

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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ANYTIME**

The SPOTLIGHTER

NOVEMBER 2020

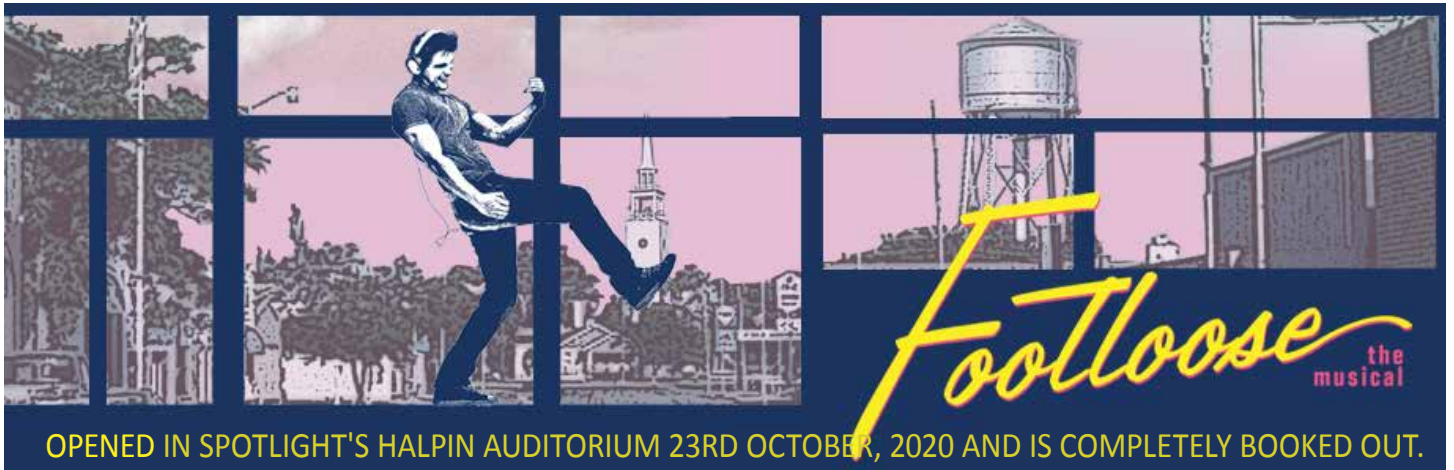
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Poster - Vargo Studios



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



FOOTLOOSE the musical has opened for a strictly limited SOLD OUT season.
 The Gold Coast's best and brightest shine in this contemporary take on the iconic Hollywood film. Ren, an outsider, moves with his mother to the small town of Bomont where he faces a challenge unlike any other, a town led by a patriarchy that has banned, of all things, dancing.

Featuring a catalogue of hit songs, including 'Let's Hear It For The Boy', and 'I Need A Hero', **FOOTLOOSE** is jam packed with 80's tunes to get your feet tapping.

"I'm so proud of everyone involved in this amazing show. I can't wait for the world to see this!"
Nathan French, Director

