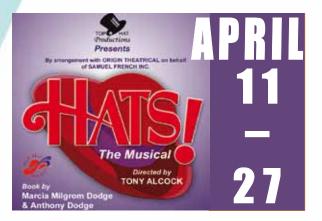
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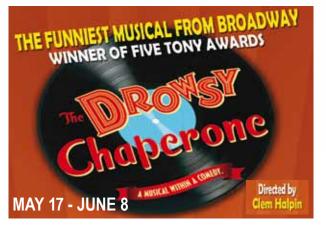
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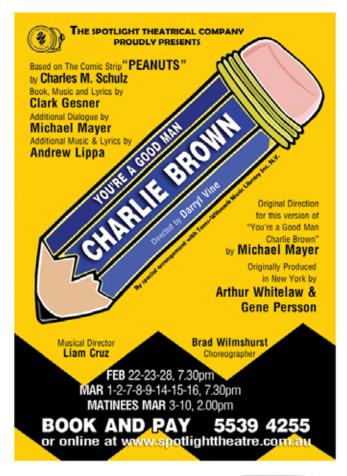
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SPOTLIGHT 1/2 YEARLY GENERAL MEETING 19th March 2013 7pm

February 2013





YOU'RE A GOOD MAN **CHARLIE BROWN** REHEARSALS ARE IN FULL SWING

Director: Darryl Vine Musical Director: Liam Cruz Choreographer: Brad Wilmshurst

Audtions for the amazingly cute and charming show, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown took place on the 28th of October, and produced some of the best talent to be seen at any Spotlight audition.

Our production team could not be more excited by the opportunity to see this outstanding cast bring the "Peanuts" characters to life on stage. Leading the cast as Charlie Brown is Spotlight newcomer, Bryn Jenke who is fresh from his role in Spotlights sell out production of "Hairspray", where Bryn played Corney Collins.

Some other familiar faces to the Spotlight audiences include: Clav English and Courtney Monsma. Although, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown has a relatively small cast, Musical Director Liam Cruz, is amazed at the remarkable harmonies the cast is already producing and can't wait to see the stage come to



life with energetic performances in "The Book Report, The Baseball Game and The Glee Club rehearsal. Charlie Brown is a production that has something for all ageS and is one of the most adorable productions an audience is likely to see. So whether its a walk down memory lane or meeting the Peanuts Crew for the first time, you will be enchanted by just how much "happiness" this cast can produce.

PRINCIPAL ROLES

CHARLIE BROWN -Brvn Jenke SALLY BROWN -Courtney Monsma

SUPPORTING CAST

MARCIE SHERMY PATTY

PEPPERMINT PATTY -Montana Nuvoli -Jasmin Fehr -Hayden Alexander -Madison Sands

LUCY VAN PELT -Emily Monsma LINUS VAN PELT -Luke Perring

VIOLET GRAY -Jess Neill **PEGGY JEAN** -Tara Cunningham -Hayley Green FRIEDA WOODSTOCK -Rochelle De Snoo SCHROEDER - Jordan Baldan-Vine SNOOPY -Clay English

"5" -Jy Etherington ROY -Jackson Brash PIG PEN -Brad Wilmshurst

DANCERS

Kirsty Pinnell, Kimberley De Snoo, Zoe Platt, Briannah Alexander, Tiahni Wilton and Madison Clements

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN **OPENS FEB 22 THRU TO MAR 16**

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY PROUDLY PRESENTS



Liam Cruz

Directed by Journal Original Direction for this version of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" by **Michael Mayer**

> Originally Produced in New York by Arthur Whitelaw & Gene Persson

FEB 22-23-28, 7.30pm MAR 1-2-7-8-9-14-15-16, 7.30pm MATINEES MAR 3-10, 2.00pm

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AUDITION NOTICE THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

Director Clem Halpin Musical Director David McNeven Choreographer Shani McKay

Auditions Sunday 10th February 2013 from 10.00am Basement Theatre- Spotlight Theatre Complex

Auditionees will need to provide their own CD backing (a song of their own choice).

