

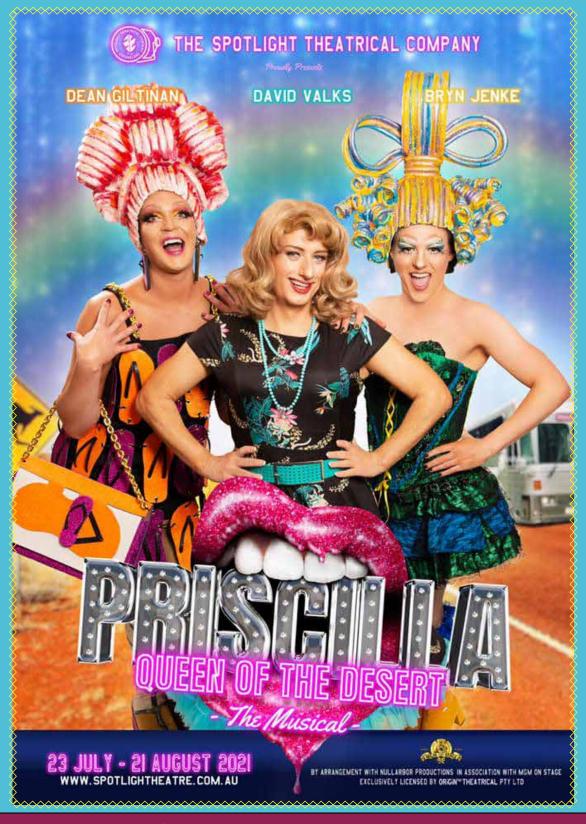
Official Newsletter of THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

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PRISCILLA: Queen of the Desert - The Musical plays a SOLD OUT season opening 22 July - 21st August.

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PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT

Written by Stephan Elliott and Alan Scott 23rd July to 21st August, 2021

REVIEWED BY ROGER McKENZIE

Bursting onto the Halpin Auditorium stage at Spotlight, the Priscilla Bus ERUPTED in a giant wave of glitz, colour, fabulous costumes and brilliant performances from the extremely talented cast led by Dean Giltinan – TICK / MITZI MITOSIS, David Valks – BERNADETTE and Bryn Jenke – ADAM / FELICIAJOLLYGOODFELLOW. Director/Choreographer JAMIE WATT, Musical Director PETER LAUGHTON and Associate Choreographers JACKSON KOOK and JESSICA NG have presented an outstanding production which rivals the professional show.

Costume Designer NADA (RED) KULIC and her incredible creative team are responsible for the huge array and variety of costumes and accessories, which have taken many months designing, sewing and fitting. The supporting cast are equally brilliant and the energy from the stage is contagious! The ping-pong ball scene is hilarious and played to perfection by HANNAH RIGBY.

One of the many highlights of the production is THE BUS! The director asked for something that resembled the inside of a GAY OP-SHOP (what ever that looks like?????) and his wish was granted (so I'm told!). Constructed by Spotlight Member Joe Burke Jnr, THE BUS is the centrepiece of the action and one of the best props I've seen onstage for a long time.

This production of **PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT** is one of those shows that everybody loves and nobody wants to go home at the end. The perfect antidote for the world we are currently enduring.

The season was sold out several months ago and even with the addition of extra performances there is still a wait list for any cancellations!

Roger

Image by Vargo Studios









Spotlighter AUGUST 2021

President's Report



What an atmosphere as the curtain was pulled back for the opening night of *Priscilla_Queen of the Desert*, directed by award-winning maestro Jamie Watt. The audience was absolutely awe struck and there was an audible WOW as Priscilla herself was revealed. Thank you to Joe Bourke Jnr for building this superb 6-metre-long BUS on site and making sure that it could be turned 360 degrees. Where else would a Prop get a round of applause. The costumes and head pieces looked spectacular. Congratulations to RED and her amazing team for the dedication to produce such outstanding quality costumes. Lots of other people have put many hours in to make sure that this show came together, so

thank you to each and every one of you. We are putting on 5 extra performances during the season and most people on the wait list were able to get tickets to see this masterpiece. Covid has struck again and closed the borders to our friends from NSW so they may not be able to get up and see the show. If you missed out on tickets call the box office on 5539 4255 and get your name on the wait list as you may just get lucky. Season closes 21 August.

