

Official Newsletter of the
SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

Fostering an outlet for creative youth and community, while seeking to produce vibrant, quality entertainment that enriches, engages and educates.

July 2017

**Members are advised
The SPOTLIGHT Theatrical Company
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on
15th AUGUST 2017 - 7pm**

AGENDA See page 3 - Nomination Forms page 4.



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PLANET OF THE NEBULONS - A Stellar Pantomime



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH THEATRE

ANDREW COCKROFT-PENMAN (Senior Drama Teacher)

JONATHAN WHITLOW (Musical Theatre Teacher)

HANNAH CROWTHER (Intermediate Teacher)

TERRI WOODFINE (Primary Teacher)

JACY MOORE (Film & TV Teacher)

VAL LEFTWICH (YT Administrator)

MARTINA FRENCH / VAL LEFTWICH (YT Liaison)

Term 2 always sees the most number of student ins and outs but numbers remain stable. Youth Theatre tee shirts are a great success and approximately 90% of students now have them.

The first of the performances for the year, the Music Theatre classes mid-year **Showcase**, was staged to full houses both performances. Jonathan and all the teachers have done a fantastic job with the students who showed not only talent but professionalism beyond their years. Their stage presence and enjoyment in performing shone through and the audience was very appreciative. It was wonderful to see our new Junior Music Theatre students take to the stage for the first time as a group. This class was a new addition to our line-up in February.

The Senior Drama students have gone through casting for their production of **Peter Pan** to be held on 8th and 9th September and are straight into rehearsals. The Intermediate and Junior Drama teachers will be planning for their production preparations when they return in term 3.

The lead-up to productions is a busy time and the effort by parents in getting students to extra rehearsals does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Thank You.

Kay Hawker

Assistant to YT Administrator

SHOWCASE 2017

And that's a wrap folks! This year's Senior/Intermediate Music Theatre Showcase was entitled Monumental Masterpieces, and it was huge success: both nights sold out, and the performances were outstanding.

We didn't go with the obvious choices in our program selection, for example Les Misérables or anything by Andrew Lloyd Webber... We wanted to delve deeper and find out which shows were a 'first of it's kind'. This included items from **The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Guys & Dolls, Oliver, Wicked, Matilda, West Side Story, Footloose, 13, and A Chorus Line.**

Have you ever wondered what would happen if you mashed up Disney with Kander & Ebb's **Chicago**? Well, Artistic Director Tony Alcock did just that in a number christened 'Spell Block Tango'. It was absolutely genius, and hysterically funny: the audiences loved it.

A huge congratulations to the students: their hard work and dedication certainly paid off! To my fellow teachers: Matt Pearson, Jacy Moore, Martina French & Tony Alcock: thank you. This project would not have come together without you. A huge thank you to all our volunteers, without whom we would have had NO SHOW!! And a massive thank you to all of the parents/guardians for the extra car trips to rehearsals: your support means the world.

Wishing you all a happy and safe winter holidays, and I'll see you all next term as we begin working on our end of year musical... #watchthisspace

Jonathan Whitlow

Teacher | Senior/Intermediate

Music Theatre | Spotlight

Youth Theatre



Members are advised that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held on
TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2017
COMMENCING AT 7.00pm SHARP
at
Spotlight Theatre
187 Ashmore Road, Benowa



All members are urged to attend. The bar will be open for drinks and if you wish to stay after the meeting for a drink, tea or coffee and a chat, a small plate of supper would be appreciated.

AGENDA

Apologies
Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
Matters arising from Minutes
President's report
Treasurer's report and Auditor's financial statements
Other reports
Election of new office bearers
General business

If any person wishes to add an item to the Agenda, this must be put in writing, and seconded by another financial member. Any additions must be received by the Secretary seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Nomination for Life Membership according to Constitution:

5(c) Life Membership – The title of 'Life Membership' may be awarded by The Company, at the Annual General Meeting, to a person who has rendered services to The Company for not less than ten years. Any Member of The Company may submit candidates for Life Membership up to one month prior to the Annual General Meeting. A Committee of three (3) Life Members and four (4) Councillors must vet such nominations. When the Committee is satisfied that all requirements are met, the Council shall award Life Membership to the selected Member who will be notified at the Annual General Meeting. To preserve the dignity of Life Membership, no more than two persons shall be admitted as such, during one financial year. *Nominations to be forwarded to shirley@spotlighttheatre.com.au by 15th July 2017.*

Shirley King
Hon. Secretary

To: **The Returning Officer**
The Spotlight Theatrical Company
PO Box 8074
GOLD COAST MAIL CENTRE QLD 9726



Re: *Annual General Meeting – Nomination for office*

I (please print name)

hereby declare that I am willing to offer myself for election to a position

of:

to the Company for the term 2017/2018.

Signed: Date

Nominated by: Signature

Seconded by: Signature

PLEASE NOTE: All nominations must be received in writing by the Returning Officer no later than 24 hours prior to the time for commencement of the meeting.

