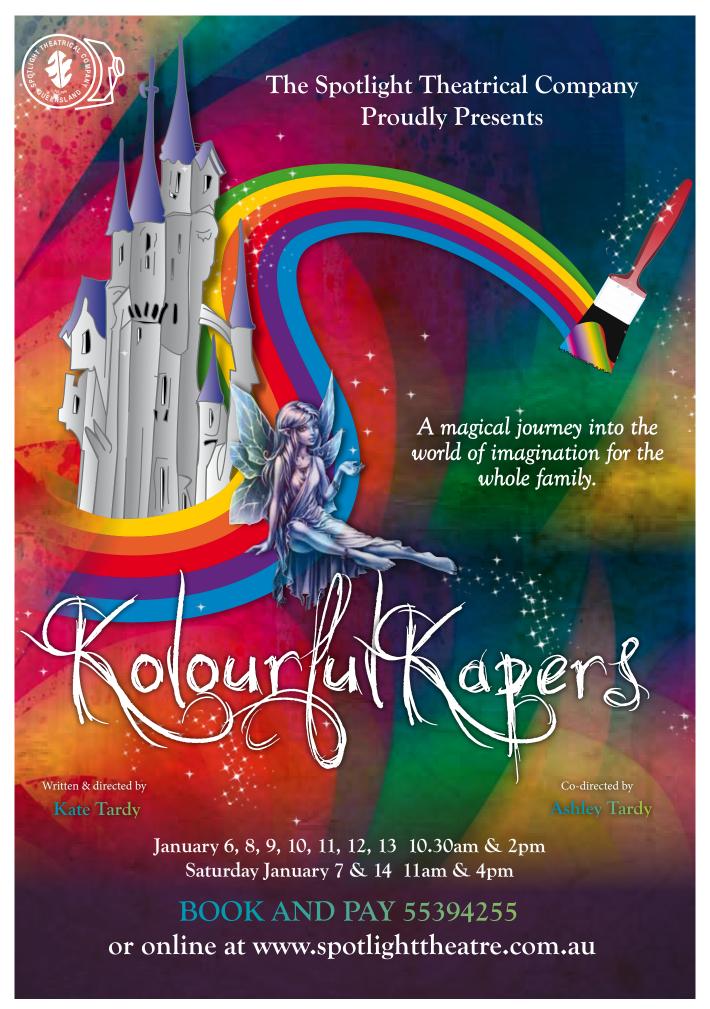


ORIENTATION DAY SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST 2012

December 2011



AUDITION NOTICE- FOREVER PLAID





Once upon the time, on February 9th 1964, a semi professional harmony group was on its way to its first big gig at the airport Hilton cocktail bar, Fusill-Lounge. While driving in a cherry-red 1954 Mercury convertible, the group was rehearsing their finale, "Love Is a Many Splendor'd Thing." They were just getting to their favourite E flat diminished seventh chord when they were slammed broadside by a school bus filled with eager Catholic teens from out of Harrisburg. The teenagers were on their way to witness the Beatles make their U.S. television debut on the Ed Sullivan show, and miraculously escaped uninjured.

The harmony group, however, was killed instantly.

Somehow, through the Power of Harmony and the Expanding Holes in the Ozone Layer, in conjunction with the positions of the planets and all that astrotechnical stuff, FOREVER PLAID are allowed to come back to perform the show they never got to perform in life.

Spotlight Theatre Company is seeking 4 extremely talented 'triple threat' male performers to audition for next years April season of FOREVER PLAID. Due to the nature and content of the show, all applicants must be between the ages 18-35.

Francis- (Second Tenor- Lyric Baritone) The Leader and caretaker of the group. He has the most confidence. He takes care of his fellow PLAIDS and makes sure that everyone knows where they're supposed to be and what is supposed to happen next. He is also the connection between the audience and the guys. Frankie suffers from asthma, which acts up when the numbers are too fast and the choreography too energetic.

