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# Spotlight THEATRICAL COMPANY

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September 2011

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony Alcock and team, volunteers and the wonderful Cast and Crew. You brought your audiences much joy with this wonderful show. Thank You Spotlight Theatre. *PICS RYAN KETTLE* 







By way of explanation these three Youth Theatre students auditioned for the *Beauty and the Beast* - they were younger and less experienced than what we were looking for, but incredibly enthusiastic. The Production team decided to take them on as apprentices so they could experience a large scale Musical and all it involves - including an interview with someone from the press, as interviews can be very intimidating to a novice performer - hence the interview with Kate Peters.

All three gave great performances and I hope we will see them in other shows soon. *Tony* 

## INTERVIEW WITH "THE APPRENTICES"

As distinct from Donald Trump's lot – these apprentices are disciplined, attractive and ambitious! I had the opportunity to talk to three of the young cast members of *Beauty & the Beast* during its successful run, to find out just how they were coping with playing a big show, in a big venue.

Stephanie Corvino, Andrew Horvat and Steven Bracanovic are all students of Spotlight's Youth Theatre, working for the first time on a mainstage show.

Stephanie has been dancing since she was six,

#### YOUTH THEATRE APPRENTICES

but this is her first foray into musical theatre on a larger scale. Asked what she did to prepare for the audition, she said that she was able to Google the script to familiarise herself with the show and prepare an audition piece.

Steven was inspired by his association with so many other more experienced performers, in particular Marie Nicholson who has helped enormously with his vocal training.

Andrew was delighted to be working with such a professional cast and crew and has big plans for a showbiz performance future. All three apprentices agreed that the bigger venue has inspired loads of enthusiasm and encouraged a higher level of focus.

They all also mentioned the invaluable training they were getting from older cast members, in relation to traditions, courtesies and manners backstage ...

Asked whether they would feel odd about returning to the Basement's smaller size, all agreed that it would be different, but great just the same!

I get the feeling that Spotlight's future is in very capable hands with these three mature young people, all whom have the right attitude to succeed! I get the feeling we will be seeing a lot more of **Steven**, **Andrew** and **Stephanie**.

Kate Peters August 2011



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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

he AGM has been held and your new committee has been elected. Thank you to all those that attended.

Congratulations to all those that stood to be on the committee and I thank you for your commitment to make sure that The Spotlight Theatrical Company stays as the busiest community theatre on the Coast. The full list of your committee will be published elsewhere in this publication.

August also saw us have a very successful season of *Beauty and The Beast* with many sold out performances. Congratulations to Cast and Crew for performing at such a high standard and producing such an

and producing such an outstanding show .

A huge THANK YOU to Director Tony Alcock for putting together such a magnificent cast and providing the company with the ability to produce such superb costumes. Well done everybody for again creating a spectacular show.

By the time you read this edition the High School Drama will be performing their production of *Soliloquy!* in the main theatre on September 2nd and 3rd. This is an ideal opportunity to see our youth theatre when they showcase their talents in the main theatre.

As announced at the AGM the company has

now paid the loan out and retired the debt. This has been achieved in ten years which is five years ahead of Schedule. An amazing achievement in the current difficult economic times.

The committee decided that the major works planned for the Basement would be put on hold for the moment and that it was more prudent to clear our debt. shows for the year.

That's about all the news. Look forward to catching up with you all at the theatre and I would like to thank you for having the confidence in me to remain as your President So until next month look after yourself and each other.

Regards,

Duncan presents flowers to Pauline Davies

(here) and Lorraine Sinclair (above), for the

many years of volunteer work in many aspects

of the company. Pics Rhylee Nowell



September sees the complex as busy as usual with the Top Hat Productions show *In the Mood* - A Celebration of the 1940s! in the Basement Theatre starting on September 15th through to October 2nd. Tickets are on sale now through our online booking system www.spotlighttheatre. com.au as are the rest of the