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BASEMENT THEATRE

28 JUNE - 2 SHOWS DAILY
8 JULY 2017 10:30am & 2pm

Written and directed by Aiden Ossoyani

FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Basement Theatre has landed on the *Planet of the Nebulons*.

This Stellar pantomime is written and directed by Aiden Ossovani. There are two shows a day and it is great entertainment for children and adults alike. Tickets are on sale online or 07 5539 4255 now. Last Show July 8th.



The Main Theatre is now in full rehearsal schedule for our next blockbuster show *9 to 5 – The Musical* directed by Jamie Watt who directed the very popular and highly successful *Higher and Higher* last year at Spotlight. Tickets are on sale online and are selling well so book your seat now so you don't miss out. Show runs from July 28th through to August 19th.

June 9 and 10 the Youth Theatre Musical Theatre classes presented a mid-year *Showcase* in the Main theatre to a very receptive audience. The energy and talent on display highlights the outstanding qualities that our young performers have and we must continue to encourage them and make sure that the opportunities are here for them in the future.

Spotlight Costume Hire has now created its own Facebook page so please like it and share it with your friends. The hours of operation have been changed to reflect the needs and patterns of our customers.

The **Website** is also being updated so why not take a look (www.spotlighttheatre.com.au).

The time goes so quickly that the AGM is almost upon us (Tuesday 15th August) so please keep it free.

That's all from me until next month take care of yourself and each other.

Best Regards

Duncan Sims
President



AUDITIONS

for The Spotlight Theatrical Company

2018 Playbill Productions

will start late September, so keep your eye on our Website

www.spotlighttheatre.com.au → Auditions

and Facebook pages for details

facebook.com/spotlighttheatricalcompany

Enquiries 07 5539 4255

or email: mailbox@spotlighttheatre.com.au



*The Spotlight Theatrical Company
is a Participant in the 2017
Gold Coast Area Theatre Awards.*

Music By **Dolly Parton** Lyrics & Book by **Patricia Resnick**

Based on the 20th Century Fox Picture
 Originally produced on Broadway by Robert Greenblatt, April 2009
 Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
 All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

**JUL
28 -
AUG
19**

9 to 5 – the Musical has hit the half way point, with the brilliant cast eagerly entering the setting period while we busily plan our set bump in and costumes.

As the show comes together I can't help but reflect back on the message of acceptance and the power to change your situation. This cast is embracing a powerful message from a person who's numerous qualities helped shape the show itself.

Dolly Parton, a country singer and sometimes actress, was wooed by Jane Fonda to star in a 'little movie' with her and Lily Tomlin in 1979. As part of her deal, Dolly negotiated that she would write the theme tune to the 'little movie'. That theme tune, which Dolly wrote in between takes of the movie, using her fake acrylic nails as an instrument to make the iconic tapping sound, went on to become Dolly's first Oscar nomination for best original song!

Now some 38 years later, Ol Double D has written the full Broadway production with sparkling songs, a joyous and hilarious script by original screenwriter Patty Resnick, and the same message, that somehow, 30 years on, is more important today than ever.

Our wardrobe coordinator Pina Omeros, along with the man himself Tony Alcock, have mastered the art of the 80's costume search and are gathering an eclectic display ranging from cowboys and Disney villagers, to the good old fashioned power suits with huge shoulder pads to take us back to a time where fashion was well and truly a crime!

The set will include a full mezzanine level, moving staircase, working lift and two fully revolving trucks, Michael Sutton and team truly have their work cut out for them in assembling a working, functioning office building (complete with a special surprise for one of our characters).

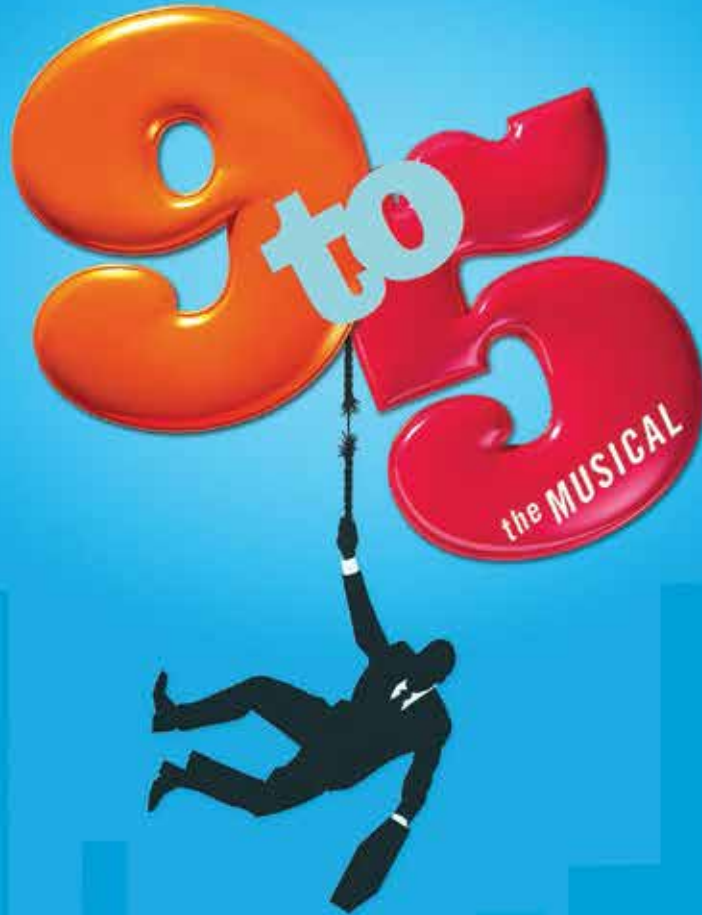
Phew! I'm tired just reading this! **9 to 5** is sure to leave you smiling, uplifted and full of that old Dolly motto 'only you can change it!'. So hop to it and book now!