Sparky- (Baritone) The Clown of the PLAIDS. He is always looking for ways to crack jokes. He is very sharp and loves singing his tailor made solos. He wears a retainer and has a slight speech impediment or lisp. Even though he is energetic and clever, Sparky cares for his Step- Brother (Jinx).

Jinx- (Tenor) The shy PLAID. He is terrified. He doesn't always remember what song comes next or what the next move is. He is Sparky's step-brother and there is a little step-sibling rivalry going on between them. He occasionally gets nose bleeds when he sings above an A. Jinx lives life terrified because he was abused and beaten. He is only in the group because he sings great and high. The other PLAIDS are very protective of Jinx.

Smudge- (Bass) The Worrier. He worries about the props, about the running order and always assumes that the audience won't like him. He has a chronic nervous stomach. He is very reluctant to perform. He is also dyslexic when it comes to telling his left foot from his right. His name is Smudge because he is left-handed and he would smudge the page every time he wrote.

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE BASEMENT THEATRE **185-187 ASHMORE RD SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2012**

ALL AUDITIONEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A GROUP MOVEMENT AUDITION AT

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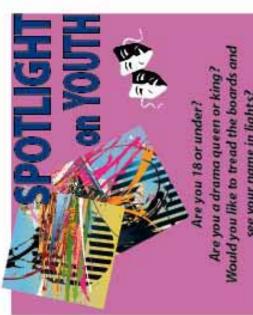
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The Spotlight Theatrical Company is the most established theatre on the Gold Coast commencing operation in 1955. Spotlight began a Youth Theatre to cater for the development of entertainment skills and the huge growing interest in the Arts by the youth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

*(Times and Fee Structure) *Gass times subject to change owing to demand

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL Cost: \$180:00 per term

Monday 5.30-7.30pm beginning Jan. 23rd, 2012 2 Classes - Tuesday 4.00-6.00pm & 6.00pm-8.00pm beginning Jan. 24th, 2012

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

Vednesday 4.30-6.00pm beginning Jan. 25th, 2012 Wednesday 6.00-7.30pm beginning Jan. 25th, 2012

SENIOR PRIMARY DRAMA

Cost: \$140:00 per term Saturday 9.00-10.30 am beginning Jan. 28th, 2012 Saturday 10.30-12.00pm beginning Jan. 28th, 2012 Saturday 12.00-1.30pm Junior Primary Drama Cost: \$140:00 per tem

beginning Jan. 28th, 2012

Saturday 1.30-3.00pm beginning Jan. 28th, 2012

Saturday 3.00-4.30pm beginning Jan. 28th, 2011

ORIENTATION DAY 2012 is in the MAIN THEATRE on Saturday January 21st

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 14th & 15th September JUNIOR PRIMARY DRAMA 20th & 21st October SENIOR PRIMARY DRAMA 30th November, 1st & 2nd December

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE 6th - 9th December Commitment to Classes and Production Dates is required by all students enrolled in classes at Spotlight Theatre.

ALL CLASSES STRICTLY LIMITED

Currently one of the most performed shows in Australia, **SEUSSICAL** is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza!

Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, and a little boy with a big imagination--Jojo. "Oh, the Thinks You Can Think" captures the show's spirit of imagination, as the colourful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos.

The story centres around Horton the Elephant, who finds himself faced with a double challenge--not only must be protect his tiny friend Jojo (and all the invisible Whos) from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird.

Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him, the only one who recognizes "his kind and his powerful heart."

Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant, in a story that makes you laugh and cry.

March 2nd is Dr Seuss's birthday, as this is during the run of SEUSSICAL we have decided to celebrate! It will be a 'Members Only' night at the theatre with all tickets at children's price, only \$18. There will be a birthday cake and a prize for the best Seuss-ish costume. You will not be able to book online- you must book through the Box Office, either by phone or in person and you must be a current financial member.

