



Dusty: The Original Pop Diva is selling fast! The rehearsal process has been smooth and enjoyable for all involved and the show is looking amazing - much to the credit of the pairing of talented Director, Cilla Scott and renowned Gold Coast Choreographer, Madonna Hall.

Dusty Director, Cilla began her teaching career alongside Madonna at Keebra Park, where together they worked on several Rock Eisteddfods. Moving together to PBC SHS, they were together responsible for establishing the Performing Arts Excellence Program, also continuing the Rock Eisteddfod tradition producing two Rock Eisteddfods together - both of which won the QLD finals.

Cilla Scott, "Madonna was the choreographer for the very first musical I ever directed, *West Side Story* and remains one of the most humble and talented creative people I know.

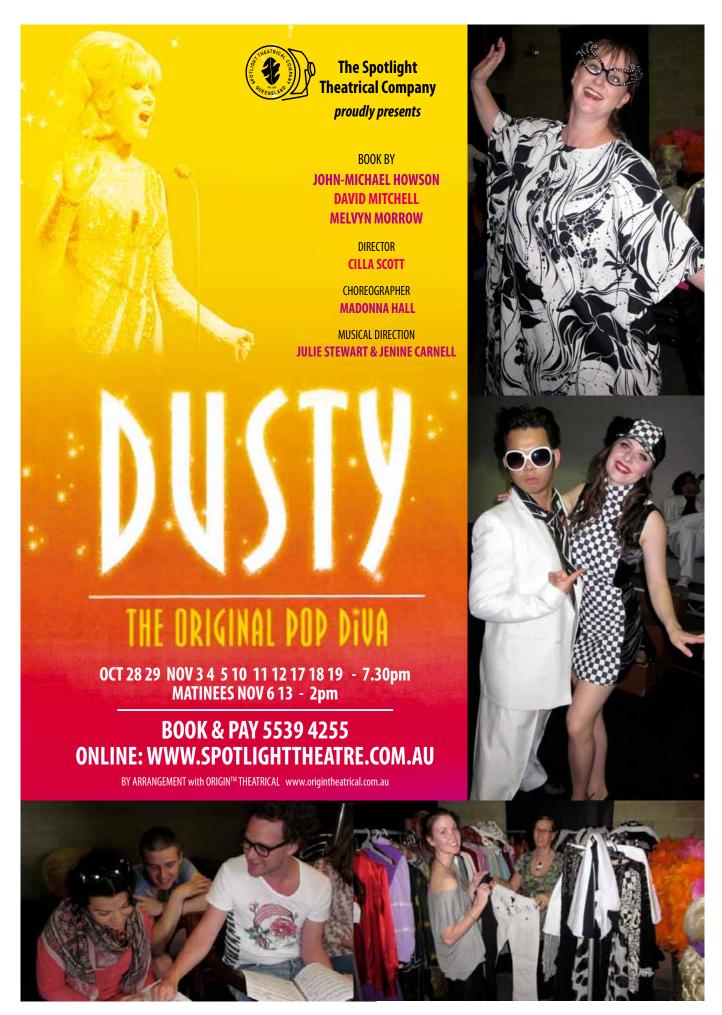
When I left PBCSHS we promised that we would do a show together again - and finally, this was the right show to collaborate on. We are joined by Julie Stewart (band MD) and Monique McMullen (bass) - who were also part of the PBC Arts Staff."

Dusty The Original Pop Diva, will be performed at the Spotlight Theatre Complex (Main Theatre) from Friday 28th October to Saturday 19th November 2011.

A highly acclaimed show featuring her hits and many more from the era including 'Son of a Preacher Man', 'I Only want to be with you', 'My Colouring Book', 'My Generation' and 'Dancing in the Streets'. Dusty: The Original Pop Diva tells the story of a star-struck, plain and dumpy London schoolgirl in the 1950's who imagines she could become a glamorous movie idol. Blessed with an amazing voice and talent, she sets out to become a singer and star. Soon, plain Mary O'Brien has transformed herself into the blonde pop icon, Dusty Springfield. In the 1960s Dusty Springfield takes the entertainment world by storm with a score of hits with triumphs in Britain and America, but Dusty finds the pressure unbearable and she retreats from the world into a dark place. Finding strength in adversity, Dusty returns to soar to the top, but with the world applauding again, she has one more battle to fight.

Starring Jacy Moore as Dusty, and featuring an amazing supporting cast including Mo Award Winner Kirri Adams, and Gold Coast favourites Trevor Love, Martina French, Marc Lyster, Rachel Love.