Please bring appropriate footwear for the dance audition

Production dates: 15th May 2013 - 8th June including 2 Sunday Matinees (26th May, 2nd June 2013)

Plot: The Drowsy Chaperone is homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age, examining the effect musicals have on the fans who adore them. The Man in Chair, a mousy, agoraphobic Broadway fanatic, seeking to cure his 'non-specific sadness', listens to a recording of a fictional 1928 musical comedy, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. As he listens to this rare recording, he is transported into the musical. The characters appear in his dingy apartment, and it is transformed into an impressive Broadway set with seashell footlights, sparkling furniture, painted backdrops, and glitzy costumes. Watching from his armchair, Man in Chair is torn between his desire to absorb every moment of the show as it unfolds and his need to insert his personal footnotes and his extensive-but-trivial knowledge of musical performances and actors, as he frequently brings the audience in and out of the fantasy. As the show goes on, more of his personal life is revealed through his musings about the show, until, as the record ends, he is left again alone in his apartment — but still with his record of a long-beloved show to turn to whenever he's blue.

The Drowsy Chaperone ran on Broadway for over 2 years and won 5 Tony awards, including Best Book and Best Score.

Character Breakdown:

Man in the Chair (20s to 50s) Not required to sing but must be a skilled actor, on stage the entire show and holds the whole show together.

Aldolpho (Male 40s) European self proclaimed "Ladies Man". Great physical comedian Bass/ Baritone with a strong falsetto.

Feldzieg (Male 40s and up) A Broadway producer. Cigar chomping, temperamental and likes the ladies, especially creating starlets. Bari-tenor

Gangster 1 & 2 (30 to late 40s) Tough guys (that sing, dance and have a great sense of physical comedy) Tenors

George (30 to 40s) Robert's anxious best man who's in charge of all the wedding details. Excellent singer/tap dancer Tenor

Janet Van Degraff (20 to early 30s) A former Broadway star and Bride to Be. Excellent singer, dancer Alto

Kitty (20 to 30s) Feldzieg's blonde and ditzy "companion" Good comedienne and dancer Soprano Mrs Tottendale (40s to 50s) The airheaded hostess of the wedding. Good physical comedienne Alto Robert Martin (20 to early 30s). The dashing, ever-cheerful groom Excellent singer and tap dancer. Roller skating skills a plus. Tenor

The Drowsy Chaperone (40 to 50s) Janet's alcoholic confidante, who is actually a well established "older" diva of the stage Alto

Trix (40 to 50s) The brave and brash female aviator Alto

Underling (Male 40 to 50s) Mrs Tottendale's savvy butler. Haughty and efficient Tenor

Ensemble (20 to 50s) They play a range of reporters, guests, servants etc Lots of stage time. Good singers and dancers.

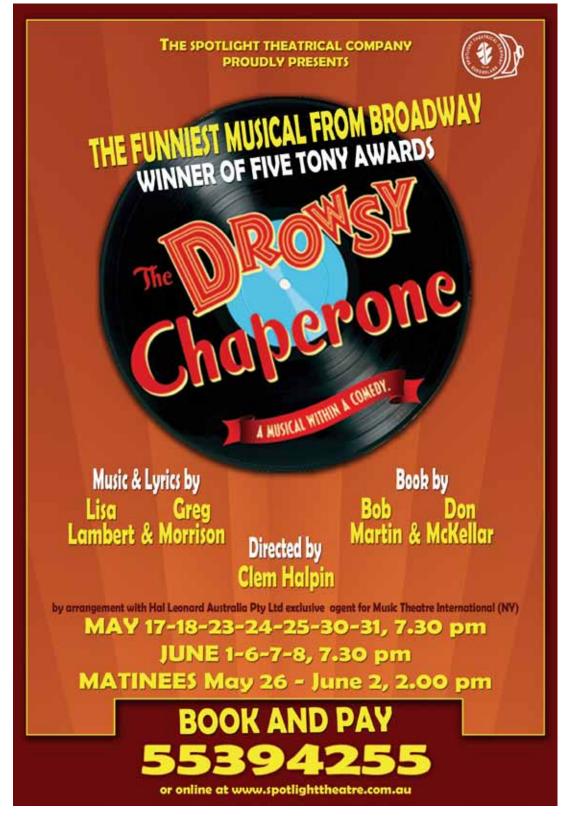
All auditionees will be advised by email.

There will be call backs to sing a song from the show.

When applying for an audition time you will receive an emailed copy of the song for the character you have chosen.