We have secured our very own **STARS** to perform a concert of **Morning Melodies** on 1 September at 10:30am. Tickets on sale now, so why not come along and support these special Spotlight ladies in the Halpin Auditorium.

10 September sees the opening of *Puffs*, directed by **Mitch Walsh**. This show is a record breaking off-Broadway comedy hit. It is also the second longest running play in Melbourne. It is a fast-paced romp through all seven books pertaining to a certain Boy Wizard, however, this is not his story, it's about PUFFS, who happened to attend the same school of Magic. This hilarious, not for kids, comedy covers everything from the rise of the Dark Lord to Wizard Sex-Ed. So, if you want a night of laughter make sure you get tickets to this show. We are fortunate to have secured the rights to this show and given the opportunity to bring it to you. Tickets are available by calling Box Office on 5539 4255 or online at www.spotlighttheatre.com.au.

Singin' in the Rain directed by the award-winning actor and director **Clay English** has selected his cast and more information will be available in the next edition.

We have now moved all our Youth Theatre classes to our new **Studios in Johnston Street Southport**. There are two studios, the larger one has a sprung floor and the smaller one has lush carpet. There is still some work to do on the Studios however the students have given the new space a resounding thumbs up.

The **AGM** is scheduled for Tuesday 17 August. This is the meeting to attend so that you can find out how the company has coped over the last Financial Year. As per the Constitution all Committee positions are vacated so if you feel you would like to be on the Committee then get your nomination to the Returning Officer at least 24 hours before the 17 August. Nomination forms are available in this edition. The Returning Officer is Mr Joel Beskin.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you at the meeting so until then look after yourselves and each other.

Best Regards

Duncan Sims

Members are advised that the



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST 2021 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 2021 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.**

Nomination for Life Membership according to Constitution:

5(c) Life Membership – The title of 'Life Membership' may be awarded by The Company, at the Annual General Meeting, to a person who has rendered services to The Company for not less than ten years.

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.

Noreena Wines Hon. Secretary



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

To: The Returning Officer
The Spotlight Theatrical Company
PO Box 8074
GOLD COAST MAIL CENTRE QLD 9726



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QUIZ AND TRAINING NIGHT FOR VOLUNTEERS

A Quiz and Training night was held on the 16th of July and was attended by twenty-five of our valuable volunteers. A lot of fun was had by all.

We had a visit from Steve Irwin's ghost and he was communicating with The Halpin Theatre's friendly ghost Reg.

It was great to have some of the volunteers that have been working hard on the "*Priscilla*" set, Di Morgan and Joe Bourke join us.

The Front of House volunteers got to hear about some of the other aspects of The Spotlight Theatrical

Company. Kay Hawker filled us in on the Youth Theatre and Erica told us about all the hard work going on behind the scenes in regards to "*Priscilla*".

We hope to hold more fun nights in the future and bring all Spotlight Volunteers together.

Winners of the Quiz were Helen Maden, Jo Bourke and Kay Hawker. The Wooden Spoon went to Cody Wilson, Ross Smith and Deidre Lockwood. Ross Smith was his celebrating birthday and we surprised him with a beautiful cake.

Volunteer Co-ordinator Leeanne Schultz





STARS

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Molodics
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Spotlight on Youth Theatre

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Hannah Crowther: Primary School Coordinator: Teacher: Junior Drama, Intermediate Music Theatre, Senior Music

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Jane Grimley: Teacher: Senior & Intermediate Drama Shannon Hatchman: Teacher: Middle School Music Theatre

Mitchell Walsh: Associate Teacher: Senior/Middle School Drama, Intermediate Music Theatre

Kori Richards: Associate Teacher: Senior/Middle School Drama

Jordan Boyd: Assistant Teacher: Junior Drama

Georgia Beck: Trainee Teacher

VAL LEFTWICH: (YT Administrator) KAY HAWKER: (YT Accountant)

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT FOR SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE

The shows for the Youth Theatre have been cast and we are no longer taking any new students.

