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January 2011

## Spotlight Theatrical Company Proudly Presents

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Written & Directed by Kate Tardy Co-Directed & Choreographed by Ashley Tardy

January 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 ~ 10am & 2pm January 10 ~ 10am only January 15, 16 ~ 2pm & 6pm

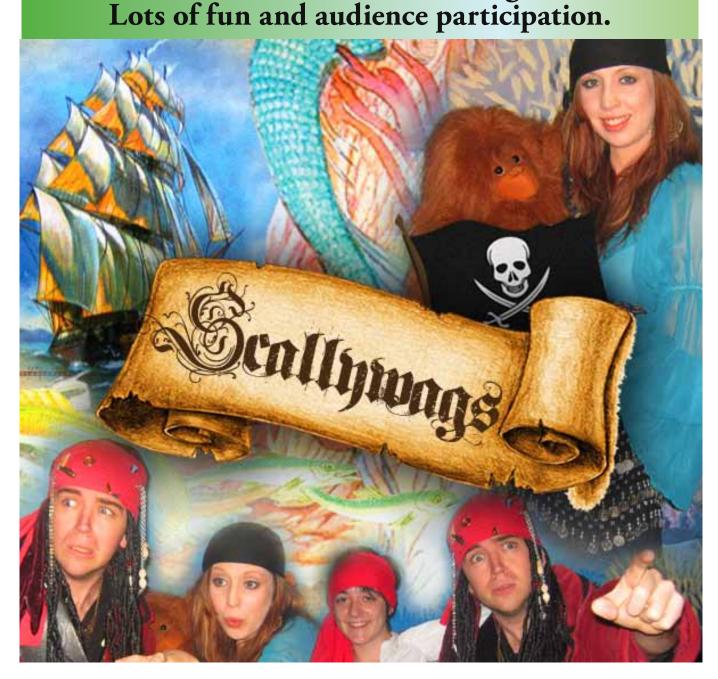
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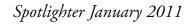
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Artwork by Brooke Tardy

#### THE PIRATE SHIP *"SCALLYWAGS"* DOCKS AT SPOTLIGHT'S BASEMENT THEATRE ON FRIDAY 7th JAN. AT 10am. WITH TWO SHOWS A DAY FROM THE 7th - 16th JANUARY.

Scallywags is a rollicking story about a runaway princess, who, disguised as a boy accompanied by her faithful lady in waiting, Porrige, joins Captain Jolly Roger and his pirate crew to avoid an arranged marriage.
 In their search for Blackbeard's lost treasure they have many adventures encountering mermaids, strange bat like creatures called Wombi's and finally Mumbo Jumbo the larger than life cannibal Queen.
 A must see for kids of all ages.





ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CLASSES MUST BE MEMBERS OF SPOTLIGHT and ABIDE BY THE RULES AS SET OUT BY THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY.

**ADDITIONAL BENEFITS INCLUDE:** 

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

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

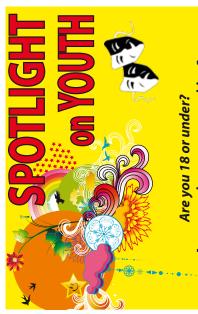
ALL MEMBERSHIP AND TERM FEES PAYABLE AT / TO The Spotlight Theatrical Company 185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa, 4217 PO Box 8074, GC Mail Centre Q 9726 ALL CLASSES STRICTLY LIMITED \* Combining of classes may be required during rehearsals and show "runs".

FERMS 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.







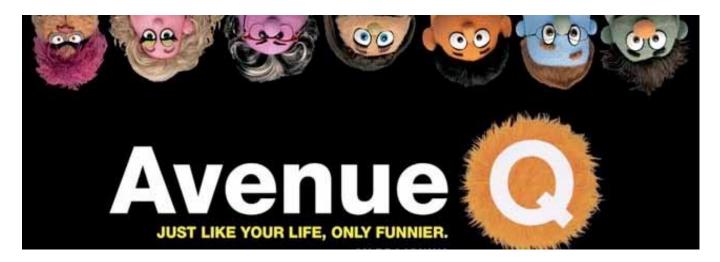
Are you a drama queen or king? Would you like to tread the boards and see your name in lights?