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



e've had a very busy start of our final term for the year. High School Musical is in full on rehearsal mode. *Bizarre* is looking fantastic! The singing and dancing is

sure to wow the audience. Peter is back and has just finished casting Senior the Primary Show entitled, The Play's The Thing, a comic retelling of *Hamlet*. It's already sounding great, as we spent the last two weeks reading the script and sorting out characters. Our Junior Primary

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show got off to a rough start as our opening night was cancelled due to a blackout caused by the horrific storms on the Saturday. However, the kids were up onstage the following day and wowed the audience with their show *The Big Book*, about a journey through the land of fairytales and nursery rhymes, guided by

the famous tale of *Rumpel-stiltskin*. Every year we always hand out a few awards to the students who have shown

much improvement throughout the year. It was an **extremely** difficult decision as every student is fantastic, however the recipients were: *Most improved girl* - Shelby Frost, *Most improved boy* - Thomas Pirie, *Best projection girl* - Talia West, *Best projection boy* - Noah Tinglilia, *Best smile* - Ruby Hutchinson and *Best backstage award*

- Madison. Our show was a huge success and I thank the parents very much for all their help.

Make sure you all book tickets for *Bizarre*, on sale now.

Call the booking office 5539 4255 or book online.

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CELEBRATING

"Opening the curtain on 2012"

Members of the Alliance and guests are cordially invited to

the ANNUAL PRESENTATION of PLAYBILLS for 2012.

Venue SPOTLIGHT THEATRE

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Date Wednesday 23rd November 2011

Time

5.30pm

Cover charge

\$10.00

The Spotlight Bar will be open and finger foods will be served.

There will be four items of entertainment during the presentation and Member Companies are invited to submit an item in any or all of the following categories.

Song/Dance, Drama, Comedy or Instrumental.

Onstage equipment is to be kept to a minimum.

Onstage participants must not exceed 10 in number.

Between 5 to 8 minutes setup and running time is allowed.

Submissions must be with the organising team by 1st November.

Contact: Jim Dickson jaydee2598@gmail.com

Successful participants will be notified on 2nd November.

There will be a rehearsal at Spotlight on 16th November.

If in excess of 4 items are submitted choice will be made by ballot.



AUDITIONS

SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER

MAIN THEATRE

SPOTLIGHT THEATRE COMPLEX, 185- 187 ASHMORE RD BENOWA

5PM- 6PM - ALL SUVENILES- GROUP DANCE AND VOCAL AUDITION.

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6PM ONWARDS - VOCAL AUDITIONS.

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MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER MAIN THEATRE 7-30 PM DANCE AUDITION

ALL AUDITIONEES (EXCLUDING JUVENILES) (MUST ATTEND. YOU WILL NEED TO BE DRESSED APPROPRIATELY FOR A PHYSICAL AUDITION.

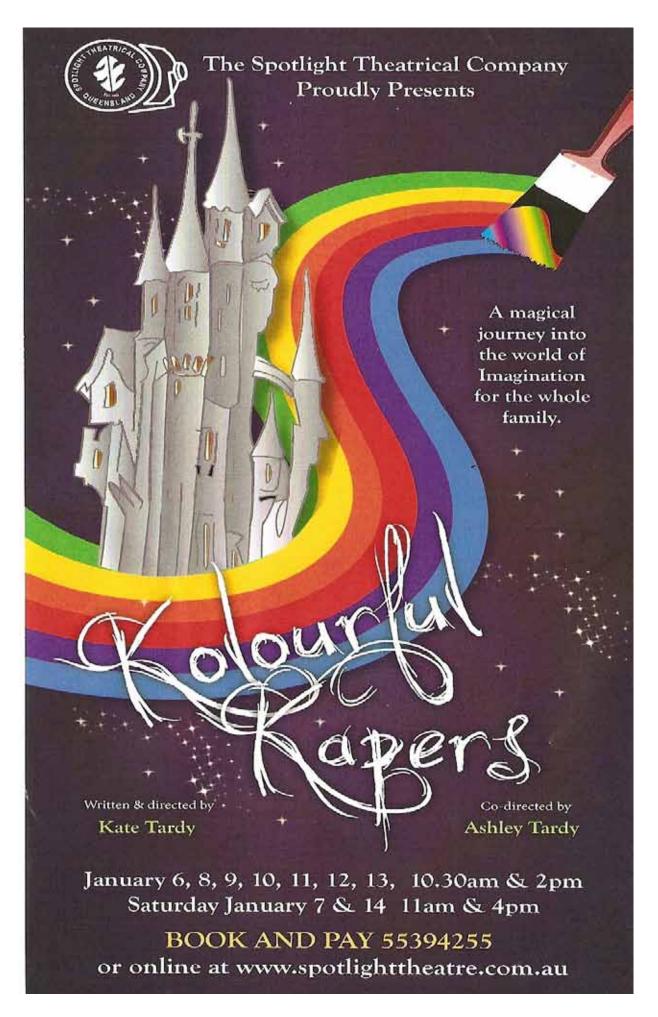
WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER MAIN THEATRE 7-00 PM CALLBACKS

