



The SPOTLIGHTER

AUGUST 2020

The Spotlight Theatrical Company proudly presents
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THE BODYGUARD

THE MUSICAL

Based on the WARNER BROS. Film Screenplay
by LAWRENCE KASDAN
Book by ALEXANDER DINELARIS
Directed by CLEM & SHELLY HALPIN Musical Direction by SHARI WILLNER
Choreographed by JACKSON KOOK & JESSICA NG
31 JULY – 22 AUGUST 2020
THE HALPIN AUDITORIUM
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**OFFICIAL
NOTICE
THE SPOTLIGHT
THEATRICAL
COMPANY
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
HALPIN
AUDITORIUM
AUGUST 18th,
2020 - 7pm**

**See pages 2 & 5
for extra show
details for
*The
BODYGUARD –
THE MUSICAL***

**STRICT COVID-19 RULES
APPLY AND LIMITED
SEATING.**

COVER POSTER –
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foundation member of the Gold
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK!



The rehearsals are finally over and the stage is set as we RE-OPEN the Halpin Auditorium with **The Bodyguard – The Musical** directed by renowned **Directors, Clem and Shelly Halpin**. To get this show happening and make sure that you will see an outstanding show, the amazing and resilient cast and crew have had to endure many obstacles and challenges as Covid-19 took control of the world. I thank them for their commitment in these challenging times.

Interest and ticket sales for **The Bodyguard** have been extraordinary so this has required us to put on three extra performances. The new performances are Sunday 2 August and Wednesday 5 August and Wednesday 12 August so if you haven't purchased your tickets yet, **ACT NOW**. Please note that conditions of entry and procedures have changed so please arrive early so that you can be seated and Table Service provided.

Tickets are on sale and must be ordered by calling the Ticket Office on **5539 4255** or in person. The theatre capacity is restricted so there are fewer tickets available and conditions apply. The Ticket Office is located in Costume Hire and opening hours are 10 -30am to 4-30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 3pm Saturday. All Individual ticket holders' details have to be recorded for contact tracing.

August is the month of the AGM which is being held on Tuesday 18 August in the Halpin Auditorium. Strict conditions will be imposed in line with our COVID-19 safe policy. All positions are vacated and if you would like to be part of the Management Committee, nomination forms are available in this edition or at Costume Hire.

Joel Beskin has accepted the position of Returning Officer for this election and all nominations have to be received by the Returning Officer **at least 24 Hours before the meeting**.

It has been a difficult few months for the Company and I thank everybody for their cooperation, understanding and support as we strive to make sure that **Spotlight Theatre is a Safe Place for all to visit**.

I look forward to seeing you **ALL** at the AGM and remember that if we all abide by the new procedures in place and make sure that we **Social Distance**, then together we can all enjoy the world of live theatre.

Take care of yourselves and each other and stay safe.

Best regards

Duncan Sims

AFTER ZOOM – THEN
SOCIAL DISTANCING
REHEARSALS.
BUT ... *THEY DID IT –
BRILLIANTLY!*

THE
BODYGUARD
THE MUSICAL



USA Reviews of *The Psychic*:

"A devilishly clever comedy/mystery. You may find yourself, as this reviewer did, wanting to stand up and cheer. You'll love it." – Stage Scene

"An extra special play, a delightful murder mystery. The plot ensues with many humorous, suspenseful, unexpected twists and turns, very characteristic of the talented playwright Sam Bobrick." – Toluca Times & Canyon Crier

"There were few times when the audience wasn't in hysterics, and Bobrick's hilarious one-liners and snappy dialogue deserves much of the credit." – The Burbank Leader

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY PROUDLY PRESENTS

The PSYCHIC

"A Murder Mystery OF SORTS!"