# AUDITIONS *"KOLOURFUL KAPERS"* Basement Theatre, Sunday 11th September 2011 – 10am

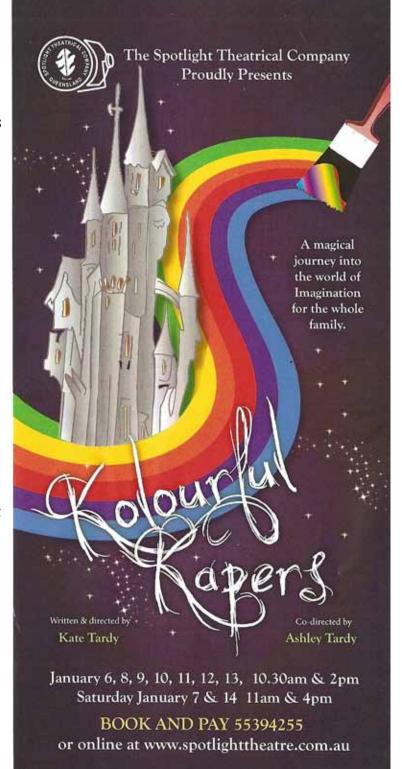
The Spotlight Theatrical Company presents January children's holiday entertainment – fun for the whole family. Show Dates:

January 6-13 – 10.30 am & 2pm, Saturday 7&14 11am & 4pm

A crazy romp into the world of Imagination where madness and mayhem rule the day. Wonderful characters including the sleep deprived Queen Insomnia who rules over Imagination and it's subjects with an iron fist. Cast Required: *Poppy:* Female/could be a little younger big role..Confident, bright personality, able to sing. Fairy Gothmother: Female/mature warm personality Sir Nigel Decoupage: Male/18+ totally outrageous over the top character Queen Insomnia: Female/mature over the top maniacal ruler of Imagination Ballric: Male/16+downtrodden, under the thumb...the Queens servant Black: Male/Female Lead Colour ...forceful type (Able to move well) White: Female/ quieter serene sort of character (Able to move well) Red Back Spider/ Tidalck: Male/mature.. big personality

*Colours, Fire fairies, Pointers:* Female/must be able to move well, some singing *Red /Yellow /Blue /Green /Purple /Orange Weavers/ Fairies:* Male/Female x 4... small roles could be younger.

The Colours – Double as Pointers/ Fire Fairies ... Dancers Red Blue Green Orange Purple Yellow







# SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER 2011 FROM 10 am to 3 pm BASEMENT THEATRE NEW HALLOWEEN STOCK CLEARANCE also PRE LOVED THEATRICAL COSTUME CLEARANCE including WIGS....SHOES....HATS

# DATE CLAIMER 30th OCTOBER AUDITION DAY FOR FIRST 2012 MAIN THEATRE PRODUCTION

# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH THEATRE

## FROM ASHLEY'S DESK

When the little bundle of joy arrives, so I'll keep you posted. Unfortunately, for us though, he's decided to take the rest of the term off, not to worry though, he'll be returning in term 4 with a brand new script for our Senior Primary show – a comic retelling of *Hamlet*.

Kate and I have finished writing our Junior Primary script, *The Big Book* and have spent the last two classes casting our youngsters in their roles. The tough decisions have been made and we have our cast in place and ready to announce next Saturday. The kids are very excited and I'm sure it will be a fantastically funny show.

Some other very exciting news to report, the highly anticipated new television series, *Terra Nova* produced by Steven Spielberg, being filmed here on the Gold Coast has been currently shooting episode 9 of their first season. They required kids to be featured extras for the episode and had heard of our Youth Theatre program and what brilliant young actors we have. They contacted us and hired 20+ from both our senior and junior primary classes, and I was beside myself with excitement when I was then asked to be artistic director for the episode as well.

So for the last 2 weeks our little troupe have been rehearsing and finally we spent the last 3 days out on location in Bonogin on the set of *Terra Nova*. Once our kids were wrapped I was delighted to be taken aside by the director, Bryan Spicer, and told how professional our kids were and what a pleasure they were to have on set and if, in future episodes, children are required they'll definitely be getting our kids back on board. I was so proud of all of them. I'll be letting you all know when the episode will be aired – should be in late October.

Our High School Musical show, *Bizarre* is well under way and looking fabulous. We've started choreography and will be bringing in our MD, David McNeven in the next week or so to commence singing, because we've got a lot to learn.

I'll also be taking over the Senior Primary classes for the rest of the term, as well as the High School Drama classes in the lead up to their show, *Soliloquy!*, which is looking great. Peter has done a brilliant job with these guys, so I'll just be getting them onto the main stage but all credit goes to Peter. Tickets are now available to purchase either on line or you call the booking office on 5539 4255.

That's about everything from the Youth Theatre department. I'll keep you posted on upcoming events and what's happening with Peter.