MEET THE **FOOTLOOSE** CREATIVE TEAM and CAST



Director
 Nathan French



Choreographer/Lulu Warnecker
 Martina French



Choreographer
 Jamie Watt



Music Director
 Shari Willner



Ren McCormack
 Bryn Jenke



Ariel Moore
 Georgia Beck



Rusty
 Rachel Love



Willard Hewitt
 Ethan Cairns



Rev. Shaw Moore
Lee Stoka



Chuck Cranston
Clay English



Wendy Jo/Understudy Rusty
Isabella Wiesenthal



Urleen
Samantha Price



Vi Moore
Melissa Quirk



Ethel McCormack
Jo De Goldi



Eleanor Dunbar/Betty Blast
Taylor Holmes



Wes Warnecker
Alan Beck



Principal Clarke
Joe Bourke



Coach Dunbah
Ricky Moss



Ensemble/Lyle/Understudy
Willard Clay Carlaw



Ensemble
Laura Carret



Ensemble/Cowboy Bob/
Gavin Sam Flowers



Ensemble
Hayley Green



Ensemble/Travis
Jesse Kennedy



Ensemble/Understudy Ariel
Emma Leese



Ensemble
Mikaela Kimberley



Ensemble/Dance Captain
Katie Munday



Ensemble/Jeter
Rory Schiele



Ensemble/Bickle
Ethan Speight

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The ticket office was kept busy as **Footloose**, directed by former Youth Theatre student and current Young Adults student **Nathan French**, sold out before it even opened on 23 October in the Halpin Auditorium and three extra performances were added to the season. Congratulations to everyone involved. This high energy show has the audience's toe tapping and singing along.

November through to Mid December sees our Youth Theatre take over the Halpin Auditorium so that each class can perform their end of year productions and parents and grandparents can see how their children have progressed.

With the restrictions imposed on numbers we only have limited seating available and COVID regulations have been a challenge for the Youth Theatre administration and staff to accommodate patrons, making sure that we still abide by distancing regulations.

Costume Hire was really busy for Halloween and continues to expand its range of costumes and merchandise so if you haven't been in for a while come and have a look at the changes that have been made.

Our **Annual Spotlight on Christmas** this year will be combined with our **65th Birthday celebrations** on **18 and 19 December**. **Tickets are on sale now at \$25 with no Concessions**. Be quick as restrictions still apply.

Hansel & Gretel directed by **Ryan Bourke** is well into rehearsal and will be the first show in 2021 and the first pantomime to be performed in the Halpin Auditorium. Tickets are not yet on sale for this production.

Our first major production of the year **Jersey Boys**, directed by award winning director **Cilla Scott**, has held auditions and the fabulous cast selected will be announced soon.

We have managed to secure another grant from the Queensland Government to help recover from this very difficult year. We received \$8310 to pay for some repairs to the theatre. We are also pleased to announce that **KDV Sports** are proudly supporting our Youth Theatre and our Bar, called **The Spot**, is now proudly sponsored by **SEWROO Products**. Thank you to both companies for your support.

So that we can afford to replace the carpet in the Halpin Auditorium we have re-introduced running a raffle at each performance however in a slightly different way. To make everything as contactless as possible we now have a board with one hundred numbers and you can purchase three numbers for \$5 and once all numbers are sold we have a roulette wheel on a mobile phone that randomly selects the lucky number for the night. Please support our raffle so that we can continue to upgrade the theatre and keep afloat.

We also participate in the Containers for Change scheme to help the environment and get some extra cash for the company, so please support us by bringing any refundable containers to us. I thank Graham and Leanne Schulz for taking all the containers to the depot when our bins are full.

It has certainly been a challenging few months and without your support and the wonderful volunteers it would not have been possible, so I thank each and every one of you for your support, efforts and commitment and bringing back the Spotlight Family feel to Team Spotlight.

Until next month take care of yourselves and each other.

Best regards
Duncan Sims



Thank You

*The Spotlight Theatrical Company gratefully thanks the
Gambling Community Benefit Fund for their Grant of
\$31,000 to upgrade the Spotlight Theatre sound system and
the Queensland Government grant for \$8,310 to pay for
repairs to our theatre.*



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.

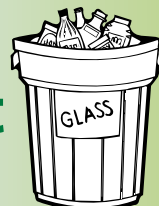
No wine bottles please as these are not part of the refund scheme.

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



Thank you
for helping

Spotlight on Environment



COMING SOON

Joel Beskin's

'Community Theatre Roundup'

on RADIO 4CRB

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THE GC THEATRE ALLIANCE WEBSITE**

Spotlight on Youth Theatre

Firstly Kay and I would like to thank all parents for paying their accounts on time this term. It is a very expensive time for the theatre with many hours of extra rehearsals and costume expenses to cover. We really do appreciate the wonderful co-operation we have received from our Spotlight parents. The annual Youth productions commenced 26th October with Intermediate Drama performing *Alice in Wonderland*. The students were really excited as, for the first time in many years, they were performing on the Halpin Auditorium stage.