We can take Intermediate Music Theatre students for the last term of this year. They will be working on a "Showcase" which will be run in conjunction with the production Fame Inr. at the beginning of December.

The move to Johnston Street Studio has now taken place and the students do like their new venue which is looking more like a Studio now. We still have some things to do but improvements are well underway. The new sprung floor is in and shortly this will be covered to improve the surface to dance on.

Parents should try and drop their children off on the same side as the studio, this will prevent students running across the road. It is a busy road and there are two roundabouts that make it easy to turn around and face the right direction to drop off.

The students are really excited about their shows and Matt has put out schedules for rehearsals etc., which keeps the parents happy, especially what time to purchase tickets and where.

This week the Middle School and Senior students received information about the Tasmania 2022 trip to the Australian Music Theatre Festival for Senior students. Also exciting news regarding the "All Together Now" concert that we are presenting in November. More about Tasmania and the Middle School Newcastle trip in later months.

Spotlight Youth Theatre is always proud of our students who do especially well and we do like to feature them in our monthly magazine. This month features a Senior Drama student who has worked hard with great results.

I would like to thank all parents for paying their accounts promptly this term, Kay is away on holiday and it does make my life so much easier. Also thank you for putting your students name and class on the top of all correspondence to me, it does save such a lot of time locating the correct student.

Regards,

Valerie Leftwich – Administrator Spotlight Youth Theatre

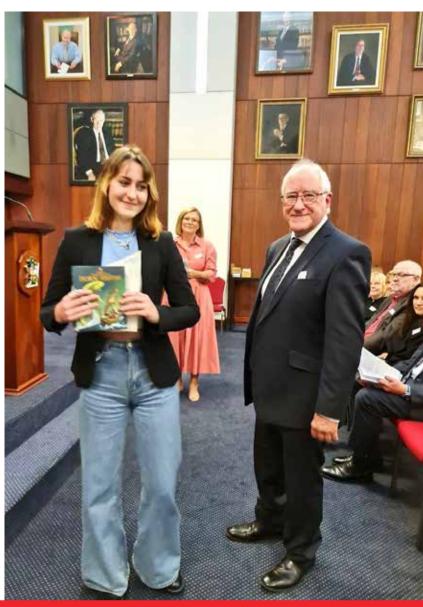


KATELYN RAYNER WAS AWARDED THE BARBARA SISLEY AWARD AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE IN BRISBANE IN JUNE.

Katelyn received a distinction for her Grade 5 Trinity College of London Exam; she received the highest result in Queensland. At the award she performed a piece by Rupert McCall entitled "The Firefighters Dream". Katelyn is currently a student at Spotlight Youth Theatre in Senior



Drama with Mitchell Walsh.





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<u>for Regular Theatre updates by JOEL BESKIN.</u>

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PUFFS!

PUFFS! Or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic & Magic is a record breaking Off-Broadway comedy hit, which also found success in Melbourne, being the second longest running play. It a fast-paced romp through all seven books pertaining to "a-certain-boy-wizard", aka Harry. This however is not his story, it's about the **PUFFS**, who happened to attend that school too. This hilarous, not-for-kids, comedy covers everything from the rise of the Dark Lord to Wizard Sex-Ed. So if you or someone you know is a fan of this wizarding series, or just after a night of laughter, book your ticket and come see **PUFFS!**

