

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.*



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The SPOTLIGHTER
DECEMBER 2018

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL CO

*Spotlight on
Christmas*

HALPIN
AUDITORIUM

14 15 DECEMBER
7.30 pm

www.spottlighttheatre.com.au

**SPARK
AND THE CRYSTAL
CRUSADE**

AN INTERACTIVE
CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY **AIDEN OSSOVANI
& MILLIE TALBOT**

CHOREOGRAPHED BY **GEORGIA BECK**

**JAN
9-19**

**2 SHOWS DAILY
10:30AM
& 2PM**

BASEMENT THEATRE

Spotlight Theatre is a foundation
member of the Gold Coast
Theatre Alliance.



Thinking of Christmas? Get in Early!

SEASON TICKETS Great Bargains!

Get in early! CONTACT BOOKINGS 07 5539 4255. * Special Conditions apply.



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Spotlight Theatrical Company
Diamond Anniversary, 2015

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SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY



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Some great shows coming up for 2019

The Spotlight Theatrical Company

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2019 PLAYBILL

Spark & the Crystal Crusade	Basement	9 - 19 January
The Little Mermaid	Halpin	8 February - 2 March
A Slice of Saturday Night	Basement	22 March - 7 April
Catch Me If You Can	Halpin	17 May - 8 June
YT Music Theatre Showcase	Halpin	21, 22, 23 June
Alice in Wonderland	Basement	3 - 13 July
Ladies in Black	Halpin	2 - 24 August
YT Senior Drama	Halpin	6, 7 September
Kelly	Basement	20 Sep - 5 October
YT Intermediate Drama	Basement	18, 19, 20 October
Kinky Boots	Halpin	1 - 23 November
YT Junior Drama	Basement	29, 30 Nov, 1 Dec
YT Music Theatre Classes	Halpin	5, 6, 7, 8 December
Spotlight On Christmas	Halpin	13, 14, December



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It's the most wonderful time of the year! Join the Spotlight family for an evening of rollicking Christmas celebration with

SPOTLIGHT ON CHRISTMAS

Dixie the Christmas elf had one job this year, to make Christmas merry and bright, but will a wayward reindeer thwart his best laid plans and bring all of Christmas to a ho-ho-halt?!

Join the Gold Coast's best and brightest as we welcome in the silly season and toast a year well lived.

Featuring special performances by **Bob La Castra**, the casts of *Oliver*, *We Will Rock You*, *The Little Mermaid* and *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, and a slew of incredible performers including

Tanèle Storm Graham, Jamie Watt, Martina French, Zoe Richards, Aiden Ossovani, Rachel Love and Clay English, will have you singing and dancing in the aisles!



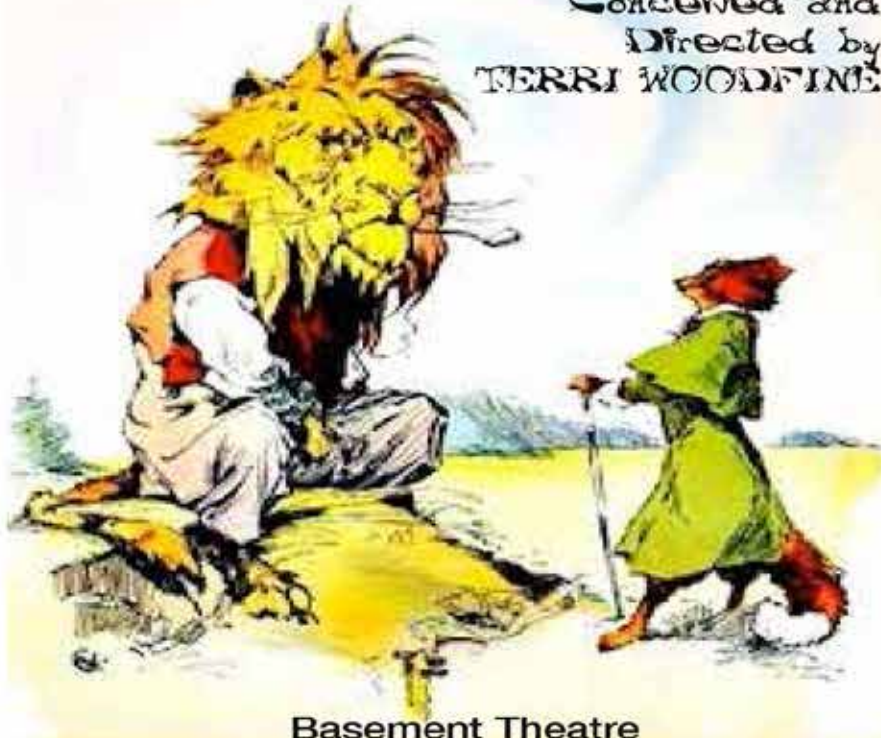
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SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE
JUNIOR CLASSES
present

