

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.*



The SPOTLIGHTER
MAY 2019

CATCH ME



IF YOU CAN
THE MUSICAL

BASED ON THE DREAMWORKS MOTION PICTURE

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**TERRENCE
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CLAY ENGLISH

MUSICAL DIRECTION BY
SHARI WARD

**17
MAY
- 8
JUN**



JACK HARBOUR
AS
FRANK JNR

CHRIS CATHERWOOD
AS
CARL HANRATTY



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



Please check your Spotlight Membership!

Memberships 2019

A NOTE TO ALL PERFORMERS IN SPOTLIGHT PRODUCTIONS:

IT IS COMPANY POLICY THAT YOU ARE/BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY IF YOU WISH TO PERFORM IN OUR PRODUCTION/S .

**Memberships commence January 1 to December 31.
(If you joined on or after November 1st
your Membership is current for the following year.)**

**PLEASE CHECK TO SEE THAT YOUR
MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT.**

ANNUAL FEE IS \$10 PER ANNUM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope you all had a relaxing and restful Easter and commemorated Anzac Day "Lest We Forget".

Both theatres, as usual, have been busy in preparation for our next shows. **Catch Me if You Can** directed by the award winning Clay English is in its final few rehearsals before opening in The Halpin Auditorium on Friday 17 May. This is a 'not to miss' show, so book now online www.spotlighttheatre.com.au or call the booking office on 07 5539 4255 between 10am – 4pm Monday to Saturday.



Director Nathan French has named his cast for our next pantomime **Alice in Wonderland** opening in the Basement Theatre on 3 July. They are now in rehearsal and this looks like it is going to be a fun show. There are two shows a day at 10.30am and 2pm to give you plenty of opportunities to bring your children and grandchildren. Adult tickets are at children's prices so this genuine pantomime gives everyone a chance to be a child again. "Oh yes it does".

The Youth Theatre students are working really hard as their teachers prepare them for their showcases and productions. These are listed on page 7.

We have had to postpone **Ladies in Black** until our 2020 playbill to give Director Tony Alcock time to get back to good health. He has already done plenty of preparation for the show but his health is our priority. We will, however, be bringing you **Higher and Higher the Motown Musical Revival** directed by the very talented Jamie Watt. This show was the most requested show to be reproduced, so get your dancing shoes ready as this fast paced show will have you toe tapping and dancing in the aisles. Opens on 2 August through to 24 August. Tickets on sale soon.

If you haven't renewed your membership please do so now and enjoy the many benefits that membership brings. It is only \$10 and helps the company keep afloat.

We are always looking for volunteers to help paint sets, make costumes and many other tasks so if you have a few spare hours and wish to be part of creating a great experience for the audience. Please let me know.

I look forward to catching up with you at the theatre soon, so until then look after yourselves and each other and remember a smile is more infectious than the 'flu, so keep smiling and spread.

Best Regards,

Duncan Sims

Thank You

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



THE
SPOTLIGHT
THEATRICAL
COMPANY

17th April, 2019

The Spotlight Theatrical Company

Official Statement
Re **Ladies in Black**

It is with sadness and disappointment that we announce that the production of **Ladies in Black**, directed by Mr Tony Alcock, which was scheduled to be performed from 2 August until 24 August 2019 in The Halpin Auditorium has had to be postponed due to Tony's health problems and his recent stay in hospital.

The health and wellbeing of our employees is utmost in our minds and the company feels that the pressure and workload that would be added by directing a show is not going to assist Tony in his recovery.

By popular demand and after a previous sell out season the Company is pleased to announce that we will present the Musical Extravaganza '**Higher and Higher: The Motown Musical**', directed by Jamie Watt from 2 August until 24 August 2019.

This fast paced energetic show will get your feet tapping with a live 9 piece band playing over 57 songs featuring a cavalcade of hit songs from artists like Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Aretha Franklin and many more.

Audition dates will be announced soon and tickets will go on sale online once the cast is announced, so keep your eye on our website www.spotlighttheatre.com.au to get up to date information to secure these highly sought after tickets.

We have rescheduled **Ladies in Black** to be part of our 2020 Playbill when we hope that Tony will be back to good health.