Rehearsals will be two to three times a week, where possible only two. Rehearsal times will be set around cast work commitments etc. Please think very carefully as rehearsal times cannot be changed once they are set.

To Register for an audition please email auditions@spotlighttheatre.com.au





It's all over. Another show has finished it's run. *Red Riding Hood & the Great Cosmic Caper* ... memories only now.

All that hard work ... set building, tech, costumes, line learning. All finished, over, done and dusted. And all that fun!

But it had to end, as they all do ... and you quickly forget the worry you'd had with "will the set be finished" ... "still so much work to do on costume" ... all the "will I remember my lines" fear/s !!!

But it did all get finished – of course ... and was looking very schmick and polished by Opening. As was the cast ... equally up to their best on the day – and throughout the entire run. Great show ... the audiences loved it. It was very hot too, so taking a moment here to honour the Robot – clad from head to toe as he was in a silver suit – although the entire cast may have had some cause for complaint. They didn't of course. Troopers all !!!!

So congratulations, Kate. Another wonderful play. What's on next January then ??? Just askin' !!! Sandy Wilcox



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THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING 7.00 PM - TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH 2013

TO BE HELD AT 185-187 ASHMORE ROAD, BENOWA

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Minutes of General Meeting held on 20th March 2012
- 3. Business arising from minutes
- 4. President's report and overview (to be read)
- 5. Treasurer's report and overview (to be read)
- 6. Other reports:

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- 7. Election for Committee Member
- 8. Any other business:
- 9. Date for Annual General Meeting

Karen Sherriff (Secretary)

PLEASE BRING A SMALL PLATE OF NIBBLIES AND ENJOY A DRINK AFTER THE MEETING.



To:	The Returning Officer The Spotlight Theatrical Company PO Box 8074 GOLD COAST MAIL CENTRE QLD 9726
Re:	1/2 Yearly General Meeting – Nomination for office
I (please print name)	
hereby declare that I am willing to offer myself for election to a position	
on Committee to the Company for the term 2013.	
Signed:	
Date	
Nominated by:	
Signature	
Seconded by:	
Signature	



Patrick Monteath was recently inducted into the Production Committee of The Spotlight Theatrical Company after demonstrating a keen interest in and desire to learn about and contribute to the theatrical community of the local area.

Having discovered his passion in his high school years he continued his studies in the theatrical arts at University and beyond, pursuing experience in the fields of performing, technical production, directing and team managing among others believing it to be important to understand how the industry works as a whole.

Patrick is very excited to have been given this opportunity and will endeavour to contribute, to the best of his ability, to what he views as a vibrant artistic culture existing at the heart of this bustling and escalating city.

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CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership will now be under a calendar year, 1 January – 31 December, so renewing members will start from 1 January 2014. Any new members from now will be under new prices. Current members who have joined under old fees will be current until end of December 2013.

NEW PRICES: Adults - \$10:00 Children/Youth (18 years and under) - \$5:00

Administration



AUDITION NOTICE – HAIR Director/ Choreographer Kim Reynolds Auditions will be held at the Main Theatre, Spotlight Theatre Complex Sunday 21st April 2013 Vocal Auditions from 10.00am

Dance Audition from 6.00pm

ALL AUDITIONEES MUST BOOK A VOCAL AUDITION AND ATTEND THE EN MASSE DANCE AUDITION.

Please prepare a verse and chorus from any 60's song (music theatre, pop, rock or folk).

Auditionees need to supply a cut/edited backing track. No pianist will be available on the day.

PLEASE NOTE: "HAIR" IS STRICTLYAN 18+ CAST. HAIR – is at once both a joyous celebration of youth and a poignant journey through a tumultuous 1960s America! This exuberant musical about a group of teenagers searching for truth, peace and love in a Vietnam War era America has struck a resonant chord with audiences of all ages. HAIR



features an extraordinary cast singing a long list of chart topping hit songs, including 'Aquarius', 'Let the Sun Shine In', 'Good Morning, Starshine' and 'Easy To Be Hard'. The themes and struggles in HAIR, although from another era, seem vital and relevant to the times we live in today in more ways than you realize until you experience the show first hand.