Winner! Mystery Writers Edgar Award for Best Play

Satisfyingly Unpredictable

A comedy by Sam Bobrick

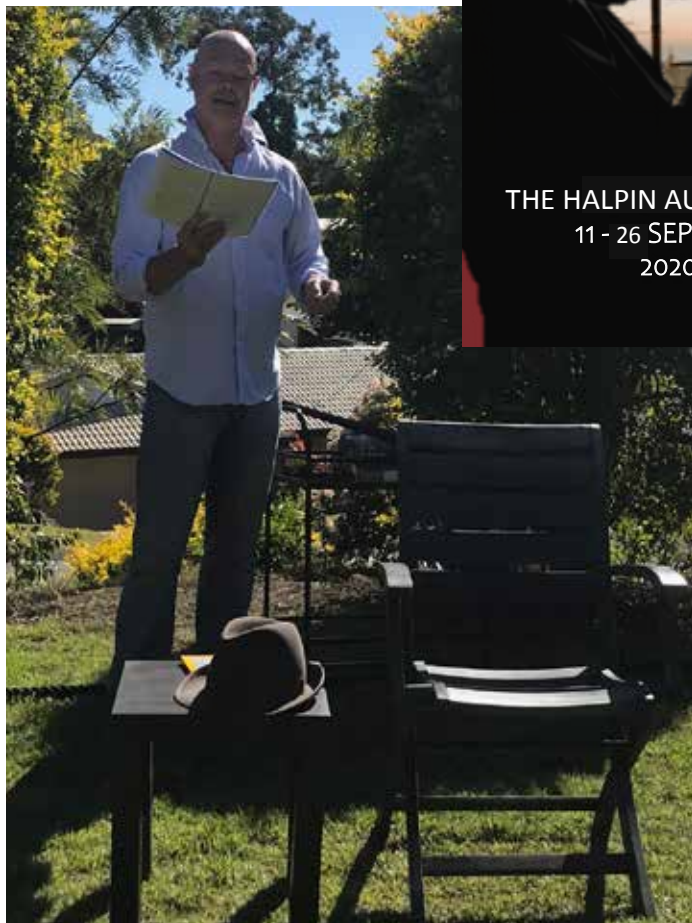
Psychic Readings \$25

THE HALPIN AUDITORIUM
11 - 26 SEPTEMBER
2020

DIRECTED BY
HELEN MADEN

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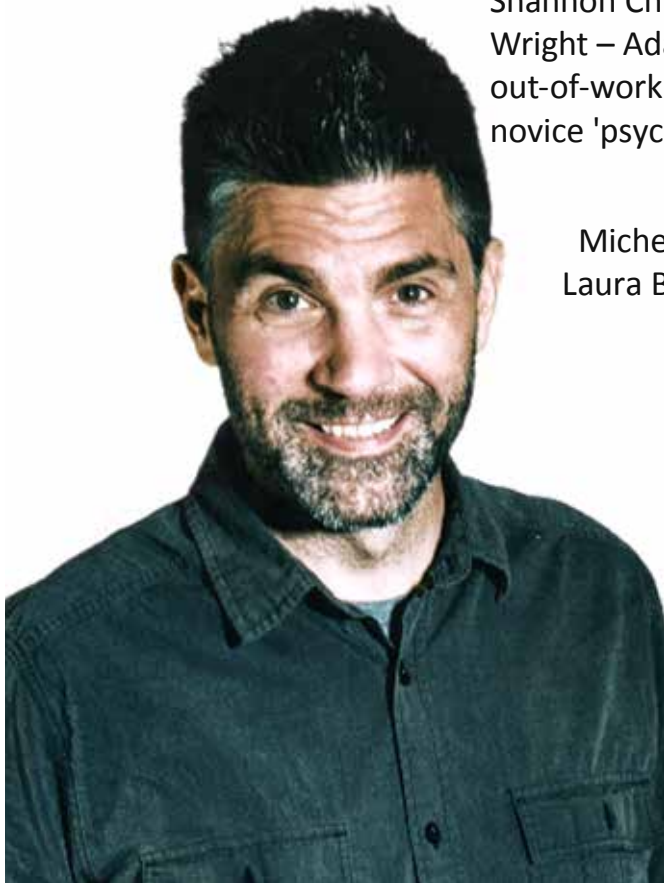
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THE PSYCHIC, A MURDER MYSTERY of sorts!

A down and out mystery writer, unable to pay his rent, hangs a sign in his NY apartment window offering Psychic readings for \$25. To his surprise, his first customer is an attractive young woman called Laura. Even more surprising, he blurts out that something terrible is about to happen in Laura's life. Much to his alarm and confusion he soon finds himself embroiled in a string of bizarre and hilarious murders.

A STELLAR CAST FOR
THE PSYCHIC - A Murder Mystery
... of Sorts



Shannon Christopher
Wright – Adam Webster,
out-of-work writer and
novice 'psychic'