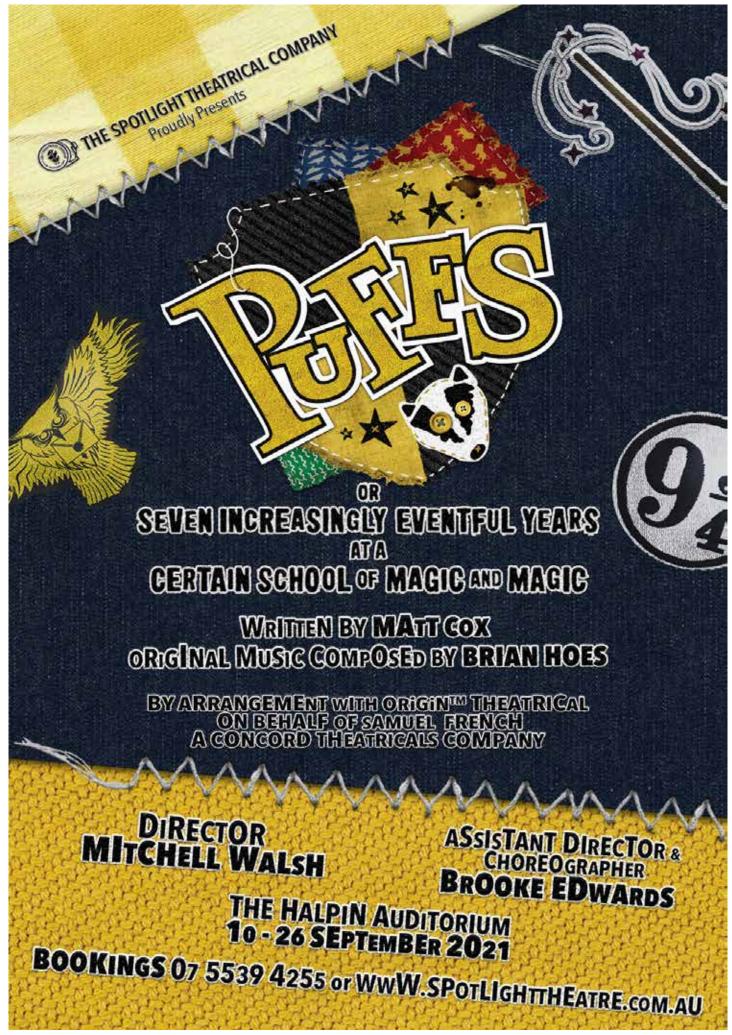
We have been very busy rehearsing. Everything is going very well. Unfortunately, Kori Richards, who was due to play the role of Megan, has had to travel back home to England. Luckily for us Sarah Hunt has graciously accepted the role. We are currently getting her up to speed with the blocking and she is bringing her own unique twist to the character which I think audience members will enjoy.

We have also secured the rights to the original Off-Broadway Music and Sound Effects composed by Brian Hoes. This music underscored the entirety of the show. An important element to the movie franchise this show parodies, is the beautiful music. We all know that one theme as the title of the movie is shown. Similarly, Brian Hoes original compositions capture the essence of the movie soundtrack with some fun extra alterations.

We look forward to seeing you in the theatre in September!

Director Mitchell Walsh





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 almost \$2000 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.

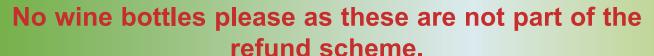
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All plastic drink bottles, water and soft drinks.

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We will be doing more environmental friendly changes to help lower the amount of landfill in 2021, so please help us to help you to help the environment.



Thank you for helping

Spotlight on Environment



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GOLD COAST THEATRE ALLIANCE

October 10th 2021 Arrival 8am Commencement 8.30am THE ALLIANCE EVENT - THE ALLIANCE BREAKFAST

The Gold Coast Theatre Alliance announces our main event for 2021.

All members are invited to a gathering of our Performance Community to celebrate, relax and enjoy a sumptuous breakfast. Distinguished Service Awards - our Heroes are celebrated, Youth Awards - including the Eagle Award and the top award of the Red Hat are presented. All awards from 2020 and up to and including September 1st 2021 will be presented. Shows are launched for 2022.

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Tables of 8; \$35 per head. Entertainment Bar

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM EARLY MEMBERS.

Does anyone recall when the Spotlight Newsletter commenced? Who edited the first issue and subsequent editors up to and including June 1972?

From July 1972 to present day, early Member Frank Milburn has a complete record of all Spotlight Newsletters. Thank you Frank you have been very helpful and The Spotlight Theatrical Company really appreciates your diligence in handling this task.

Information and copies of these early newsletters would be appreciated for our Historical records. Please contact shirley@spotlighttheatre.com.au if you can help.

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