#getupandwork

Jamie Watt
 Director/Choreographer



The Spotlight Theatrical Company Proudly Presents



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DIRECTOR - JAMIE WATT
MUSICAL DIRECTOR - PETER LAUGHTON

MAIN THEATRE
28 JULY - 19 AUGUST 2017

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IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY?

As little or as much time as you can spare is appreciated.

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

By **ROGER HALL**

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH



Directed by **Helen Maden**

Auditions for *Take A Chance On Me* were held on Sunday 11th June and director Helen Maden had the gruelling task of deciding between a group of 20 very talented people.

Some regular faces and some new to Spotlight battled it out to secure their roles.

The resulting Cast List is:

Liz – Shelley Jacks
Ellie – Kat Lardner
Fleur – Imogen Hannabach
Lorraine – Laney McLean

Eric – Martin Jennings
Brian – David Law
Dan – Clem Halpin
Tim – Chris Catherwood



“None of them ever thought it would come to this.”

The table of six grown men and women never did think their lives would lead them to being single at their age, let alone paying to attend singles dinners in the hope of meeting someone else who is just as lonely as themselves.

Each with their own very large suitcase of emotional baggage, they have to face the obstacles of the dating game where the rules have completely changed since they were all young.



Joel Beskin's 'Theatre Roundup'

is now on Air every week on Tuesdays.

Tune in to 4CRB 89.3FM between 2.35pm and 3pm
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Marius - Sam Flowers Cosette - Susannah Treacy Eponine - Rachel Love
Enjolras - Jesse Blachut Thenardiere - Nathan Skaines Mme Thenardiere - Katy Charles Otto
Gavroche - Zak Drew & Kieran McGinlay Little Cosette - Kiera Aspinall & Niamh Rogers
Little Eponine - Kalani Bell & Emily Marshall Simmons Gavroche Understudy - Connor Otto
with

Andrew Alley (Foreman) - David Austin (Lesgles) - Lachlan Beck (Feuilly) -
Georgia Beck - Clay Carlaw (Courfeyrac) - Tara Cunningham - Annett Engelhardt -
Tennille Glover (Factory Girl) - Madeline Fletcher - Katie Grace - Kaela Gray -
Dylan Hodge (Combeferre) - Ben Joseph (Brujon) - Brendan Kavanagh (Bamatabois) -
Carole Lange - Ian Moore (Bishop of Digne) - Alison Murray (Locket Crone) -
Rodrigo Medina Noel (Grantaire) - Holly Otto - Benjamin Oxley (Jean Protaire) -
Samantha Price - Lara Salamacha - Chloe Smith -
Chloe Walton - Shari Ward - Justin Wise (Joly)

Director, Tony Alcock has announced that rehearsals for Les Misérables will commence 31st July.

Tickets for the first 2 weeks of the Les Miserables will be released Saturday 29th July.

**Please check the website for ticket pricing
and Booking details www.spotlighttheatre.com.au**

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GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS



Our first season is now coming to a close with only one show remaining.

This month we have completed shows at the following venues:-

Probus Club, Southport

Tallai Gardens, Mudgeeraba

Golden Age, Southport

The Terraces, Varsity

Harbourside, Harbourn town.

Our final show for this season will be at St Andrews, Tallebudgera.

Rehearsals are now in full swing for our second show, with our first performance on the 10th of August. We have twenty seven shows, so far, to perform in our second season, which will take us through to the end of the year.

I have included two photos, one of Trish Teal-Gosper in *Glocca Morra* and one of (from left to right) Kerry Simpson and Sam Newton, in *Rock Around the Clock*.

If you would like to be part of our group and can spare the time and energy, then please contact Kerry on 0490 157 512 for details.

Now back to the boards.

Noni Buckland
Golden Girls Liaison

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