Come and join the Spotlight Youth Theatre. Receive instruction from qualified teachers. Meet new friends with similar interests and have lots of fun learning theatre craft.



THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY 185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa Phone 5539 4255 email: mailbox@spotlighttheatre.com.au www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

ORIENTATION DAY 2011 is in the MAIN THEATRE on Saturday January 22 Junior & Senior Primary: 10am - 12pm High School Drama & Musical: 12pm to 2pm	<ul> <li>choice, Fees and Membership are required to be paid on Orientation Day.</li> <li>If you have more than one child attending classes, every child after the first enrolment will receive \$10:00 DISCOUNT.</li> <li>If students wish to do both Music and Drama Sessions cost will be \$290.</li> <li>PRODUCTION DATES</li> <li>HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA 2nd &amp; 3rd September</li> <li>HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA 2nd &amp; 3rd September</li> <li>JUNIOR PRIMARY DRAMA 15th &amp; 16th October</li> <li>SENIOR PRIMARY DRAMA 15th November</li> <li>HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE 1st - 4th December</li> <li>Mall School DASCE In Classes and production Dates is required by all students enrolled in classes at Spotlight Theatre.</li> <li>ALL CLASSES STRICTLY LIMITED</li> </ul>
THE CLASSESTHE CLASSES*(Times and Fee Structure)*Class times subject to change owing to demand.*Class times subject to the change owing to demand.*Class times to the change owing to the change owing to the change own to th	<ul> <li>Classes - Tuesday 4.00-6.00pm</li> <li>6.00pm-8.00pm</li> <li>8. 6.00pm-8.00pm</li> <li>beginning Jan. 25th, 2011</li> <li>Drednesday 4.30-6.00pm</li> <li>Drednesday 4.30-6.00pm</li> <li>Deginning Jan. 26th, 2011</li> <li>Wednesday 6.00-7.30pm</li> <li>Deginning Jan. 26th, 2011</li> <li>Wednesday 6.00-7.30pm</li> <li>Deginning Jan. 26th, 2011</li> <li>Deginning Jan. 29th, 2011</li> </ul>
THE SPOTIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY	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 Drama.



# EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

For a limited time only, conditions apply.\*

## **BOOK NOW AND SAVE 10% ON TICKET PRICES!**

Come and join us for the Gold Coast Premiere of this hysterical Broadway smash!

Gold Coast audiences will have the opportunity to see what the FUZZ is about when this award winning musical that has become a cult hit around the world comes to the Spotlight Theatre from February 18<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Avenue Q is like an amalgamation of Sesame Street and South Park that is set in a grimy part of New York. While it is famous for being naughty, it is also delightfully sweet. THERE is much to love about Avenue Q. The characters are fantastic, the puppets they control are smart-mouthed but charming, the pace is cracking, the lyrics funny and the air is thick with undiluted fun.

Life may suck on AVENUE Q but being jobless, homeless & politically incorrect, are just some of the topics featured in the terrific songs of this show. For those weaned on Sesame Street, the AVENUE Q puppets may look familiar, but with musical numbers like "Everyone's A Little Bit Racist" this send up of political correctness isn't for the kiddies.

Avenue Q is a deliciously entertaining and naughty night out at the theatre that is absolutely worth the effort.

\* Offer applies to on line bookers only. It is not available to personal or phone bookings.