Name	GENDER	VOCAL PART
THE CAT IN THE HAT	MALE	TENOR
HORTON THE ELEPHANT	MALE	BARITONE
J0J0	MALE	ALTO
GERTRUDE MCFUZZ	FEMALE	SOPRANO
MAYZIE LA BIRD	FEMALE	MEZZO
SOUR KANGAROO	FEMALE	SOPRANO
GENERAL GENGUS KHAN SCHMITZ	MALE	BARITONE
THE GRINCH	MALE	BASS-BARITONE
MR. MAYOR	MALE	TENOR
MRS. MAYOR	FEMALE	MEZZO
YERTLE, THE TURTLE	MALE	BASS-BARITONE
THE WICKERSHAM BROTHERS	MALE	
THE BIRD GIRLS	FEMALE	

PHONE 5539 4255 FOR INFORMATION

SUNGLE CREATURES

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SPOTLIGHT ON:

Jai Bofinger to appear in Brisbane's Mary Poppins

Tai (one of the Bofinger twins) has been offered a contract to play the part of Michael Banks (the boy) in the Brisbane production of Mary Poppins. It is his first professional job in the area of Musical Theatre. He will go to Sydney to rehearse for this in November accompanied by his mother, Trudi.

Trudi: "Spotlight Eisteddfod has helped Jai in this area as

it was the first Eisteddfod he won with his song and dance in the 7years/under section when he was only 6yrs. He won 2 years running and he has won best song and dance several times. This experience definitely encouraged him in this area. So thank you. Funny it was only this year in the musical theatre section that he did something from Mary Poppins. I remember you (Chris Harris) remarking on our backdrop of Mary. You never know where life will take you. Thank you for running a good competiton which encourages the arts. It certainly gave Jai encouragement and interest in this area. Thanks again. If you are thinking of going to the musical we may be able to tell you which performances he is in closer to the time." Trudi potlight Member and now first-year

student at the Central Queensland

University Mackay, Morgan Garrity must have done something to impress Australian theatre luminary Chloe Dallimore, their during recent production of Sweet Charity. Morgan assisted Chloe during the Mackay production and





now, on Chloe's recommendation, she's been offered a job as 'assistant to the director' on Sydney's professional season of Annie. "I am so excited to be given the chance to work with some of Australia's greatest stars of musical theatre!" Morgan says.

"I feel so incredibly lucky to have this opportunity and I really can't thank Chloe Dallimore enough for helping me". Morgan is looking forward to working on a professional production which features Chloe alongside other stars including Anthony Warlow, Todd McKenney and Nancye Hayes.

The popular Broadway musical will be staged at Sydney's Lyric Theatre from January onwards.

Morgan has not only performed in a number of productions at Spotlight, but has also worked as a Production Assistant and Scenic Artist, being a part of shows including Monty Pythons Spamalot, The Producers, Crazy for You and as one of the Trio in *The Boy from Oz*.

Top Hat Productions highly successful performances of Kate Peter's original In The Mood brought many new audience members to Spotlight's Basement Theatre and this group which includes Peter (former Spotlight Member) and Kerrie Reynolds won a bottle of champagne for the Best Dressed group.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

he Show Must Go On! That's what they say but unfortunately we had to succumb to Mother Nature and postpone our Junior Primary show on Saturday 15th October when a storm hit the area and cut off all the power to the theatre. In true Spotlight fashion everyboby rallied round and we rescheduled the show and the full house to Monday 17th October and the audience was treated to a

wonderful performance of *The Big Book*. The students looked fabulous in their costumes and had the receptive audience clapping and laughing. Well done to the students and teachers and all the wonderful helpers for making this show such a treat.

By the time you read this we will have just had Opening Night of our blockbuster *Dusty The Original Pop Diva*. Pre sales have been excellent and if the rehearsals are an indication this

show will certainly be a blockbuster. This show is being sponsored by the Radisson Resort and one lucky ticket holder will win three nights accommodation and breakfast for two at this beautiful resort. We are also dedicating this show to the Breast Cancer Foundation and all funds raised by the raffles will be given to the foundation. Please support this worthwhile cause.

November also sees Spotlight hosting the Theatre Alliance Launch on Wednesday 23rd November and then the Senior Primary youth theatre class showcase their talents on the 25th 26th and 27th November with their performance of *The Play's The Thing*....