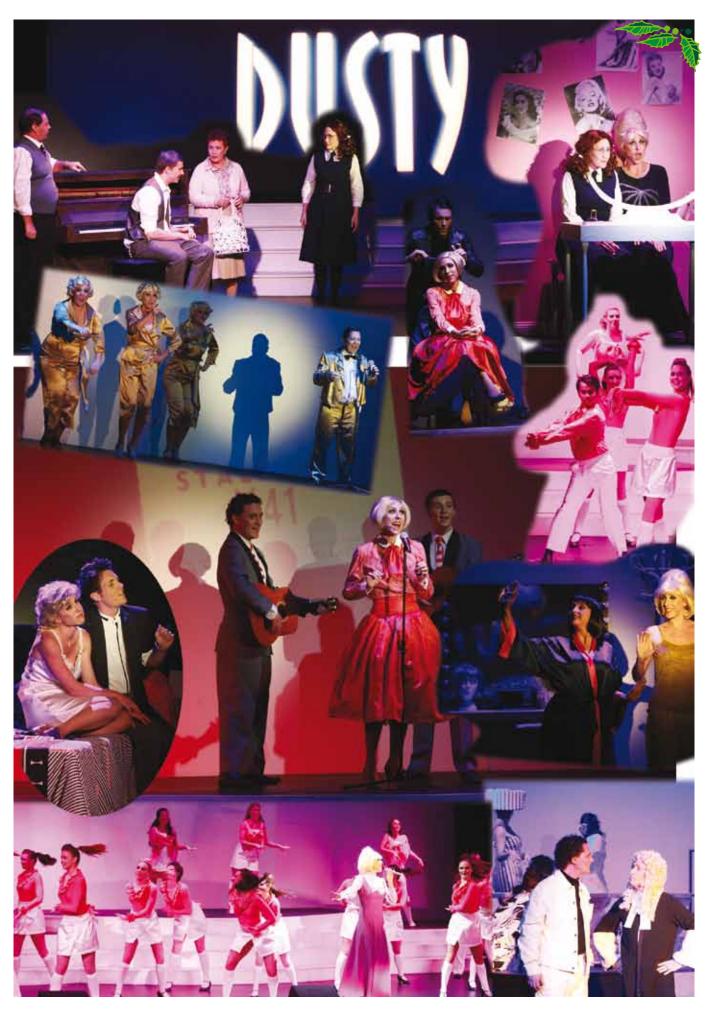
Friday 2nd March 2012 at 7-30pm.

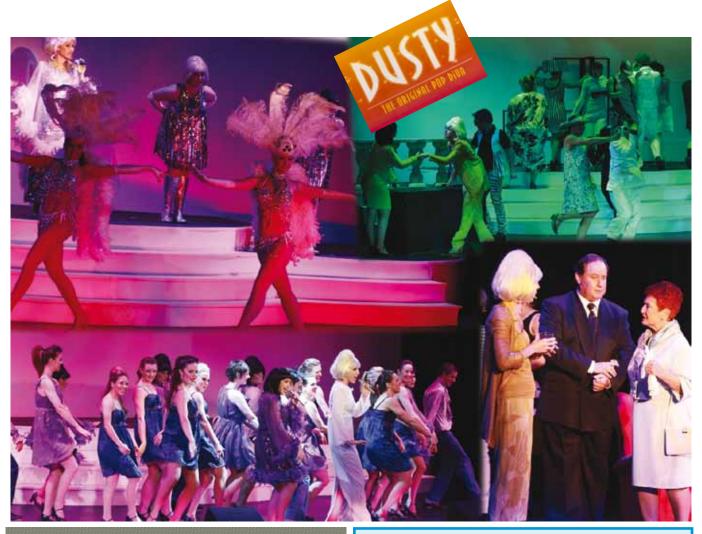




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It's that time of the year again and Christmas is upon us. Where does the year go? As usual all personnel at the theatre were run off their feet making sure that we continue to bring you the best shows around. Thank you to all

the staff and Committee for the outstanding work that you have done again this year and the ongoing and continual support of our wonderful Theatre.