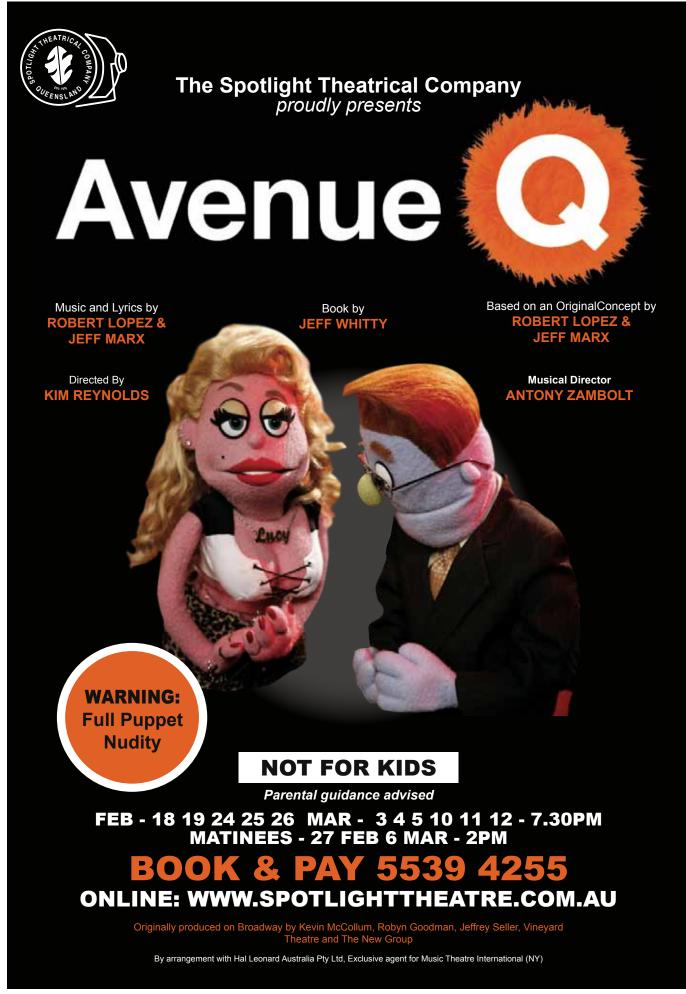
Tickets are not available for Box Office collection.

The Early Bird Special closes 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

## A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!

#### AVENUE Q- PARENTAL GUIDANCE ADVISED.

#### ADULT THEMES, STRONG LANGUAGE, FULL PUPPET NUDITY



#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

#### **GOLD COAST PALM**

Platinum Palm Award Joel Beskin "For extraordinary services and support to the Gold Coast Theatre Community over many years."

**Outstanding Production** (sponsored by Arts Centre Gold Coast) Godspell (St Andrews) **Best Actress in a Leading Role In a** Musical Awarded Jointly to Grace Cockburn Ms Saigon (Ballina Players) and Ashley Tardy Ruthless (Top Hat Productions) Best Actor in a Leading Role In a Musical Tony Alcock – Ruthless (Top Hat) **Best Actress in a Leading Role In a Play** Viviane Gian Move Over Mrs Markham (GCLT) **Best Actor in a Leading Role In a Play** David Keirnan Popcorn (Phoenix Ensemble) **Best Director of a Musical or Musical** Revue Cilla Scott – Godspell (St Andrews) **Best Director of a Play** Tammy Gosling **Popcorn** (Phoenix Ensemble) **Best Musical Director** Awarded Jointly to Casey Chadwick Chess (Phoenix Ensemble) and Paul Belsham Ms Saigon (Ballina Players) **Best Actress in a Supporting Role in a** Musical Ashley Tardy – Sweet Charity (Javeenbah) Best Actor in a Supporting Role in a Musical Stewart Ryan – Chess (Phoenix Ensemble) **Best Actress in a Supporting Role in a Play** Becky Hundy – Popcorn (Phoenix Ensemble) **Best Actor in a Supporting Role in a Play** Matt Hadgraft Move Over Mrs Markham (GCLT) **Best Choreographer** Bec Stanley / M. Frost – Godspell (St Andrews) **Best Production of a School / Youth Musical** – Godspell (St Andrews)