Michelle Macwhirter –
Laura Benson, beguiling
and sweet

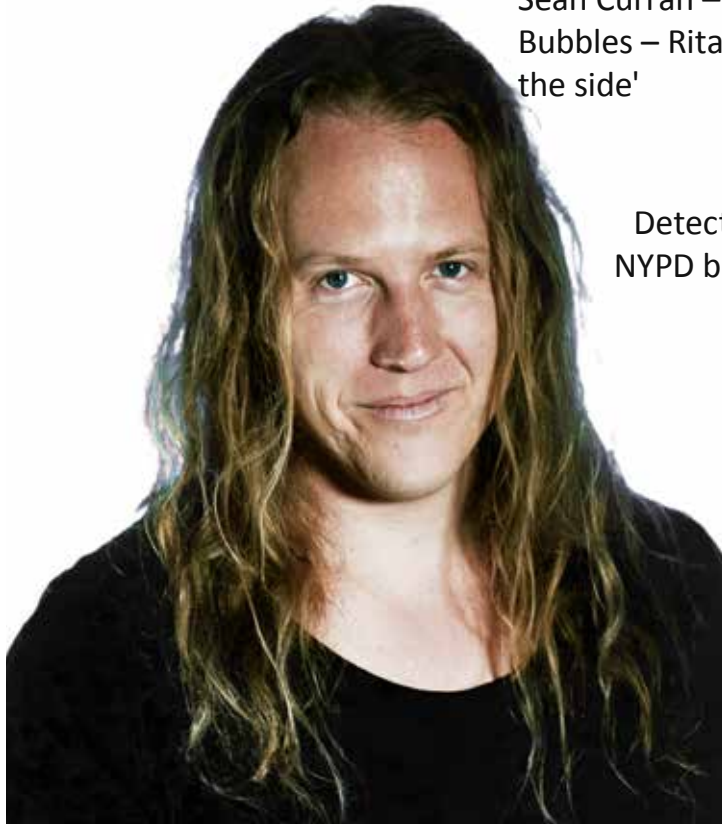


Ryan Verbruggen –
Roy Benson – Laura's
undesirable husband

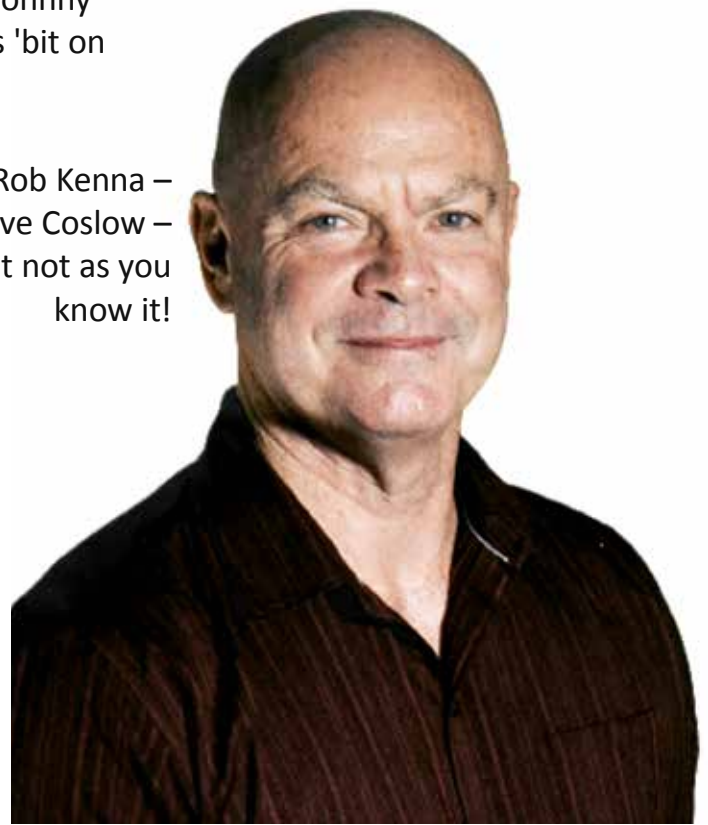


Cat Deller – Rita
Malone, – Roy's 'bit on
the side'

Sean Curran – Johnny
Bubbles – Rita's 'bit on
the side'



Rob Kenna –
Detective Coslow –
NYPD but not as you
know it!



FROM THE DIRECTOR - HELEN MADEN



I thank my lucky Covid stars for this cast. Had it not have been for lockdown and the ultimate demise of the entertainment industry, I would not have secured this fabulous cast.

Author, the late Sam Bobrick, won the 2011 Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allen Poe award for best play. And for good reason! The script is hilarious, clever and unpredictable! As we delve into the subtext, we're all having a ball bringing these fabulous characters to life. It's always a good sign when the laughing begins at the first read through.

Spotlight being so busy with *The Bodyguard* and *Youth Theatre* right now has meant thinking out of the box with regard to rehearsal space! When the going gets tough, the tough get going. We have several rehearsals scheduled in

the great outdoors. Apart from a touch of sunburn, all in all things went quite well. The set was complete with washing trolley, cat scratcher, ironing board, drinks trolley and garden chairs, plus an upside down cardboard box or two, for makeshift furniture!