Photo – Hannah Crowther

Earlier this month I sent out an email outlining the technical rehearsal date and also the performance call times for the various days. If you didn't receive this, please contact me and I will send it again. Tickets have been allocated and I am afraid there can be no sales at the box office on the day this year.

Please continue to look at your computer as important messages will be sent this month regarding the productions.

The month of November will see the Senior Drama performances, Junior Drama and Intermediate Music Theatre. All shows are really exciting and I am sure that like me, you are all looking forward to watching your children perform on the big stage.

If anyone has any doubts about times etc., please do not hesitate to contact me and I will try to sort out any problems.

Towards the end of the year I will send out 2021 enrolment forms. Some students will move up and the teachers will advise these students.

Current students have priority in classes, so if you can complete the enrolment form that I send out by the first week in January they are assured of a place next year. I do have a waiting list for some of the classes already, so your attention to this would be very much appreciated.

I look forward to meeting with you on your student's production day.

Kind regards,

Valerie Leftwich – Administrator Spotlight Youth Theatre

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The SPOTLIGHT Theatrical Company
Youth Theatre
SENIOR DRAMA
production of



Directed by
SHELLEY GRACE

TALE AS OLD AS TIME

AND THEN SOME!

HALPIN AUDITORIUM NOVEMBER 18 - 19 2020

The SPOTLIGHT Theatrical Company
Intermediate Music Youth Theatre
production of



Disney
Aladdin
KIDS

Directed by
Hannah Crowther

Musical Director
Matt Pearson

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Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice
Book by David Simpatico
Music Adapted and Arranged by Bryan Louiselle
Based on the 1992 Disney film "Aladdin"



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HALPIN AUDITORIUM
November 27th - 28th 2020

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The SPOTLIGHT Theatrical Company Youth Theatre
★ **JUNIOR DRAMA** ★
production of


Written & directed by
Kirsty Sleeman

CARNIVAL TALES

HALPIN AUDITORIUM ★ NOVEMBER 24-25 2020

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The SPOTLIGHT Theatrical Company
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH THEATRE
production of



elf JR
The Musical

Broadway Junior Collection

Book by **THOMAS MEEHAN** and **BOB MARTIN** | Music by **MATTHEW SKLAR** | Lyrics by **CHAD BEGUELIN**

Based on the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum
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Directed by **HANNAH CROWTHER** | Musical Director **MATT PEARSON**

HALPIN AUDITORIUM
December 3rd-5th 2020

HALPIN AUDITORIUM DECEMBER 10TH-12TH 2020



SENIOR
MUSIC THEATRE
PRODUCTION OF

42ND STREET

DIRECTED BY
HANNAH CROWTHER

MUSIC BY
HARRY WARREN

LYRICS BY
AL DUBIN

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
MATT PEARSON

BOOK BY
MICHAEL STEWART AND MARK BRAMBLE

ORIGINAL DIRECTION
AND DANCES BY
GOWER CHAMPION

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY
BRADFORD ROPES

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Youth Theatre**

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The SPOTLIGHT Theatrical Company

Young Adults'
production of



The Hilarious Musical Revue

Book and Lyrics by **Joe DiPietro** Music by **Jimmy Roberts**

Directed by **Hannah Crowther** Musical Director **Matt Pearson**

Originally produced in New York by
**James Hammerstein, Bernie Kukoff
& Jonathan Pollard**

Original direction by
Joel Bishoff

Originally produced by the
American Stage Company
James N. Vagias, Executive
Producer

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Now Change" is presented
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December 15th - 16th 2020

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Extended opening hours for Halloween

Commencing Weekdays Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November we will be open 9 am to 5 pm.