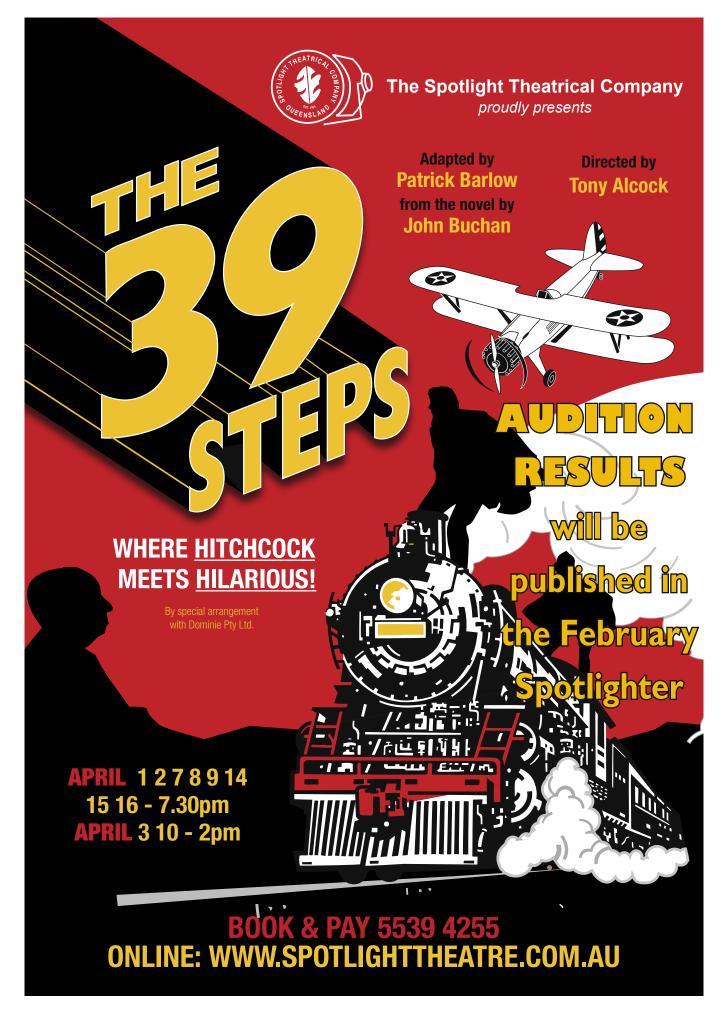


#### AWARDS WINNERS.

Best Production of a School / Youth Play Fantastic Mr Fox (Byron Bay) Best Actress in a School / Youth Musical Sabrina Durante – Annie (St Hilda's) Best Actor in a School / Youth Musical Timothy Crisp Pirates of Penzance (A.B. Paterson) **Best Actress in a School / Youth Play** Cara Maku Fantastic Mr Fox (Byron Bay) Best Actor in a School / Youth Play Johnathon Wendell Facing Up (Wicked Events - Mt Tamborine) **Magic Moment of Theatre** (sponsored by Maria Grills in memory of Lucky) "Mozart" the Dog – Annie (St Hilda's) The Jock and Beverly McIlwain Special **Encouragement Award** Samantha Naday – Godspell (St Andrews) **Best Technical Achievement** (including Lighting & Sound) James Webb, Jackie Reidy & Team Ms Saigon (Ballina Players) **Best Costumes** Bec Stanley, Mardi Frost Godspell (St Andrews) **Best Set Design** Cilla Scott, Steve Wildbur, Ngaire Harman, Jemma Peisker – Godspell (St Andrews)

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS AND NOMINEES!





#### **AUDITIONS - LATE FEBRUARY** FOR DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels the musical, directed by Kate Tardy is based on a popular 1998 film by the same title. It's about two fraudsters, Lawrence Jameson, and Freddy Benson, living on the French Riviera.

Lawrence is a cultivated and suave gentleman who cons rich ladies out of their money. Freddy on the other hand is a small time American thief who cons women into giving him money by telling them stories about his sick grandmother.

One day the fraudsters meet and try to set up some work together but soon find out the small French Riviera town they are living in just isn't big enough for both of them. They agree to set up a challenge, conning a young American woman, Christine Colgate out of \$50,000. The winner gets to stay in town whilst the loser has to leave. The battle between them begins, with many twists, turns and laughs along the way.

Great song and dance numbers as well as a quick and witty dialogue make Dirty Rotten Scoundrels an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Auditions to be held late February. Check the website for details - www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

*Cast required:* Lawrence Jameson Freddy Benson Christine Colgate Andre Thibault Muriel Jolene

Several other small parts both female and male For more information check the website or auditions@spotlighttheatre.com.au

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MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

David Yazbek

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year and I hope you have all had a very Merry Christmas filled with fun, laughter and lasting memories.