> Ashley Tardy High School Musical Teacher

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH THEATRE

**ADMINISTRATOR: LEA VOSTI** 

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

**FROM PETER'S DESK** 

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA 2-3 SEPTEMBER



Main Theatre \*\*\*\*\* JUNIOR PRIMARY 15-16 OCTOBER



Basement Theatre

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# SENIOR PRIMARY 25-27 NOVEMBER ne play's the thing

**Basement** Theatre

ello Greetings and from somewhere south of the border! There has been lots of movement in the youth theatre ranks of late as the High School drama classes rehearse their latest offering, Soliloquy! The Primary classes too have had their fair share of excitement with twenty kids being selected to perform in Fox TV's production of Terra Nova. With some regret though I have had to stand aside from my teaching duties here at Spotlight to allow Ashley to take over from me for the remainder of Term Three. With a baby due right about now and moving in to a new house I decided to snap my achilles tendon in the process just to make things interesting. I hope to see you all in Term Four as the youngsters begin their homage to the bard in the shape of The Play's the Thing, a parody of Hamlet.

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## OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME REGULAR WORKSHOPS CREATE/BUILD/CONSTRUCT HARD AND SOFT COSTUME PIECES AND PROPS

Tony Alcock is conducting regular workshops to create/build/construct hard and soft costume pieces and props. This is a singular opportunity to learn costume construction from one of the best.

Techniques and skills that have been "picked up" over 30 years from national and international specialists are becoming a lost art in the theatre.

So if you would like to turn your creative streak in this direction, please forward your expression of interest to Tony or Brydie Hannabach.

Phone 5539 4255

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Editors Note: Many of our Volunteers who attended earlier workshops enjoyed and learned so much they are eager to return and are now keen to be involved in the challenging construction of costumes, wigs and props for DUSTY. Committee Member, Russell Williams recently spoke about his experiences as a volunteer at the "Gold Coast City Council's forum: Older Adults Only - Things you never thought to try".

Below is an extract from his talk:

"... I was introduced to back stage work during secondary school productions.

\* My formal qualifications are in radio communications.

\* About fifteen years ago, I re-kindled that joy of community theatre by joining an amateur theatre company in Melbourne, where I assisted building sets and large props. I was later elected to the role of treasurer for that company.

\* Six years ago, we moved to Surfers Paradise and I am now a member of The Spotlight Theatrical Company, serving on the Committee of Management. I still assist building sets and large props as well as working as a stage-hand/scene-shifter during the run of a show. I have also designed and operated sound and lighting for a small number of shows here.

\* My wife, Ann, joins me in this pastime by working on many shows as a props co-ordinator. All of this, we do as VOLUNTEERS.

Let me paint a picture for you. You've decided to take in a show at the local community theatre. You: buy a ticket; buy a drink at the bar; buy a program; and get ushered to your seat.

During that first hour you'll have met: ticket sellers; bar staff; program sellers; and ushers.

The next two to two-and-a-half hours, you are entertained.

You may choose to stay behind, after the show; then you'll also meet the cast and crew.

That's the picture. Every person in it is a VOLUNTEER.

Whether you have a penchant for the old classics or prefer something fresh, new and sometimes, challenging, you can get involved.

For between, say, ten and fifteen weeks prior to a show opening, VOLUNTEERS put in an occasional hour, or several tens of hours per week — their choice, assisting with building and painting of the sets; sourcing or making costumes, props; etc., then during the run of a show: moving scenery or assisting cast with costume changes. It can be very busy back stage!

If you can play a musical instrument too, you'd be surprised at just how many opportunities that could open for you.

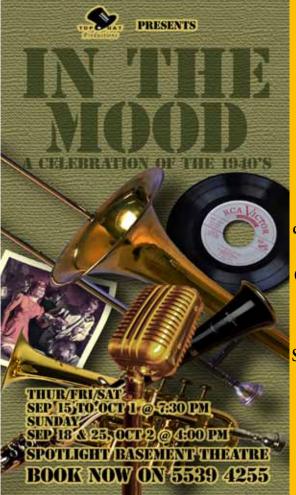
Working in the theatre one builds a wonderful sense of team-work, trust and camaraderie — we are all working to deliver the best show that we can for our audience.

There is a space for you whether you have a few hours once a month, or many hours per week you are welcome ..."



S potlight Theatre honoured Ian Peters with Life Membership at the recent AGM. Ian has done countless hours of volunteer work in many and varied areas and has provided great support and guidance with his professional knowledge of Sound throughout his time as Committee Member and Vice President. We wish Ian and Irene safe and great times as they tour Australia and hope we see them at Spotlight regularly as they pass through this area. They will be missed very much. Good Luck and Best Wishes.





DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC, EVENTS AND STARS OF THE 1940s! From the company who brought you ISN'T IT ROMANTIC? and starring some of the Gold Coast's favourite performers,

# IN THE MOOD

captures the spirit of the world at war, the fabulous music of GLEN MILLER, TOMMY DORSEY, HARRY JAMES and the songs of FRANK SINATRA, BING CROSBY, ROSEMARY CLOONEY, the ANDREWS SISTERS and a host of others !

The show is written and directed by KATE PETERS, with choreography by BRUCE HARRIS and music direction by Canberrabased LEISA KEEN, and features a live band on stage.

Cast includes KIRRI ADAMS (Double Mo-Award winner), MELISSA DORGE (Oliver!), JASON BRETTEL-EVANS (The Full Monty), DANIELLE GLANVILLE (Grease), KATRINA LARDNER (Beauty & The Beast), HELEN MADEN (Blood Brothers), ARTHUR SHACKLOCK (South Pacific) and JAMIE WATT (All Shook Up), with a great dance ensemble!

The show runs for 3 weekends only (Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun): Thursday 15 September – Saturday 2 October at 7.30pm Sunday matinees 18 & 25 September and 2 October at 4.00pm. BOOKINGS NOW OPEN ON 5539 4255 ONLINE: www.spotlighttheatre.com.au



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## HUGELY SUCCESSFUL AUDITIONS FOR DUSTY

production of *DUSTY*.

Much interest was shown by prospective auditionees and you will see by the following that a wonderful, talented and in many cases, very experienced cast has been chosen. Kelly Wintour Kerry Hager Terri Woodfine Abby Marchwicki Genevieve Bone Rhomany Fitz Kristine Busby Lilly Kaiser-Lafko

Director – Cilla Scott Assistant Director – Adam King Vocal Coach – Jenine Carnell Band Director – Julie Stewart Choreographer – Madonna Hall Assistant Choreographer/ Dance Captain – Bec Stanley Costumes/Wigs – Tony Alcock Set/Technical – Michael Sutton (TAFE Students) Stage Manager Jacqui Goodliffe Dusty - Jacy Moore Reno – Venessa Moore Mary – Donelle Brooks Rodney – Marc Lyster Peg – Martina French Tom Springfield /Pet Shop Boy/ Dragette/ BV - Ethan Jones Mike Springfield / Pet Shop Bov/Eden Kane/Wexler Oliver Thomson Kay – Kirri Adams O'B/ Terry Wogan – Trevor Love Backing Vocalists – Anna Sofroniou / Devon Plumley/ Rachel Love/Krysta Hall Al Saxon/Dusty Drag – Nathan Skaines Male Ensemble – Denis Watkins

#### Dancers

Dance Captain – Bec Stanley Paulo Natividad Kiralee Fraser Tara Jade Ross Kelly Neibling

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

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

Linda, Patrick, & Olivia O'Neill. Mercia, Andras & Lorenz Muhlbaurn. Isabel, Gary, Mikaela & Thomas Kimberley. Andy, Erin, Ava, & Mia Lardner. Noni Buckland. Beverley Toniotti.

#### **TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 1070**



The High School Drama production, Soliloquy! is on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd September, so please come along to the Main Theatre and have a look at these very talented young actors strutting their stuff. Peter has had to take some leave for the rest of this term and Ashley has taken over the staging of this production. Peter will be back for term 4, ready for the Senior Primary production The Play's The Thing. Written and directed by Peter Morrissey it is a fractured retelling of Shakespeare's Hamlet.

The Junior Primary production *The Big Book*, created by Ashley & Kate Tardy, is also a fractured retelling of *Rumpelstiltskin* and the many Nursery Rhyme characters encountered trying to guess his name.

High School Music Theatre production is **BiZarRe** written and directed by Ashley Tardy and is strikingly unconventional and farGood to see Ken Cooper is out of hospital and looking great after 4 radio therapy treatments with 16 to go. Doreen Hinton is another member having treatment and we wish both Ken and Doreen all the best with their treatment and health problems.

We are in a new financial year so now is the time to renew your membership if you haven't already done so.

*Beauty & the Beast*, directed by Tony Alcock was a great success, with sell out performances. Congratulations to Tony, Cast and Crew. If you didn't get to see it you must book early for our next show so as not to be disappointed. The same will happen with *DUSTY* as there is already a lot of interest, so please get your ticket early – don't miss out.

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. *Lea Vosti – Membership Secretary* 

fetched in style and appearance. In other words 'bizarre'. Our High School Music class meets 'Circue Du Soleil' exploring many musical genres along the way, in the style of *Facade* and *Graffitti*.

