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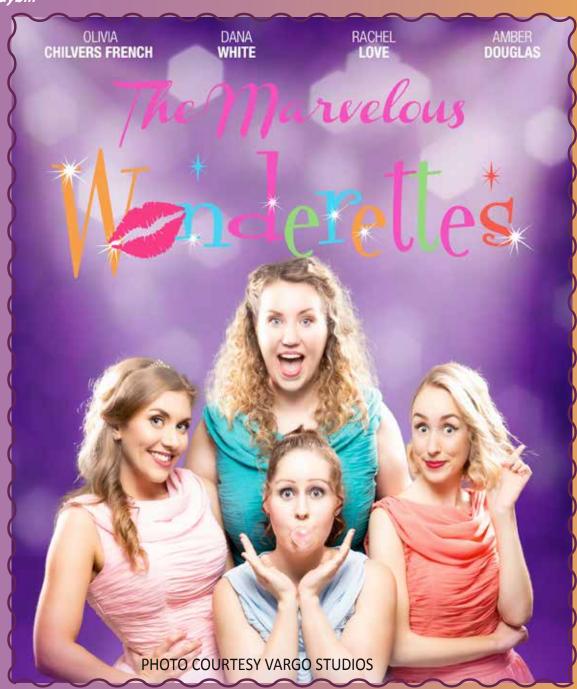
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The SPOTLIGHTER. OCTOBER 2018

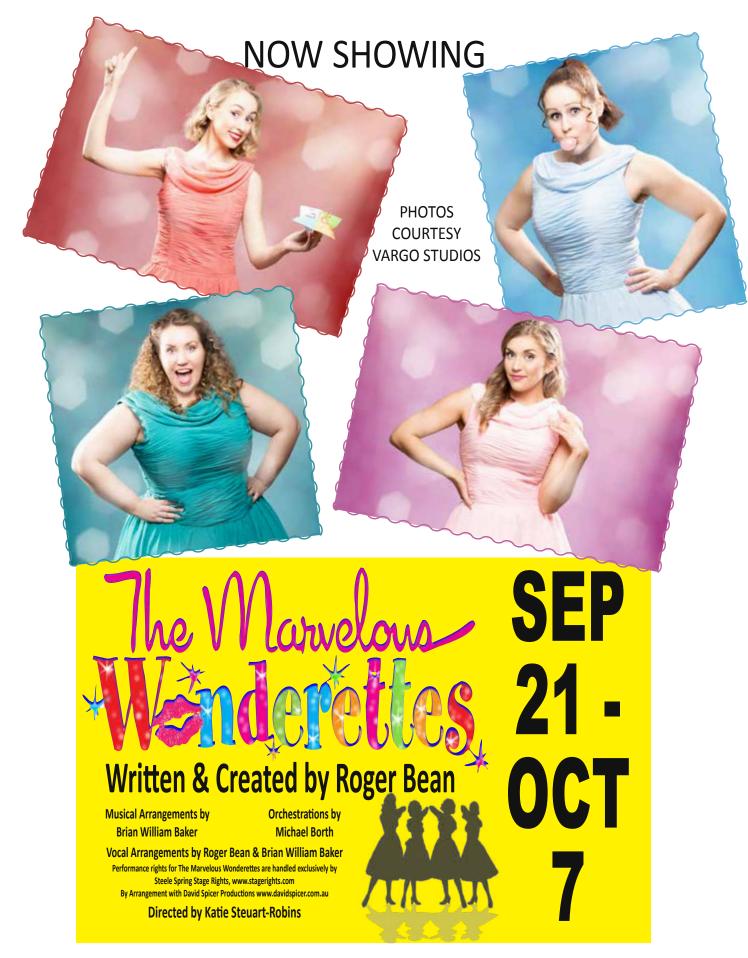


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REVIEW - FROM WEEKEND NOTES

Link for *The Marvelous Wonderettes* review from Weekend Notes. https://www.weekendnotes.com/the-marvelous-wonderettes-musical-spotlight-theatre/

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Induction of THE HALPIN AUDITORIUM and 45th Anniversary Red Carpet Event