Spotlight Theatre doesn't seem to slow down and our first show of the year *Scallywags* is in final rehearsal ready for opening on Friday 7th January at 10am in the Basement Theatre. These children's shows written and directed by our very own multi talented Kate Tardy are well loved by our younger audiences and many smiling and happy faces leave the Theatre after the experience. Ticket sales have been strong so book early if you wish to take your children grandchildren these to or wonderful shows.

The Main Theatre is also hosting rehearsals for the first show of the year in the larger theatre. *Avenue* Q is directed by the fabulous Kim Reynolds and starts on 18th February. This show caused a sensation at the 2004 Tony Awards by beating blockbuster *Wicked* to win the three most coveted awards *Best Musical*, *Best Book* and *Best Score*. The show is an Adult Show and Parental Guidance is recommended. *Avenue* Q is a deliciously entertaining and naughty night out at the theatre that is absolutely worth the effort, so book early for this one on <u>www.spotlighttheatre.com.au</u> and take advantage of the early bird prices. Our 2011 playbill is now available and you can pick one up at the theatre, Costume Hire Shop



or we can send one to you. Just give the office (Ph. 5539 4255) a call. You can also see all the great shows we have in store for you on the Website which has just been revamped again to give you even more information. Thanks go to Michael Thomas our Webmaster for looking after the site so efficiently and quickly.

Our Youth Theatre students will be enrolling on the **22nd January** at the **Orientation Day**. As we have so many students we have split this enrolment into two sessions. For more details phone the Youth Theatre Administrator,

Lea Vosti on 56308289 or contact Spotlight Theatre on 5539 4255.

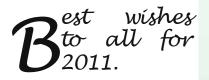
We are planning a few changes to the theatre this year to make your experience even better than before so I hope that you will enjoy these improvements in the very near future.

Once again a very Happy New Year to you all, look after yourselves and each other and I look forward to seeing many of you at the busiest Community Theatre on the Coast. Best Regards,

Duncan Sims

## THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY COMMITTEE MEETING 10th January 2011– 7:00pm at the theatre complex

#### **GOLDEN GIRLS' NEWS**



The Golden Girls are relaxing before warming up their vocal chords and putting on their dancing shoes for the coming season.

Sadly we have had to farewell three of our members who are retiring: Marlene Marsden, Shirlie Foxover, and our director, Pauline Davies.

Over the years all three have delighted audiences



with their singing and dancing talents. The group will miss them not only for the various skills they bring, but also for the genuine care, warmth, love and laughter they give so freely. We wish them well.

The photos show Shirlie in performance wondering: "Why am I always the Bridesmaid?"; Pauline, with her wooden leg singing "Jake the Peg"; and Marlene kicking up her heels in "Mame".

Margaret deMestre Golden Girls Liaison

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Welcome to New and Renewing Members Hope all our sickies are on the mend.

**MEMBERSHIP 1031** 

ur Senior Primary and High School Music Class productions were a great success. Well done to all our youth students and thank you to Peter and Ashley for their guidance and dedication to our young people.

#### Don't forget ORIENTATION is 22 of JANUARY 2011.

See Youth Theatre brochure on pages 4 & 5. Have a healthy, safe and Happy New Year.

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

Lea Vosti – Youth Theatre Administrator and Membership Secretary



#### SPOTLIGHT ON



**DAVID OUCH** is still in a state of shock after being accepted into the Bachelor of Musical Theatre at WAAPA.

David says, "It's almost surreal! This is my second year of auditioning for WAAPA. They told me last year that I needed to go to a fulltime dance school and that's what I did. So I guess dedication and hard work pays off! I leave late January/early February."

David has appeared in several shows around the Gold Coast including the popular *Wedding Singer* directed by Cilla Scott.

Congratulations David!

#### 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.

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

## SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH THEATRE



#### ADMINISTRATOR: LEA VOSTI

TEACHERS: PETER MORRISSEY (Drama) and ASHLEY TARDY (Musical Theatre)

#### FROM ASHLEY'S DESK

Hank you again to everyone who helped get this show onto the stage. A special thank you to my two *Graffiti* artists – whose names we will not mention – for our incredible backdrop that I wanted desperately to take home.