Please from now on we must have full attendances (except illness) for class and rehearsal times. As your show gets near time you will be given a rehearsal schedule with extra times shown on these. We do need a commitment from you all so please phone me or the teachers if you can't be there so we can make other arrangements for the rehearsal.

We have an excellent standard for our Youth Programme so we would like these Youth Theatre productions kept up to standards of previous years.

We are so lucky to have such talented and dedicated teachers to guide our youth, so on behalf of Spotlight Theatre we do sincerely thank you.

Cheers Lea Vosti – Administrator for Spotlight Youth Theatre.

## **GOLDEN GIRLS' NEWS**

ur shows take us up and down the Coast; our audiences enjoy our numbers and are very complimentary about our costumes. While members put many of their own outfits together, it is to that wonderful costume designer and maker, Judy Dautel, that we owe our stylish group outfits.

Judy has been involved with Spotlight since its early days as a review company in the mid-fifties. She has worn many hats: performer, dancer, choreographer, costume designer and maker, front-of-house, and committee member to name a few. She says she has enjoyed every minute of it but prefers to work backstage especially with costumes.

Judy became connected with the group eighteen years ago when her sister



Marilyn Hodge (also a long time member of Spotlight and now



our director), joined up with the fledgling Golden Girls. Since then, Judy has generously given her time and expertise to design and make a multitude of costumes for us.

With a calm smile, and a seemingly unflappable manner, Judy has met the considerable challenge of making our aging shapes and varying sizes look presentable in costumes which range from English Restoration to modern

day; from the American West to turn of the century English bathing suits. All are beautifully

put together with great attention to detail. Even when she had the daunting somewhat task of creating а hippopotamus for "I want a Hippopotamus Christmas" she for produced an amazing animal and gave it a red Christmas skirt. We are fortunate to be on the receiving end of Judy's artistic talents and are extremely for grateful her magnanimous support.



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# GOLDEN GIRLS' NEWS ... CONTINUED



# 2011 Spotlight Playbill

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	Main	1 - 4 Dec

Theatre

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



	Main Theatre	Basement	
<b>Opening night*</b>	\$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	
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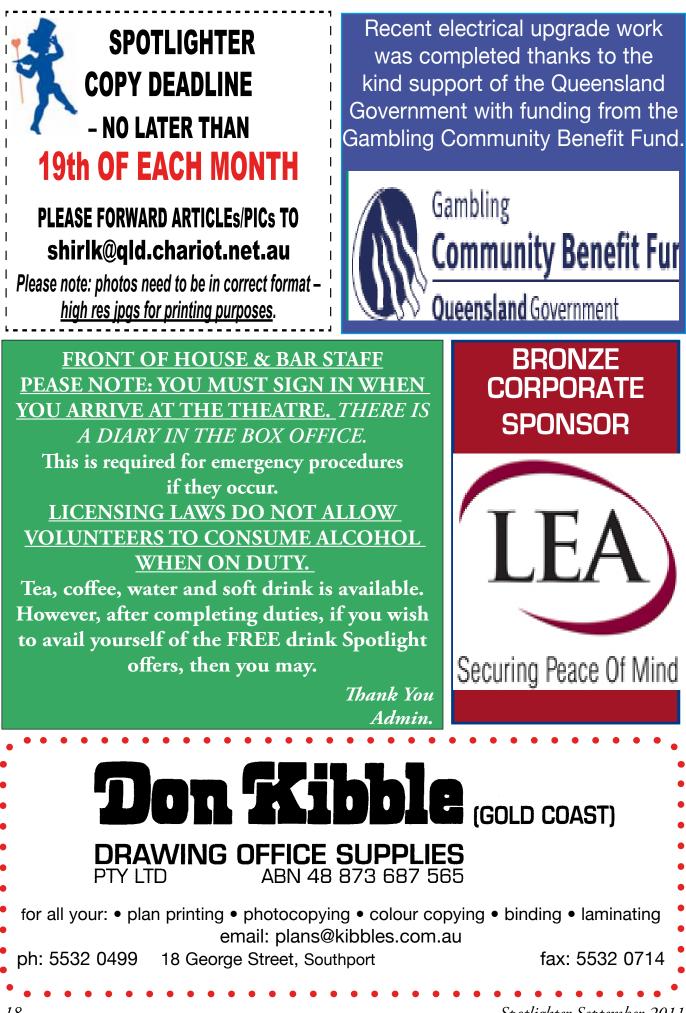
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