November was extremely busy for the company with the huge sell out success of Dusty culminating in an extra show to cater for the demand. Congratulations to Director Cilla Scott and her magnificent cast and crew for such a wonderful season and making *Dusty* the highest grossing show we have ever done. The sold out sign was erected nearly every night for this superb show. Well Done and Thank you. As Dusty Springfield died of breast cancer the Committee decided that all proceeds from the raffles collected at Dusty would be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation . The raffles raised \$2670 and The Spotlight Theatrical Company rounded the donation up to \$3000 for this important charity.

In November we also saw our Senior Primary class students perform over three nights their end of year production of *The Play's the Thing* As always our enthusiastic audiences revelled in seeing their children perform on stage and to see how well they have progressed over the year. Well done to teachers Peter and Ashley for bringing these students on so well. A very enjoyable evening's entertainment for all.

The Spotlight Theatre Company also provided the venue for the Theatre Alliance to hold their "Opening the Curtain on 2012". All member theatres were acknowledged and great

entertainment was provided by the members who also managed to persuade Councillor Bob La Castra to perform. This evening on the 23rd November enabled all theatre lovers to find out what each theatre is producing next year and to meet and mingle with Actors, Directors and the who's who of Community Theatre here on the Coast.

Our very last production of 2011 is the High School Music Class with their performance of BiZarRe on the nights of December 1st - 4th. December also sees Spotlight at the Theatre Awards being held at the Art Centre on December 6th with at the time of going to press 18 nominations. Good luck to all nominees. It's not too late to book and come along and support your theatre at this enjoyable evening. Our first production of the new year commences on January 8th 2012 with our very own hard working Kate Tardy directing Kolourful *Kapers* a children's show for the whole family. If you have some grandchildren visiting, this show is an ideal one to introduce them to live theatre. Tickets are available on line now at <www.spotlighttheatre.com.au>. Not done all your Christmas shopping yet, then why not give a Spotlight Season Pass to your family or friends as they make a great Christmas present. That's all for me this month, so until next time I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy 2012. Look after yourselves and each other Best regards

Duncan





	Kolourful Kapers	Basement	6 ~14 Jan
	Seussical the Musical	Main	17 Feb ~ 10 Mar
	Forever Plaid	Basement	13 ~ 28 Apr
	Entertainers Festival *	Nerang	19 ~ 29 Apr
	Blood Brothers	Main	18 May ~ 9 Jun
-	Aladdin & His Magical Lamp **	Basement	27 Jun ~ 7 Jul
	All Shook Up	Main	17 Aug ~ 8 Sep
	High School Drama	Main	14 ~ 15 Sep
	In The Mood Again **	Basement	20 Sep ~ 7 Oct
	Primary/Junior Theatre	Basement	20 ~ 21 Oct
	Hairspray	Main	2 ~ 24 Nov
	Primary/Senior Theatre	Basement	30 Nov & 1 ~ 2 Dec
	High School Musical Theatre	Main	6 ~ 9 Dec

* Nerang Bi-Centennial Community Centre

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Adult	\$30.00	\$30.00		
Concession	\$25.00	\$25.00		
Member	\$24.00	\$24.00		
Children (16 & under)	\$18.00	\$18.00		
Pantomime	\$16.00	\$16.00		
Group Bookings				
Group 10-19	\$27.00	\$27.00		
Group 20 +	\$24.00	\$24.00		
Membership Fee Structure				
Single	Family	Youth/Junior		
\$30.00	\$40.00	\$17.00		



TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 1128

Telcome to our new and renewing members and hope all our 'sickies' are on the mend.

Please renew your membership if you haven't already done so.



The High School Music production is *BiZarRe* written and directed by Ashley Tardy is strikingly unconventional and far fetched in style and appearance. In other words **odd**. Our High School Music class (over 50 students) meets "*Circus Du Soleil*" exploring many musical genres along the way, in style of Facade and Graffitti.

This production is on 1st to the 4th December so do come along and see our wonderfully talented Youth performers. Bookings can be made at Costume Hire or online.

The three youth productions so far have been great shows. Congratulations to actors and teachers.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DUSTY was a great success. Congratulations to all involved! Next is our High School Music Theatre production, **BiZarRe** which is on **1st to 4th December**. Do please come along and support our youth, they are our future.