The Spotlight Theatrical Company celebrated the 15th Anniversary of our main theatre with a Red Carpet Event of invited Guests including GCCC Division 7 Councillor Gary Baildon and his wife and Councillor Bob La Castra and his partner, as well as Life members, Volunteers and Spotlight workers. Entertainment was provided by upcoming show Cast members, Youth Theatre, The Stars, with highlights from previous shows and a very enjoyable Power Point presentation of shows from the past (mainly the '80s). Peter Maden was a true Master of Ceremonies with never a dull moment. Ex-Presidents Maurie Hansell and Shirley King gave accounts of some of the mishaps of previous shows. It was a glamorous and nostalgic evening but the highlight was the naming of The Halpin Auditorium (our main theatre as it has been known for many years). A surprise for Clem and Shelly Halpin, they were overwhelmed.

It was a wonderful night and so good to see so many faces from the past. The feeling of goodwill and renewed friendship prevailed – a wonderful warm fuzzy emotion.

Thank you to Duncan (our President), Helen and Peter Maden, Sandy Wilcox and Erica Graham who made it happen. To Shelly Halpin for the stage flower arrangement, the Techies, Workers, Volunteers, Artists, Youth Theatre Waiters, Bar Staff, Photographer, Caterers and those who helped in any other way, *Thank You!* for your contribution to a great night.

THANK YOU from the Halpins

Dear Spotlight Committee and Members (especially Duncan, Helen & Sandy),

We are absolutely blown away, honoured and proud to be acknowledged in such a grand gesture. The renaming of the main theatre as 'The Halpin Auditorium' is extremely special. It's actually beyond words.

Thanks to all for the efforts, wishes and overwhelming warmth from all of you - fellow volunteers and friends.

Working for Spotlight has given us fabulous memories – shows, hard work and great achievements – and of course enabled us to forge so many life-long friendships; friendships that we will forever treasure. Who would have known how respected and loved Clem is!

The gala night was a credit to you all. So professionally run and organised. From the red carpet, drinks and canapés on arrival, to the lovely show, and then that unbelievably special announcement.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all who put time and effort into putting on such a fantastic event; for making us feel so special on the night; for all that you've done for the theatre over the past many years; and for allowing us to continually contribute and do what we love. We're so proud of our association with such a wonderful group.

Shelly & Clem Halpin



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



What an honour, yet humbling experience, to announce at our Gala Event on Saturday 15 September in front of 23 Life Members and 100 volunteers that the building would now be named **The Halpin Auditorium** to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of Clem and Shelly Halpin. They received a standing ovation as they accepted the honour and unveiled the plaque. It was indeed a wonderful night as we also announced the 2019 Playbill.

The show *The Marvelous Wonderettes* directed by Katie Steuart-Robins opened an Friday 21 September in the Basement theatre. This show is on until 7 October, so if you haven't seen it yet come along and enjoy the music of the 50's and 60's. The four girls are certainly 'marvelous'.

The Intermediate Drama class is getting very excited as they prepare for their production of *Robin Hood* in the Basement on 19, 20, 21 October.

The Cast of **We Will Rock You** directed by Clay English is now in rehearsal in the Halpin Auditorium. Tickets are now on sale online www.spotlighttheatre.com.au so make sure you don't miss out on this one. Opening night is 26 October and continues through to 17 November.

Both the Junior Drama Classes will perform in the Basement Theatre on 30 November, 1,2 December and our Music Theatre Classes who perform their end of year Production in the Halpin Auditorium on 6,7,8,9 December are in rehearsal.

Preparation for our *Spotlight on Christmas Concert* on 14 and 15 December is underway and we look forward to bringing you a great night of entertainment. There will also be a Monster Raffle drawn on the 15 December so we are looking for any donations/gifts/toys to make this the biggest raffle yet at Spotlight.

Auditions have been held for *Spark and The Crystal Crusade* and *The Little Mermaid* our first two productions of 2019 so you can see we are keeping busy.

So until next month look after yourselves and each other.