Put this one in your diary. It's going to be a great night out at the theatre!



Members are advised that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on
TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2020
COMMENCING AT 7.00pm SHARP

at
Spotlight Theatre - Halpin Auditorium
187 Ashmore Road, Benowa



All members are urged to attend. (For voting rights you MUST be a 2020 Financial Member.)

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.

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.

Shirley King
Hon. Secretary

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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 2020/2021.

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.

DON'T MISS OUT!

**RESPONSE TO THE RE-OPENING OF
SPOTLIGHT THEATRE AND THE
MUST SEE PRODUCTION OF
THE BODYGUARD - THE MUSICAL
HAS BEEN FANTASTIC!**

**SOME PERFORMANCES ARE SOLD OUT AND ONLY A
FEW TICKETS ARE LEFT FOR THE REMAINING SHOWS.
ANOTHER EXTRA SHOW HAS JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED
FOR WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST AT 7.30PM**

**PHONE BOOKINGS ONLY - NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE!
TO BOOK, AND TO CHECK THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY
FOR ALL REMAINING PERFORMANCES, CALL BOX
OFFICE ON 5539 4255.**

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*)

KIRSTY SLEEMAN (*Head Teacher Junior Drama*)

VAL LEFTWICH (*YT Administrator*)

KAY HAWKER (*YT Accountant*)

YOUTH THEATRE STUDENTS ARE BACK IN THE THEATRE



ALL YOUTH PHOTOS COURTESY VAL LEFTWICH



It was wonderful to see all the students returning to class this month and everyone getting together, albeit in a very different way. We are very thankful that the Queensland Government has allowed us to operate classes again and although it is sometimes tiresome to distance and clean we must do this at Spotlight so as not to jeopardise the theatres operation.

The Junior Drama students have just started rehearsing for their play and auditions were held last week.

Intermediate classes have had their scripts for "Alice In Wonderland" for a while now and I sat in on some of the rehearsals this week. The students' enthusiasm is really good to watch and I have attached a couple of photos for you to see the classes in action.

Sadly we have lost some students, because of COVID-19, however, we have welcomed nine new students into our classes. Kay has sent out invoices and most parents have paid on time into our bank account or at the theatre and I do thank you all for this, as trying to follow up payments is very time consuming. If anyone is having difficulty making payment



then please contact me and we can discuss a method to help out during these trying times. I would ask you all to code your payments into the bank with the students name, that is, on the enrolment form and also the class: i.e. BAILEY MT 5 TUES that would tell Kay and I that the student is Bailey and attends the Music Theatre class on Tuesday at 5.00. We have a lot of students and it does save us a lot of time if you can put this reference to your payment.

Contact – As we get closer to extra rehearsals and show time can you please make a note that the contact with the theatre is through me.

Shirley is the Editor of the Spotlighter and doesn't have a lot to do with the Youth Theatre directly. Anything you send to her, has to be redirected to me. Kay is also working for the Youth Theatre as the accountant and is always there for me. We are all volunteers and if the enquiries come straight to me it saves so much time and I try to answer everything almost immediately.

There is little doubt that we will be sending out more notices than we usually do this term, everything will be a little different but we are so excited to be back operating classes again. Please make sure you open your emails often, and reply to the correct source.

Hannah, Matt and Shelley will be auditioning and working towards their productions this term. These teachers are quite amazing I think from now on they will be living at the theatre. Schedules will be tight and it would be appreciated if you can make sure your student is on time for class and rehearsals.

Best wishes to you all and stay safe.

Valerie Leftwich – Administrator – Spotlight Youth Theatre

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Young Adults Cabaret

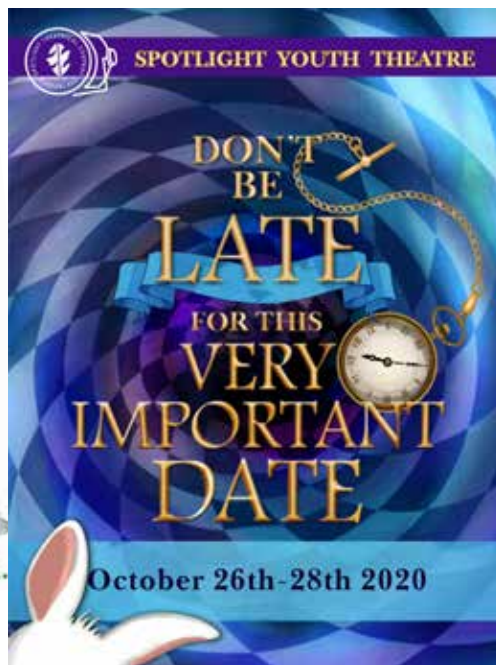
1 – 2 OCTOBER 2020 – 7.30pm



Posters by Kit Tasker



Spotlighter August 2020



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THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY PLAYBILL 2020 – JULY to DECEMBER

All remaining shows for 2020 will be in
The Halpin Auditorium
with strictly limited seating due to COVID-19 regulations.