To my cast, you all should be so proud of what you have achieved. It took a lot of hard work and many hours to bring *Graffiti* to life and you all did that together. Congratulations and I look forward to what smash hit we will create next year. To those leaving us this year, you will be missed. Each of you brought your own special talent to the class, and not only that but your kindness, generosity and friendship. It has been my privilege to have taught you and I'm sure you will all go far.

It's been a wonderful year, thank you again to all who helped on *Graffiti*, you know who you are and I'm incredibly grateful and with that the curtain finally closes on the class of 2010. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year....

Ashley Tardy

## LOST: Owner of Book! (Loaned to a cast member during BRIGADOON)

The book, The Clans and Tartans of Scotland by Robert Bain, has been unearthed from under some Brigadoon costumes!

It's a hardcover book - a bit smaller than A5. It has a brightly coloured (with Tartans of course) loose dustcover and has no name of owner or any identifying inscriptions.

If YOU have been missing this book for several years, you can now know that it's been in safe keeping.

Please contact the Editor, Shirley King 5539 4255 who will direct you to it's whereabouts!!

## **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"





## 2011 Spotlight Playbill

Scallywags	Basement	7 - 16 Jan
Avenue Q	Main	18 Feb - 12 Mar
Entertainers Festival *	Nerang	2 Apr - 9 Apr
39 Steps	Basement	1 - 16 Apr
Dirty Rotten Scroundrels	Main	20 May - 11 Jun
Jack & the Beanstalk **	Basement	29 Jun - 9 Jul
Beauty & the Beast	Main	9 Jul - 20 Aug
High School Drama	Main	2 - 3 Sep
In the Mood **	Basement	15 Sep - 2 Oct
Primary/Junior Theatre	Basement	15 - 16 Oct
Dusty	Main	28 Oct - 19 Nov
Primary/Senior Theatre	Basement	25 - 27 Nov
High School Musical Theatre	Main	1 - 4 Dec

\* Nerang Bi-Centennial Community Centre \*\*Jack & the Beanstalk is a Top Hat production \*\* In the Mood is a Top Hat production



	Main Theatre	Basement			
Opening night*	\$35.00	\$35.00			
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			

The Spotlight Theatrical Company wishes you a very happy New Year. Please introduce yourself to one of our Committee Members or a Volunteer when next you visit our theatre complex. We'd love to meet you.

#### **ONLINE BOOKINGS NOW AVAILABLE**

www.spotlighttheatre.com.au CHOOSE YOUR SEATS & PRINT YOUR TICKETS "Don't forget - we welcome audience feedback! If you enjoyed our show (or even if you didn't) please visit our website, www.spotlighttheatre.com.au and let us know via our online 'Feedback' form".



## **GOLD COAST THEATRE ALLIANCE**

For an update on all current and scheduled plays and shows by Gold Coast and Tweed Shire member theatre groups visit the website: http://www.goldcoasttheatre.com.au Webmasters Wal and Annie Lotocki invite you to advertise community performance events by contacting Theatre Alliance Secretary at: theatrealliance@qld.chariot.net.au



Gary Matheson Proprietor

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PEASE NOTE: YOU MUST SIGN IN WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE THEATRE. THERE IS A DIARY IN THE BOX OFFICE. This is required for emergency procedures if they occur. <u>LICENSING LAWS DO NOT ALLOW</u> <u>VOLUNTEERS TO CONSUME ALCOHOL</u> <u>WHEN ON DUTY.</u> Tea, coffee, water and soft drink is available.

However, after completing duties, if you wish to avail yourself of the FREE drink Spotlight offers, then you may. However, you must sign the Bar Drink Register when you receive this drink.

Thank You







#### Securing Peace Of Mind

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#### PLEASE FORWARD ARTICLEs/PICs TO shirlk@qld.chariot.net.au

Please note: photos need to be in correct format – high res jpgs for printing purposes. Recent electrical upgrade work was completed thanks to the kind support of the Queensland Government with funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