Tony is currently on leave until further notice and the Company wishes him a speedy recovery.

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WEBSITE: www.spotlighttheatre.com.au SPOTLIGHT THEATRE IS A FOUNDATION MEMBER OF THE GOLD COAST THEATRE ALLIANCE INC.

The Spotlight Theatrical Company Acknowledges and Thanks the

CITY OF
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Division 7 and Councillor Gary Baildon
for the Grant Donation to our Community Theatre.

Curious and curiouser ... It's time to reveal the cast of our next exciting pantomime

'Alice in Wonderland'.

Come and see this classic story brought to life by a fantastic group of performers.

Limited season July 3 - 13

www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

*****Members tickets available via box office*****

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY PRESENTS

ALICE

IN Wonderland

CAST ANNOUNCEMENT

ALICE	PORTIA MORRIS
MAD HATTER	JAMES GREENWOOD
THE CHESHIRE CAT	LARA SALAMACHA
THE WHITE RABBIT	ELLA TYNAN
QUEEN OF HEARTS	MARTINA FRENCH
THE WHITE QUEEN	CHRIS DRUMMOND
TWEEDLEDEE	MIA WOOLDRIDGE
TWEEDLEDUM	ISAAC THORPE
MARCH HARE	RYAN BOURKE
DOOR-MOUSE	MIDORI MAY
CATERPILLAR/ KING OF HEARTS	WESLEY NEALE

ENSEMBLE

LEWIS GREEN, CONNOR LYNCH, HOLLY CRUICK-SHANKS, ASHLEY VAN LITS, OLIVIA VAN GRINSVEN, JASMYN NEGRAO, TIAH STEWART, ALISHA MORE, ALYSSA BRIXEY

JULY 3-13, 2019

Spotlight on Youth Theatre



TEACHING FRATERNITY & ADMINISTRATORS:

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

MATT PEARSON (*Music Director*)

SHELLEY GRACE (*Head Teacher Senior Drama*)

TAYLOR HOLMES (*Assistant Teacher Senior & Intermediate Drama*)

KIRSTIE SLEEMAN (*Head Teacher Junior Drama*)

VAL LEFTWICH (*YT Administrator*)

KAY HAWKER (*YT Accountant*)

Not a lot happening at this time of the year with school and Easter holidays for the students. The first term finished up really well and a few more new students have joined for Term 2. Matt and Hannah have worked out their rehearsal schedules for Music Theatre **Showcase** and it certainly will be a busy May/June for them with every class being full.

Senior Drama is going really well with Shelly and Taylor starting work on their 2019 production. The students are really excited and it is so good to see everyone enjoying their Drama classes.

Our Juniors have really settled into their classes well and Miss Kirsty and Miss Hannah are having a great time with the students who are eager to learn and having good fun whilst doing it.

The Technical Production class (as advertised in the April Spotlighter) has been re-scheduled for Term 3.

Just a reminder, if you need to ask anything about invoices please contact

Kay Hawker: dkhawker@westnet.com.au

However, if you have any other enquiry you need to contact:

Val Leftwich: valleftwich41@gmail.com

If you send class enquiries to Kay she just has to forward them on and there is a chance that the enquiry can get lost. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Val Leftwich

Youth Theatre Administrator.

CAN YOU HELP?

SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY REQUIRES
A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER
TO LOOK AFTER STAGE PROPERTIES.

Contact 07 5539 4255

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**2019
PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE
Young Adult Cabaret
14th and 15th June**

**Music Theatre Showcase
Intermediate and Senior Music Theatre
21st, 22nd and 23rd June**

**Senior Drama
6th and 7th September**

**Intermediate Drama
18th, 19th and 20th October**

**Junior Drama
29th, 30th November and 1st December**

**Intermediate & Senior Music Theatre
(Tuesday 4pm, Wednesday 5:30pm classes)
End of Year Showcase
5th, 6th and 7th December**

**Senior Music Theatre Production
12th, 13th and 14th December**

**Young Adults Production
17th and 18th December**

AUDITIONS - Saturday 25th May at the Southport Community Centre. PLEASE CHECK THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRE, FACEBOOK and GC THEATRE ALLIANCE WEBSITES for an Auditiion Pack and to book a time.
By popular demand, the award-winning Motown musical spectacular is back at Spotlight Theatre.