The Bodyguard - the musical – 31 July to August 22 (+ extra shows)

The Psychic ... A Murder Mystery ... of Sorts –
September 11 – 26

Footloose the musical – October 23 to November 14.

YOUTH THEATRE PERFORMANCES

OCTOBER 1 – 2: YOUNG ADULTS CABARET (7:30pm)

OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 14: *FOOTLOOSE*

OCTOBER 26 – 28: INTERMEDIATE DRAMA: *ALICE IN WONDERLAND*

NOVEMBER 18 – 19: SENIOR DRAMA PERFORMANCE (SHOW 1001 ARABIAN NIGHTS)

NOVEMBER 24 – 25: JUNIOR DRAMA: CIRCUS TALES

NOVEMBER 27 – 28: INTERMEDIATE MUSIC THEATRE:
ALADDIN KIDS

DECEMBER 3 – 5: MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC THEATRE: *ELF JR.*

DECEMBER 10 – 12: SENIOR MUSIC THEATRE: *42ND STREET*

DECEMBER 15 – 16: YOUNG ADULTS: I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE.



SPOTLIGHT ON CHRISTMAS



NO ONLINE BOOKINGS

PLEASE PHONE 07 5539 4255 to book – LIMITED SEATING

Spotlight on Environment

We are taking part in the **Cash for Containers Scheme** to help the environment and also get some valuable funds for the theatre. Since we joined we have earned over \$1,000 by recycling the cans, bottles and plastic bottles at the local depot. We have our own **Scheme ID number C10106788**.

How can you help?

Every day you will be using containers that have a 10c refund on them. When you have finished with them, instead of throwing them in your waste to end up in landfill why not recycle them and help us.

You can take them to the local depot yourself and, instead of collecting the cash, put our scheme number above into the system and the funds will be directly deposited into our account.

Or you could drop them off at the theatre when you next visit and when we have collected a decent amount, a volunteer takes them to the recycling depot. It doesn't matter if you only have one or two or twenty or more, every one you give to us will help your theatre earn valuable coin to help meet the costs of running the complex.

What can you recycle that is refundable?

All beer and pre mix spirit cans and bottles.

All soft drink cans and bottles.

All plastic drink bottles, water and soft drinks.

No wine bottles please as these are not part of the refund scheme.

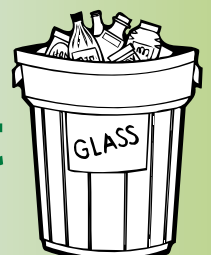
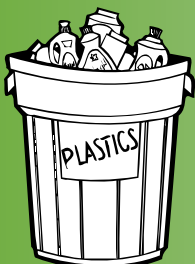
(They are recyclable so put them in your yellow top bin.)



We will be doing more environmental friendly changes to help lower the amount of landfill in 2020, so please help us to help you to help the environment.

Thank you
for helping

Spotlight on Environment



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musicals
in recent
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bursts onto
the HALPIN
stage with
exhilarating
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The Spotlight Theatrical Company
proudly presents

Footloose

the
musical

Music by
TOM
SNOW

Lyrics by
DEAN
PITCHFORD

Stage adaptation by
DEAN PITCHFORD
and WALTER BOBBIE

Based on the
Original Screenplay by
DEAN PITCHFORD

Additional Music by
ERIC CARMEN
SAMMY HAGAR
KENNY LOGGINS
and
JIM STEINMAN

Directed by
NATHAN FRENCH

Musically Directed by
SHARI WILLNER

Choreographed by
MARTINA FRENCH
and JAMIE WATT

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OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 14, 2020



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Director
Nathan French

Spotlighter August 2020

Footloose is the story of Ren McCormack, a teenage boy from Chicago. He and his mother move to the small town of Bomont after his father abandons them. Upon arriving, Ren finds himself at odds with most of the town, including the Reverend Moore. The Reverend has convinced the town to outlaw dancing, which Ren finds unbelievable. With the help of Ariel (the Reverend's daughter) and Willard (a country hick who becomes his best friend), Ren convinces the Reverend to let the teenagers dance, and in the process helps the town heal from a tragedy that affected them all.

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Butch Bernet

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