Best regards

Duncan

THE HALPIN AUDITORIUM

PHOTOS FROM THE 15th RED CARPET EVENT

Clay English took some lovely red carpet photos, please follow the link below to view.

http://bit.ly/halpinauditorium

Just click on the photo and hit the "add to cart button" (the little shopping trolley icon).

You can either continue looking at the other photos or proceed to "check out".

Just follow the prompts and it's done.



THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

PROUDLY PRESENTS

By QUEEN and Ben Elton

CLAY ENGLISH

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
SHARI WARD

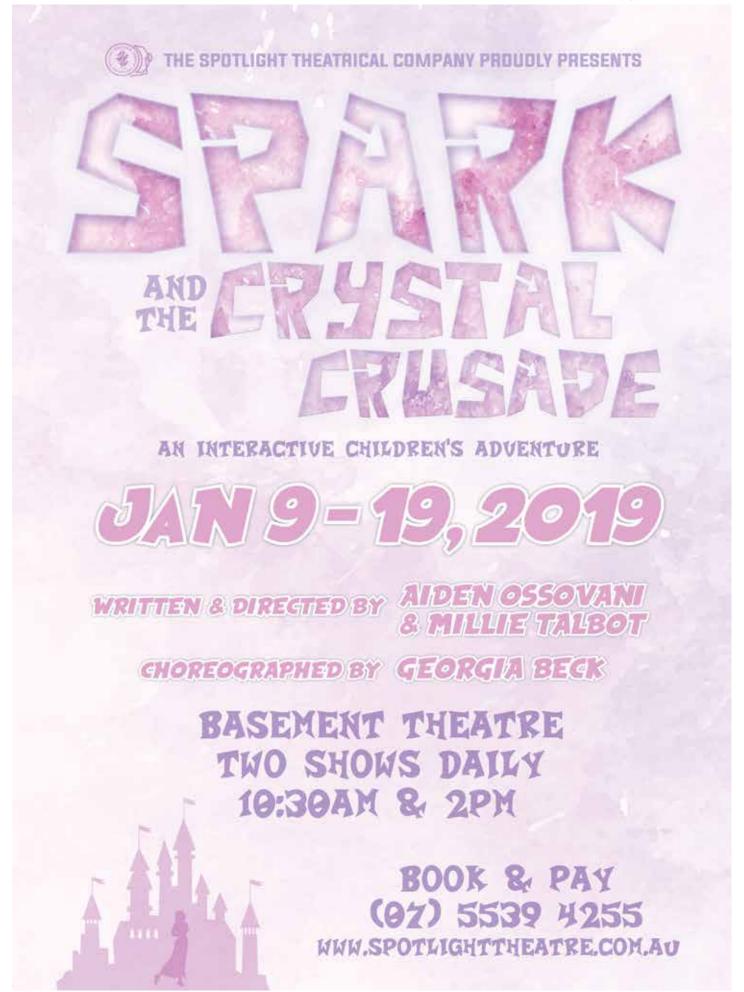
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Cast ANNOUNCEMENT in November Spotlighter





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

The Marvelous Wonderettes

Intermediate Drama

We Will Rock You

Junior Drama

Music Theatre

Spotlight On Christmas

Basement

Basement

Main

Basement

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Main

21 Sep - 7 Oct

REVISION 3

18, 19, 20, Oct

26 Oct - 17 Nov

30 Nov, 1, 2, Dec

6, 7, 8, 9 Dec

14, 15 Dec

Spotlight Music Theatre Classes

DOUBLE FEATURE

Director/Choreographer - Hannah Crowther Musical Director - Matt Pearson



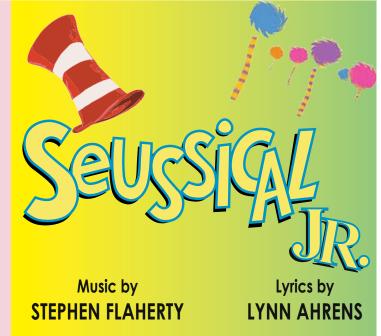
Music & Lyrics by

Book by

Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin

Heather Hach

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



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)
VAL LEFTWICH / KAY HAWKER (YT Liaisons)

Our Senior Drama students gave two performances of *The Comedy of Errors* to appreciative audiences. Shakespeare in a modern setting was interesting and they did a great job. The first half of the evening which showcased 'what really happens in class' was very entertaining and gave families an insight into improvisation theatre. We also gave an official farewell to Annalise Whittingham who is graduating after being with Spotlight Youth Theatre since Junior Drama. We will miss her but wish her well in all her future pursuits.