BEDTIME STORIES

Conceived and
Directed by
TERRI WOODFINE



Basement Theatre
NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1,2
7:00pm

Spotlight Music Theatre Classes

DOUBLE FEATURE

Directed & Choreographed by Hannah Crowther and Musically Directed by Matt Pearson

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical
JR.

Music & Lyrics by

Laurence O'Keefe
and Nell Benjamin

Book by

Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown
And the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture



Music by
STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Lyrics by
LYNN AHRENS

Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Co-Conceived by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY and ERIC IDLE
Based on the Works of DR. SEUSS

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DECEMBER 6, 7, 8, 9 – 7:00pm



TEACHING FRATERNITY & ADMINISTRATORS:

HANNAH CROWTHER (Int. Drama & Snr. Music Theatre Teacher)

MATT PEARSON (Snr Music Theatre Assistant & M.D.)

TERRI WOODFINE (Primary Teacher)

JACY MOORE (Film & TV Teacher)

VAL LEFTWICH (YT Administrator)

KAY HAWKER (YT Accounts)



Really busy time at the Youth Theatre with the Junior Drama classes performing their show **Bedtime Stories** on the 30th, 1st and 2nd December. Rehearsals are going well but we still need parents to make sure that the students learn their lines, we need them to be confident when they walk on stage and it really helps if they can remember their lines.

Fast on the heels of the Junior Drama is the Senior Music Theatre students with their productions of

Legally Blonde and **Seussical**. These students will do both productions in the one night so it will be a long night but very interesting. This is a huge task for Hannah and Matt but what I have seen so far is very professional. This show will run on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th December.

I have sent out forms for 2019 and I ask that everyone who wants to take up a place in 2019 complete the new forms. We are duty bound to get the risk form completed, this is a Government requirement. The forms will be kept confidential.

Current students have up until the first week in January to send in the new forms for 2019. After this time I will start to draw students from the waiting list. So, if you are wanting to remain in your current class, you will need to complete a form and send it in. If you do not have a form please email me on valleftwich41@gmail.com and I will make sure you get them. A big thank you to the parents who have already sent in their forms, this saves me so much time.

Tickets are now on sale at the costume hire shop or online for all of our upcoming shows. I look forward to meeting up with many of the parents at the shows, I am sure you will all enjoy the productions.

*Valerie Leftwich – Administrator
Spotlight Youth Theatre.*



THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

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Are you 18 or under! Are you a drama queen or king?

Are you shy but would like to be confident?

Come and join the

Spotlight Youth Theatre 

Spotlight Theatre facilitates a fun and supportive environment with professionally experienced, highly qualified theatre educators.

MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR A LIFETIME!