Saturdays remain 9 am - 3 pm



**Spotlight Theatre Costume Hire
Phone 07 5539 4700**



Spotlight Theatre
Artist's Review Seniors
known as
STARS
Noni Buckland – STARS Liaison

Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19, we have had all nursing home bookings cancelled until further notice. Our group is still rehearsing, keeping ourselves active.

Although no facilities have shows, we have performed at the Currumbin RSL for the View Club, which was our first show since March and was very successful. We have another show booked for the Broadbeach Seniors coming up and one more confirmed in December at the German Club.

We are losing one of our group Marlene Blight, who is moving to Hervey Bay to be close to family. She will be sadly missed, her big voice is loved by all.

I have included two photos from our current show. One is of Sam, Kerry and myself, in *Old Time Rock And Roll* and the other is of Marlene, looking fab belting out a great number.

Now back to the boards.

Noni





SEATING IS LIMITED - BOOK NOW!
(COVID-19 RULES IN PLACE)

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2020
SPOTLIGHT
ON
CHRISTMAS

FEATURING LIVE BAND **&** SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS

SPOTLIGHT'S
65TH
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

18TH + 19TH DEC 2020
7:30PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30PM)



THE HALPIN AUDITORIUM

Thank you to all our Chair sponsors.
You can still Sponsor a Chair ONLINE

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or phone 07 5539 4255



**SPOTLIGHT
 THEATRICAL COMPANY**



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**Please contact SPOTLIGHT THEATRE on 07 5539 4255
 and they will assist you!**

The Spotlight Theatrical Company wishes to acknowledge and thank you for your donation to sponsor a chair/s. This sponsorship is urgently needed to replace 240 chairs with new, quality, stackable chairs to fill both our main stage theatre and basement theatre. The cost of a chair is \$90.00 and Spotlight will have a plaque created and attached to back of every chair purchased by a sponsor.

As this is considered a donation, it would be tax deductible and a tax receipt will be forwarded to person/business donating.

Should you wish to become part of this sponsorship please complete the following and forward to:

Spotlight Theatrical Company, PO Box 8074, Gold Coast Mail Centre, Qld 9726

Or, personally deliver to:

Costume Hire, Spotlight Theatre, 185-187 Benowa Road, Benowa.

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 appreciated.*

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Amanda Felmingham	1
Audrey Goetz	1
Brian Bradnam	1
Brian Graham	1
Bryn Jenke	1
Brooke Daley	2
Chris and John Dickinson	1
Deborah Beskin	1
Deborah Bolt	1
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Drew Anthony	2
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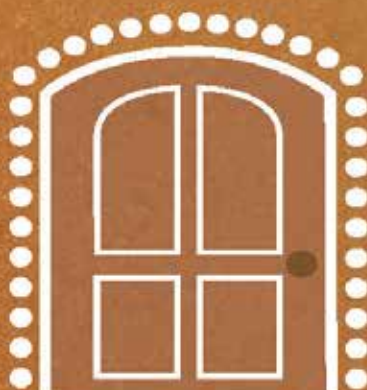
Hansel & Gretel

a scrumptious pantomime

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR **MILLIE TALBOT** DIRECTOR **RYAN BOURKE** WRITER **AIDEN OSSOVANI**
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2 SHOWS DAILY • 10:30AM & 2PM
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by AIDEN
OSSOVANI

**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.

Footloose the musical – October 23 to November 14.

YOUTH THEATRE PERFORMANCES

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

NOVEMBER 18 – 19: SENIOR DRAMA (*A TALE AS OLD AS
TIME... AND THEN SOME*)

NOVEMBER 24 – 25: JUNIOR DRAMA: *CARNIVAL 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

PLUS

Spotlight 65th Birthday Celebration

DECEMBER 18 – 19

NO ONLINE BOOKINGS

PLEASE PHONE 07 5539 4255 to book – LIMITED SEATING

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