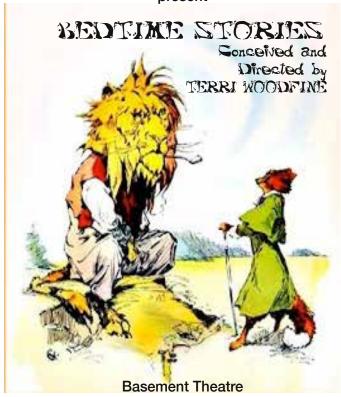
The Intermediate Drama classes under the direction of Miss Hannah and the Juniors Drama classes under the direction of Miss Terri have leapt into rehearsals for their end of year productions. The students are all working hard and having fun so we are expecting wonderful performances. The Music Theatre classes are also in rehearsal for their productions which will be the last for the year so look for more about them in the next Spotlighter.

We have started receiving enquiries for next year so have opened our 2019 wait lists. Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone next term.

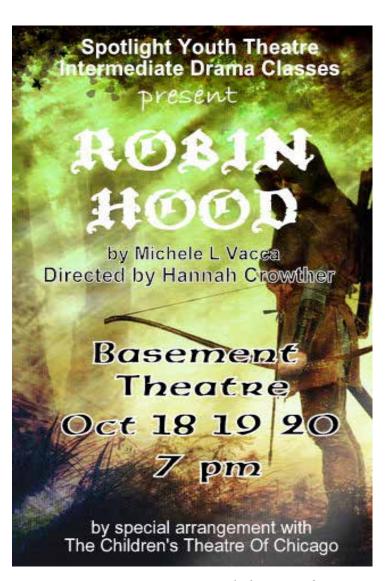
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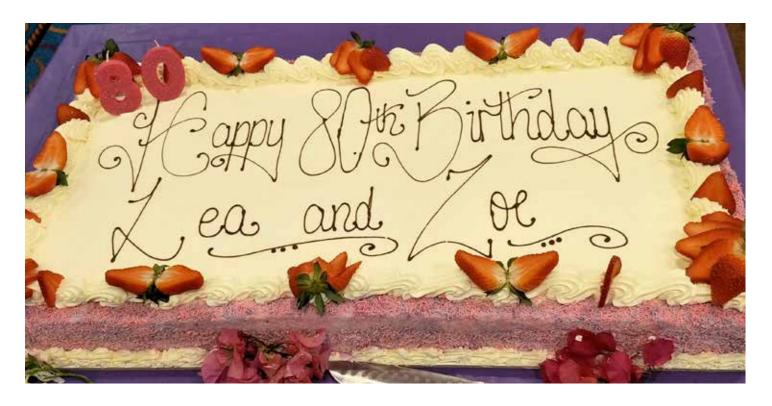
Kay Hawker SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE

SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE JUNIOR CLASSES present



NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1,2 7:00pm





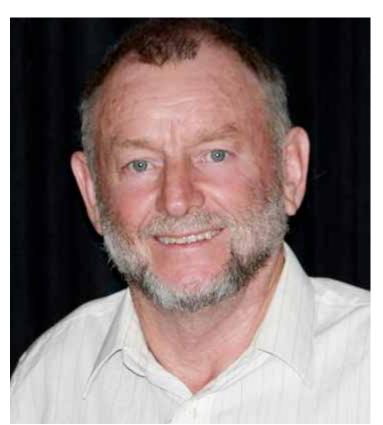
THE TWINS LEA & ZOE CELEBRATE THEIR 80TH BIRTHDAY IN STYLE

Relatives, friends and Spotlighters helped Lea and Zoe Celebrate their 80th Birthday. It was a wonderful evening at the Golden Crest Manors Nerang and magnificently organised by Lea and Zoe. An excellent venue, wonderful catering with delicious menu, beautiful friendly guests and ex-Spotlighter (Romain Bricknell) as compere/vocalist. Romain who was in Clem Halpin's *Groove Baby Groove* shows played Jesus in Spotlight's second Jesus Christ Superstar and has a great voice, with a huge range and versatility. He rarely stopped singing (except for brief announcements) as guests kept him occupied with many and varied requests. Louise Harris a leading Gold Coast soprano and popular Spotlight Leading Lady also sang as beautifully as she looked with wonderful presentation and interpretation. All so good!