ROBIN HOOD
Intermediate Class Dress Rehearsal October 2018

ORIENTATION DAY 2019

THE HALPIN AUDITORIUM – Spotlight Theatre Complex

185-187 Ashmore Road Benowa

Sunday January 20th @ 10:30am

CONTACT: Youth Theatre Administrator

EMAIL: valleftwich41@gmail.com

2019 CLASSES INCLUDE

JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR DRAMA

INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR MUSIC THEATRE

Joel Beskin's 'Theatre Roundup'

is on Air, Tuesday every week.

Tune in to 4CRB 89.3FM between 2.35pm and 3pm

for Community Theatre News

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We Will Rock You has been a huge success, not only with sell out performances, but extra shows, which were added due to popular demand.

For the first time a huge LED screen was used, this was a great success. Clay and Butch used all their knowledge and ingenuity to provide a moving stage and great experience for the cast and audience.

Our lead had to withdraw one day prior to opening night due to an unforeseen injury. Jackson Brash took on the huge undertaking to play the role of Galileo with only one day's rehearsal.

What a challenge for the Directors, cast and crew. They banded together and supported each other to make this happen. I am sure I have noticed a few new grey hairs around the theatre.

Congratulations to Clay English and his amazing team for providing the audience with an incredible production.

Our Youth Theatre students are ready to WOW you with their upcoming productions. They are so talented you won't want to miss this.

Don't forget our **Spotlight on Christmas** show on the 14th and 15th of December.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the wonderful support from everyone in and around the theatre. You guys are incredible.

Kind regards

Erica

Editor's Note: President Duncan Sims is currently on annual leave overseas.



THANK YOU MARILYN CULELL FOR HER VALUED SHOW RECORD COLLECTION DONATION



Marilyn Culell has donated her Show Musical Record collection to the Spotlight Theatre's Library. Perhaps a budding Director is thinking of reviving an old successful Show and would like to hear some of the great artists of yesteryear performances. There are 27 LPs including some fantastic shows, many in which Marilyn has appeared.

Apparently RECORDS are the new "IN" thing with the young people.

Thank You

CITY OF
GOLDCOAST.

for Divisional funding to the value of \$2000
to update computers and office equipment.

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*Council
for a substantial Rate donation.*



SPARK
– ELLA TYNAN



PRINCE LOGORN
– JOSH BRANDON

SPARK AND THE CRYSTAL CRUSADE

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- fun for all the family –
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and many others.

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KING ABRAHMS
– JENNIFER COLE



MILTON OF MILDEW
– NATHAN FRENCH



THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY PROUDLY PRESENTS

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Our *Welcome* form for **NEW** and renewing **MEMBERSHIP**

(Calendar year Jan 1 to Dec 31)

- Where talent, skills and interests merge

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT IS DUE 1ST JANUARY 2019

What sort of involvement are you seeking?

I/we wish to apply for:

- NEW membership (adult) \$10**
- RENEWAL (Adult) \$10**
- NEW (Youth Under 18yrs) \$5**
- RENEWAL (Youth U 18yrs) \$5**

I would also like to be listed as a

- HAT and/or** **PET**

Office use only:

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Entered in database

Code issued

Date / processed by

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Year of membership.....

The Spotlight Theatrical Co is among the leading amateur Theatrical producers in Australia. It caters for adult and youth theatre and especially popular Music Theatre. It is well equipped and complies with all Fire, Workplace Health and Safety requirements. But to do this it needs **VOLUNTEERS** aplenty to service its **Audience membership** & patrons.

You may also choose to volunteer flexible time as a -

SPOTLIGHT 'PET'

PET denotes PRODUCTION ENHANCEMENT TEAM and includes, for example, backstage crew, scenery design, art and or construction, property making or acquiring, costume design and or construction, sound or lighting design or operation, makeup and hair, and photography.

or a

SPOTLIGHT 'HAT'

HAT denotes HOSPITALITY ASSISTANCE TEAM. You can choose to be welcoming Front of House and or Bar assistance during scheduled performances.

This is a family-friendly form: All family at one address!