HAIR is about a group of young people in New York City's East Village who band together as a TRIBE. They are a New York contingent of flower children, (a freeform phenomenon that had begun a little earlier in Haight-Ashbury, San Francisco and would subsequently spread to Europe and elsewhere). Taking on the feel of an American Indian tribe, they question authority and the society they are living in and the war in Asia. They seek to find a new way. They yearn to change the world. They begin by recreating themselves. They find a potent organic natural aesthetic; the most dramatic visible element, all the men grow their hair long. They tune in to Eastern thought and meditation. They turn on and drop out. They hang out in self-made clouds of incense and grass. They laugh and cavort, as they find a new freedom of expression and camaraderie. They live in crash pads, in the parks and on the streets. Unkempt, wild, free, and deep, they are unique, colourful, something genuinely original and beautiful...and so hip (yet in a different style from the earlier hipsters and beatniks). A new word is coined to identify them. They come to be called hippies. They try to live by the philosophy of 'Peace and Love'. They are on a trip of liberation. They commune, join hands in protest and in song. Within the context of the play, they struggle for the light, but are forced to fight and die, only to be reborn, again to suffer more, then to rise from the ashes, to glow, to shine...

The authors of *HAIR* played with the idea that this movement was connected astrologically to the heavens, to the coming of the Age of Aquarius...

Claude 18+ tenor lead Sheila 18+ belt lead Chrissy 18+ mezzo supporting Hud 18+ Baritone supporting The Tribe 18+ Ensemble

George Berger 18+ tenor lead Jeanie 18+ alto supporting Dionne 18+ Belt supporting Woof 18+ Baritone supporting

To Register for an audition please email auditions@spotlighttheatre.com.au

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH THEATRE PETER MORRISSEY

Greetings and salutations from Spotlight Youth Theatre, 2013! It was great to see a big roll-up of old faces and new in the main theatre for the registrations for 2013. Sign on time is one of the rare instances outside of production time when we get students and parents en masse, so it's a good time to explain a little bit about what we do in our weekly workshops and what they can look forward to as we approach rehearsals later in the year. It's also an exciting time when classes start as a fresh cohort of young actors begins the year learning the basics and getting to know the ropes from the old hands. The returnees certainly help when it comes to helping break the ice while the new faces bring a fresh energy to our weekly workshops. Highschool Musical classes begin Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th of January and High-school Drama on Wednesday 30th Jan. Primary School Drama classes begin Saturday 2nd of February. See you there!

Peter



There were over 200 enrolments for Youth Theatre classes on Orientation Day. Phone Lea Vosti on 07 5630 8289 for information and enquiries. COMMENCEMENT DAYS LISTED IN PETER'S REPORT ABOVE.

DATE CLAIMERS

2013

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown – Main Theatre Feb 22 – Mar 16

auditions

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE - 10TH FEBRUARY

HAIR - 21ST APRIL

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA - EARLY AUDITIONS FOR 5 PRINCIPAL ROLES

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OR PHONE SPOTLIGHT THEATRE ON 07 5539 4255



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Spotlight Theatrical Company is seeking

Musical/Play Submissions for 2014

Prospective Directors please present your submission for Musicals, Pantomimes and Plays outlining your ideas for presentation. *Please include:*

• Letter of Proposal • Set and Props Design • Synopsis of Show

Character Descriptions
Costume Information
Production
Team (if known)
Anything else you feel may assist your proposal
Approximate dates in 2014 will be

Main Theatre - Musicals

Mid February/March Latter part of May/June Late July/August Late October/November

Basement Theatre Pantomimes/Plays

Early January Early April Late June/July Mid September/October

Submissions close 30th June 2013

Please present to: Production Committee Spotlight Theatre 185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa or mail to Production Chairperson Spotlight Theatrical Company, PO Box 8074 Gold Coast Mail Centre Q 9726





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Shirley Tillotson (nee Hodge)- 80 years Passed away Thursday 10th January 2013 She is survived by son Troy, daughters Tara and Heidi and ex-husband Don Tillotson, a past president of the Spotlight Theatrical Company. Shirley was in the very first Spotlight show and is well remembered for her role in Rose Marie and many others. Shirley also costumed several Spotlight shows.

Our Condolences to Shirley's family.

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

COMMITTEE MEETING

is held THIRD TUESDAY EACH MONTH -

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