Thank You Lea & Zoe, it was such a great evening and I'm sure you enjoyed it just as much as your guests.



VALE



AUSTIN REID PASSED AWAY MID SEPTEMBER 2018

Sadly I have to report that a dear fun-loving friend, set constructor and backstage crew member to Spotlight and several other Community Theatres on the Coast, died recently. Austin was a Spotlight Theatre Corporate Sponsor and worked on many sets throughout his time at Spotlight. His curved steel cage for Spotlight's *Le Cage Aux Folles* was unique as was his *Drowsy Chaperone* huge bi-plane, both of which he designed and built.

Austin had been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease just after he sold his business in Southport and went to live in Thailand with his fiancée, Jai. An avid beekeeper he was well known for his pure unadulterated honey (especially his rare Macadamia honey which was superb). His annual trips to the Birdsville races were very special to him and he would place bets for several Spotlighters. He loved the outback and frequently camped on friends properties or went pig shooting with his dog and mates. Austin will be sadly missed and our sympathy goes out to Jai and his family.



Joel Beskin's 'Theatre Roundup'

is now on Air every week on Tuesdays.

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for Community Theatre News

Thank You to Gold Coast City Council

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for their substantial Rate donation.

Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID IS CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH THE AUDITION PROCESS.

Cast will be announced in the November issue.





Spotlight Theatre Artist's Review Seniors known as

STARS



Noni Buckland - STARS Liaison



Well another month has passed and we are happy to have Lyn back from her overseas trip.

We have performed concerts at the following venues over the past month:-

Sandbrook – Burleigh Waters; St Andrews – Tallebudgera; Bupa – Pottsville; Bluecare Pineshaven – Elanora; The Terraces – Varsity Lakes; Aveo – Robina; Bluecare Kirra Aged Care – Kirra.

We also had an invitation to perform our Beatles number

for the Spotlight
15th Celebration
Red Carpet Event
of the newly
named Halpin
Auditorium.
Although not
all members
performed, we
hope that our
contribution gave
a small showcase
of what we do

out there in the community, on behalf of Spotlight Theatre.

We have six remaining concerts before we begin our Christmas season with thirteen concerts taking us through to the end of the year.

I have included two photos: one of Marlene singing and dancing to Sunny *Side of the Street* and Marilyn doing *Everything Old Is New Again*.

Now back to the boards.

Noni









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2019 PLAYBILL

Spark & the Crystal Crusade Basement

The Little Mermaid Halpin

A Slice of Saturday Night

Catch Me If You Can

YT Music Theatre Showcase

Alice in Wonderland

Ladies in Black

YT Senior Drama

Kelly

YT Intermediate Drama

Kinky Boots

YT Junior Drama

YT Music Theatre Classes

Spotlight On Christmas

ement 9 - 19 January

8 February - 2 March

22 March - 7 April

Halpin 17 May - 8 June

Halpin 21, 22, 23 June

Basement 3 - 13 July

Basement

Halpin 2 - 24 August

Halpin 6, 7 September

Basement 20 Sep - 5 October

Basement 18, 19, 20 October

Halpin 1 - 23 November

Basement 29, 30 Nov, 1 Dec

Halpin 5, 6, 7, 8 December

Halpin 13, 14, December



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Opening Night \$37, Adults \$32, Concession \$29, Member \$27, Child (under 16) \$25, Group 10+ \$29

(Note: Musicals as per Main Theatre)

PANTOMIMES: All tickets \$16, Group of 10+ \$15.

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OR 3 BUSINESS DAYS.



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