We then have Kate Tardy's January production *Kolourful Kapers* which is well into rehearsal. Please book early.

I had a wonderful holiday (the first in 9 years). Please if you have changed your address details for postal or email please let Shirley or me know. We need to keep our records updated. Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Cheers,

Lea Membership Secretary

Our orientation is on Sat 21st January 2012. Snr and Jnr Primary 10am to 12noon; High School Drama & Music 12 noon to 2pm. You must register as I don't know who's moving from Jnr to Snr Primary, or Snr Primary to either of the High School classes etc. If you can't be there, please phone me on 56308289 to pre register as we need to know for class sizes etc.

On behalf of spotlight Theatre we would like to thank our very talented and hard working teachers Peter Morrissey and Ashley Tardy for their dedication and for the confidence and guidance they have given our young students. Have a Safe and Healthy Xmas and New Year. See you in 2012. My phone no is 56308289 for any enquiries.

Cheers, Lea Vosti– Administrator

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AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON

DATE: Sunday 15th January, 2012

SEASON: 13 Apr – 28 Apr – Basement Theatre FOREVER PLAID - (Musical) Director Ryan Wilson

DATE: Sunday 19th February, 2012

SEASON: 18 May – 9 June – Main Theatre
BLOOD BROTHERS
Director Clem Halpin

DATE: TBA

SEASON: 27 June – 7 July – Basement Theatre
Top Hat Productions
Pantomime – Director Kate Peters

DATE: Sunday 20th May

SEASON: 17 Aug – 8 Sep – Main Theatre

ALL SHOOK UP

Director Jamie Watt

DATE: TBA

SEASON: 20 Sep – 7 Oct – Basement Theatre
Top Hat Productions
Director Kate Peters

DATE: Sunday 29th July

SEASON: 2 Nov – 24 Nov – Main Theatre

HAIRSPRAY

Director Kim Reynolds

NOTE: 21 January Youth Theatre Sign On DAY

Entertainers Festival – 19 Apr – 29 Apr



19th OF EACH MONTH

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his last month the Golden Girls travelled interstate. Ocean View Retirement Village at Tweed asked us to present a show for their Friday afternoon Happy Hour from 5pm to 6pm. This was a new venue and time for us and we were pleased to hear the audience enjoyed the show.

Another first was the inclusion of well-known actor and comedienne, Hazel Philips, in our show for the Palm Beach Happy Group. On hearing that one of our all too few members was unable to perform, Hazel offered to fill the gap. The Palm Beach Happy Group loved her

and became even happier. So did we. Thank you, Hazel.

We presented a Remembrance Day program on 11 November at Mudgeeraba Nursing Home. The old songs seemed to resonate with the audience and they enjoyed the opportunity to not only sing along but also to remember.

We are now presenting a special Christmas program which will see us give six shows between November 25 and December 13.

Season's Greetings to everyone and a happy, safe and healthy 2012.

Margaret de Mestre – Golden Girls Liaison







For an update on all current and scheduled plays and shows by Gold Coast and Tweed Shire member groups visit the website:

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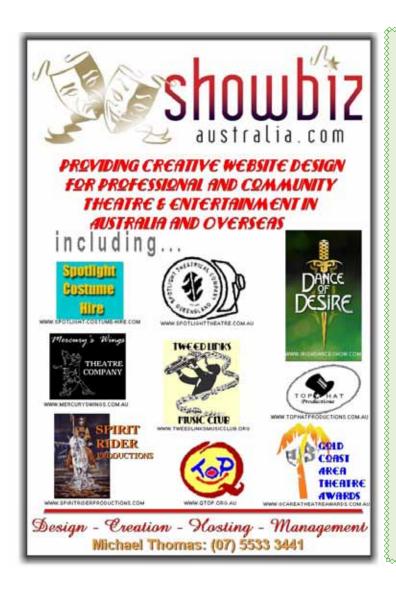
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