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- **"The Spotlighter" monthly E- Newsletter**
- **Privilege for theatre tickets**
- **Eligibility for special offers**
- **Discount on party costume hire**
- **Promotional events**
- **Social events**
- **Some indemnity when working in or on a Production**
- **Renew online (from 2014)**

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Location! Location! Location!



Spotlight Theatre Complex comprises of two highly equipped theatres, Green room, a costume-hire & retail outlet, 'Youth Theatre' facilities, bookings centre, store-rooms and workshop facility. On-premises limited parking.

All activities situated conveniently in the heart of the Gold Coast.

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PO Box 8074 GCMC Q. 9726 or visit**

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CAST MEMBERS

Tymka Wines as **Ariel**
 Clay Carlaw as **Eric**
 Allan Chang as **Sebastian**
 Nicola Barrett } as **Ursula**
 Kaela Gray }
 Erin Brummage as **Scuttle**
 Zander Engel-Bowe } as **Flounder**
 Tahlia Gibson }
Mersisters: Sammy Price,
 Ashley Van Litsenborgh,
 Janice Yeung, Chloe Smith,
 Isabella Wiesenthal, Cassie Baan
 Russell White as **Triton**
 Chris Drummond as **Grimsby**
 Briana Mirabile } as **Flotsam**
 Jordan Brinsley } & **Jetsam**
 George Pulley as **Pilot**

ENSEMBLE

Ethan Cook, Livia Abreu,
 Liam Lockwood, Jemma Gailey,
 Nathan French, Portia Morris,
 Georgia Ogge, Braeden Mercuri,
 Sophie Rees, Ella Tynan,
 Mariah Simpson and
 Joshua Brandon



The Spotlight Theatrical Company
 production of

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Music by **ALAN MENKEN** Lyrics by **HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER** Book by **DOUG WRIGHT**

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We are now at our busiest time of the year. We have completed our final shows and have started our Christmas season. We have had a great response to our festive numbers with our members going all out with costumes and wonderful songs.

We have performed two Xmas shows so far at the following venues. Akirra Cottage – Kirra and Tricare – Mermaid Beach.

We have eleven Christmas shows to perform with our last concert on the 21st December, when we break for a well earned rest. We will be returning in late January to begin preparation for our new show for 2019.

I have included two photos, one our opening Christmas number *Need A Little Christmas* from left to right Marilyn, Lyn, Marlene, myself, Kerry and Samantha and one of Hazel Phillips in *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*.

Now back to the boards.

Noni



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CONGRATULATIONS! WE WILL ROCK YOU

Congratulations to Clay English and his team for their wonderful production of *We Will Rock You* which closed on Saturday Night 17th November. It was an incredibly innovative show displaying totally new concepts for Community Theatre and, even with two additional shows, completely SOLD OUT.





A warm invitation to everyone including Actors, Directors, Crews, Audience members, Delegates, Presidents and Committees to

GOLD COAST THEATRE ALLIANCE INC

Sunday January 13th 2019

A SPECIAL CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST in the OCEAN VIEW ROOM on the Esplanade, Miami

North Burleigh Surf Club www.oceanviewevents.com.au
293 The Esplanade, Miami Qld 4220

9 am - 12 midday \$35 per head

Sip a glass of champagne while enjoying the Ocean views, and a hot buffet breakfast,!!! Come and help us celebrate Live Performance on the Gold Coast as the Gold Coast Theatre Alliance enters its 22nd year as a volunteer not for profit organisation supporting our members in the Gold Coast region and surrounds. Come and congratulate our distinguished Service Awardees for 2018 - the heroes of our Live Performance community who will be honoured and presented with their badges at this event.

Let's celebrate the start of 2019!! All welcome.



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>

CURRENTLY IN THE AUDITION PROCESS



The Spotlight Theatrical Company
proudly presents

A Slice of Saturday Night

Book, Music and Lyrics
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The Heather Brothers

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STEVEN DAYS
Choreographed by
ERIN BRUMMAGE
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