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY PROUDLY PRESENTS

**CONCEPT BY
JAMIE WATT &
PETER LAUGHTON**

**DIRECTOR
JAMIE WATT**

Higher & Higher

REVIVAL

**CHOREOGRAPHERS
JAMIE WATT, KELLIE NIEBLING, &
LAUREN ELIZABETH WORMALD**

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR
BEN MURRAY**

THE MOTOWN MUSICAL

**HALPIN AUDITORIUM
2 - 24 AUGUST 2019**

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HIGHER AND HIGHER REVIVAL: The Motown Musical

Featuring over 50 of your favourite Motown and disco songs jam packed with explosive choreography, dazzling costumes and amazing vocal performances, accompanied by an incredible live band, **HIGHER AND HIGHER: The Motown Musical Revival** will have you dancing in the aisles.

So dust off your dancing shoes, bring a group and boogie on down to Spotlight Theatre for a strictly limited season August 2 - 24 in the Halpin Auditorium



PLAYBILL SUBMISSIONS FOR 2020

Directors please present your submissions for
MUSICALS, PANTOMIMES and PLAYS
or other exciting suggestions
outlining your ideas for presentation during 2020.

The Halpin Auditorium

- **Musicals**

Mid February/March

Latter part of May/June

Late July/August

Late October/November

Basement Theatre

- **Pantos/Plays etc.**

Early January

Early April

Late June/July

Mid September/October

Submissions close 30th June 2019

Please present to: Production Committee

The Spotlight Theatrical Company

185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa

or mail to: Production Committee

The Spotlight Theatrical Company,

PO Box 8074 Gold Coast Mail Centre Q 9726

Spotlight Theatre
Artist's Review Seniors
known as

STARS

Noni Buckland – STARS Liaison

Our new show is a success with great responses from our venues both new and old.

This month we have completed shows at the following venues: Broadbeach Seniors – Broadbeach; Tricare Bayview – Runaway Bay; Akirra Cottage – Kirra; Tricare – Mermaid Beach; Tricare – Labrador; St Andrews - Tallebudgera.

We are also working on new numbers to be included in due course.

I have included two photos from our current show. Below our closing number *You Made Me Love You* with (left to right): Lyn, Marilyn, myself, Hazel, Marlene, Kerry and Samantha. The other photo is of Samantha and myself in our Hula number.

Thats all from the **STARS** and now back to the boards.

Noni



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17 MAY - 8 JUNE 2019

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Frank Jnr. and the Ensemble Ladies

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Jack Harbour -
Frank Jnr.



Becky
Morgan



Georgia
Beck



Mikaela
Kimberley



Niamh
Bourke



Rachel
Love



Samantha
Price



Tiahni
Wilton



Tymka
Wines

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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
Young Adult Cabaret	Halpin	14, 15 June
Music Theatre Showcase	Halpin	21, 22, 23 June
Alice in Wonderland	Basement	3 - 13 July
Ladies in Black	Halpin	2 - 24 August
Senior Drama	Halpin	6, 7 September
Kelly	Basement	20 Sep - 5 October
Intermediate Drama	Basement	18, 19, 20 October
Kinky Boots	Halpin	1 - 23 November
Junior Drama	Basement	29, 30 Nov, 1 Dec
Int. & Snr. Music Theatre		
End of Year Showcase	Halpin	5, 6, 7 December
Snr. Music Theatre Production	Halpin	12,13,14 December
Young Adult Production	Halpin	17, 18 December
Spotlight On Christmas	Halpin	20, 21 December

Disclaimer: Subject to change without notice.



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is on Air, Tuesday every week. Tune in to 4CRB 89.3FM between 2.35pm and 3pm for Community Theatre News

TICKET PRICING



The Halpin Auditorium Musicals

Opening Night \$37, Adults \$34, Concession \$30,
Member \$29, Child (under 16) \$25,
Group 10+ \$31

Basement Theatre Plays

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

(Note: BT Musicals as per The Halpin Auditorium)

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

NOTE

**TICKETS WILL ONLY BE HELD FOR 72 HOURS
OR 3 BUSINESS DAYS.**

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