

Roger McKenzie

Crazy For You Cast, Crew and Volunteers





elly Buchannan was surprised by her sister Lauren just before the performance on Thursday 18 November. Lauren has been in the UK for two years and Kelly's family had kept her return a secret. After some very happy tears and ecstatic cries a quick reapplication of makeup was required just before curtain up.

President Duncan celebrated his return to Australia, his Birthday and the fact that he still has two thumbs with some Committee members who were on duty, Cast, Crew and volunteers at *Crazy For You*.

ebbie Harrison's 4th grandchild was due on 29 October - Opening Night of *Crazy for You*.

He arrived safely after a 40 hour labour and forceps delivery on the 15 November, weighing in at 8lb 1oz (3.63k in new money). It is a great relief to the family as Thomas actually had an operation while in the womb to remove fluid

from his lungs.

Happy to report that apart from being tired Zoe is doing well, James is deliriously happy and baby Thomas is absolutely fine. Aren't medical advances great?





### CAN YOU GIVE SOME TIME TO YOUR COMMUNITY THEATRE? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BAR AND FRONT OF HOUSE.

SPOTLIGHT IS A COMMUNITY THEATRE AND THEREFORE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE THEATRE. AT THE MOMENT OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE LIMITED TO THE SAME OVERWORKED PEOPLE.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY – BOX OFFICE, BAR, FRONT OF HOUSE, COSTUMES, SCENERY, LIGHTING, SOUND, BACKSTAGE CREW. WE NEED YOU. WE ESPEIALLY NEED A BAR MANAGER.

THE MORE VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE, THE LIGHTER THE LOAD FOR ALL CONCERNED. IT CAN BE A LOT OF FUN.

PLEASE CONTACT KATE TARDY 5539 4255 OR email: mailbox@spotlighttheatre.com.au

#### **GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS**





s the end of the approaches Lithe troupe is ready with a variety of Christmas numbers to add to the program. Margaret Austin croons "White Christmas"; Muriel Watson sings "The Christmas Song"; Shirlie Foxover recites "The Night before Christmas"; and Margaret de Mestre spends an exhausting "Twelve Hours of Christmas Day". Patricia Teal-Gosper and Marlene Marsden dance and sing "Jingle Bell Rock"; Pauline while Davies, Shirlie Foxover and Janet Mannex "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Wattle". Larger group numbers include "The Silver Stars are in the Sky", "Happy Christmas" and "Winter Wonderland".

We are still looking for new Golden Girls. Anyone interested should ring Pauline on 55379828 or Marilyn on 55290776.

We are so happy to know that Barbara Fisher, who was on the "Sick List", is now recovering. Keep going, Barb, we need your high kicks!

The photos show the girls in costume ready to sing and dance their way through "The Teddy Bears Picnic"; and in complete contrast: "Oh, You Beautiful Doll" and "Pretty Baby".

Margaret de Mestre Golden Girls Liaison



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