The students always provide great entertainment

so why not come along and watch these shows and check out the stars of the future.

This year the Alliance will be announcing every show that every community theatre is presenting in 2012. This night gives you an opportunity to meet up with old and new friends and I look forward to seeing many of you there. We will be launching Spotlight's programme on the night and I believe you will enjoy the shows that the

Committee has put together. We are already planning the 2013 playbill so if there is a show you would like to see at Spotlight just drop me a line and I will forward to the Production Committee. Any Directors who would also like to be part of the 2013 Spotlight Playbill please let us know and we will find out if the show is available.

As usual the complex is extremely busy with rehearsals on every night. The Costume Hire shop has been busy in October with

Halloween and despite the tough financial times has managed to hold its own. Well done and thank you to Kate and Tony and all the staff for maintaining the shop sales in these difficult times. Your dedication to the company is much appreciated by us all.

In October, Spotlight lost two of its most loyal members with the passing of Tony Smith a Life Member and former President, and Ken Cooper our effervescant Bar Manager. Our thoughts and prayers go to their respective families

That's about all from me this month so until next time look after yourself and each other and remember a smile is highly contagious so start speading immediately.

Best regards

Duncan



THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY COMMITTEE MEETING THIRD TUESDAY EACH MONTH— 7:00pm

at The Spotlight Theatre Complex

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Tony Alcock is conducting regular workshops to create/build/construct hard and soft costume pieces and props.

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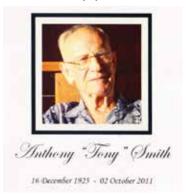
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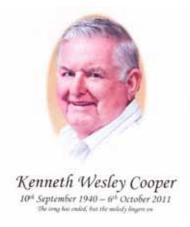
Vale

Two of our very special friends passed away this month.

We farewelled Tony Smith former Life Member, President, Committee Member, Set Builder extraordinnaire and backstage worker were just some of the things he did for Spotlight over many years.



We also said goodbye to Ken Cooper our Bar Manager, Bar drinks and "goodies" purchaser, and Committee Member. Always wishing to help Spotlight even when he wasn't well, Ken was always there with a ready smile and helping hand.



Both Tony and Ken will be sadly missed by Spotlight Members and we send sincere sympathy to family members of both these generous and helpful men.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Secretary and Youth Theatre Co-ordinator, Lea Vosti is presently overseas.

We will catch up with New Members and News in the December issue of The Spotlighter.

2011 Spotlight Playbill

DustyMain28 Oct - 19 NovPrimary/Senior TheatreBasement25 - 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

2011 Ticket Prices



	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

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DATE CLAIMERS

TO BE IN ANY OF OUR FABULOUS SHOWS IN 2012 PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING DATES FREE. AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON

DATE: Sunday 30th October, 2011

SEASON: 17 Feb – 10 Mar – Main Theatre Production Director Kim Reynolds

DATE: Sunday 15th January, 2012

SEASON: 13 Apr – 28 Apr – Basement Theatre Director Ryan Wilson

DATE: Sunday 19th February, 2012

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

DATE: TBA

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

DATE: Sunday 20th May

SEASON: 17 Aug – 8 Sep – Main Theatre 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 Director Kim Reynolds

NOTE: 21 January Youth Theatre Sign On DAY

Entertainers Festival – 19 Apr – 29 Apr



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GOLDEN GIRLS' NEWS

his last month the group provided entertainment for a Happy Hour at Ocean View Retirement Lodge at Tweed. Margaret Austin, one of our retired members, joined us and added her mellifluous tones to the show.

We gave morning performances at Southport Lodge and Southport Nursing Home. The latter show was given at the special request of the daughters of a previous Golden Girl who is at present living at the Home. They hoped our performance would brighten not only her day but also that of others. Judging by the smiles, feet tapping, hand movements and accompanying smiles we were successful. As a result our day was brighter as well.

The group is still looking for new members for next year. Anyone out there with singing and dancing skills please apply - phone Marilyn Hodge 5529 0776.

The pics below show Janet Mannix and Patricia Teal-Gosper rehearsing "Sisters" and also The Girls in their colourful "Rainbow" costumes made by Judith Dautel.

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:

http://www.goldcoasttheatre.com.au

Theatre Alliance Secretary: theatrealliance@qld.chariot.net.au

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for Community Theatre News
Kate Peters' 'Showbiz Buzz'

is now on air every week on Friday afternoons Tune in to Jazz Radio 94.1fm at 3.40pm for all the gossip on current/past/future productions (and performers) on the Gold Coast!

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