

Official Newsletter of

THE SPOTUGHT 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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October is the month for Halloween and Octoberfest.

Both are big dates on the Spotlight Costume Hire calendar.

We've got loads of cute dresses and Lederhosen and just to show we are very gender fluid, here's Matt Pearson demonstrating how cute anyone will look in one of our bar wench dresses.

Lots of Halloween merchandise has just arrived, along with this fabulous mask from "The Plague".

"Remember, members receive 10% off when hiring costumes".

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BEFORE THE RUSH.









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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our very own STARS entertained a very enthusiastic audience with their *Morning Melodies* on Wednesday 1 September and the scones, cream, jam and coffee were also well received. Thank you to Kellie Pearson for organising the scones, they were delicious. I was honoured to MC the event and I thank Noni and her wonderful fellow performers for such great entertainment. We hope this will now become an annual event in the Spotlight Calendar.

Thank you to all of you who attended the AGM and your ongoing support of the Company. Congratulations to the New Committee members and my thanks to those who nominated but weren't successful this time. The new committee

will be keen to continue the success of this year and I am sure will have great ideas. Thank you for allowing me to continue as your President and I will strive to work hard to achieve the best outcomes for the Company.

We announced next year's playbill at the AGM and these shows are listed on page 4 in this edition.

Singin' in the Rain directed by the award-winning actor and director Clay English is the next production in the Halpin Auditorium and opens on Friday 22 October. Ticket demand has been so great we have already added 4 extra performances. At time of publication there are still a few tickets left for the extra performances so if you haven't yet purchased your ticket get online now www.spotlighttheatre.com.au or call the ticket office on 5539 4255 during trading hours.

This is going to be a spectacular show and as always Clay has some surprises in place. The Splash Zone tickets were the first to sell out so the Ponchos will come in very handy.

Youth Theatre students are preparing hard for their end of year productions. Thank you to all our teachers for all the extra effort you are putting in to make these shows happen.

Our annual Spotlight on Christmas production is scheduled for Friday 17 and Saturday 18 December at 7:30pm and Sunday 19 December at 6pm. We will be holding a raffle so if you would like to donate something or know a company who would like to support us please bring your donations to Costume Hire.

Costume Hire Shop is all decked out for Halloween so if you are thinking of a party please come in and see the girls and support the Company. As a member you get discount in store so don't forget to mention that you are a member. We have lots of other great costumes and you may have seen some of them modelled in Pacific Fair by the crew of Sea FM at a recent promotion.

That's about it from me for this month so until next month look after yourselves and each other.

Best Regards

Duncan Sims

The Spotlight Theatrical Company wishes to thank

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for their generous Grant in this years Discretionary Grants Program from Division 6 – Cr Brooke Patterson



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All performances will be held in The Halpin Auditorium.

PUFFS ... Or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic

Jan 14 - 30

Directed by Mitchell Walsh

CALENDAR GIRLS

Mar 11 - Apr 2

Directed by Helen Maden

HOT SHOE SHUFFLE

May 13 - Jun 11

Directed by Drew Anthony

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Jul 22 - Aug 20

Directed by Jamie Watt

GREASE

Oct 21 - Nov 19

Directed by Joshua McCann-Thomson

SPOTLIGHT ON CHRISTMAS

Hosted by Spotlight

Dec 16 - 18

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SEASON TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14th SEPTEMBER 2021

Minutes from the AGM have been forwarded to Members and Youth Members.

AGM PICTURE GALLERY

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INTRODUCING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2021-2022

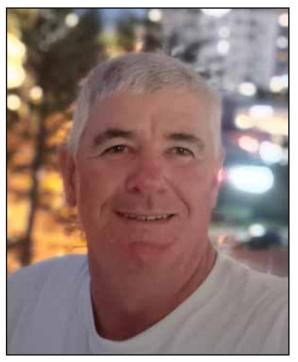
We welcome to the Spotlight Management Committee Danny Nugent as one of the four Councillors.

Originally from Adelaide, Danny moved to Queensland in 1986 after travelling across America. He settled in Toowoomba and started his first business.

Danny had several small businesses including a small crop farm and a soft drink manufacturing plant before moving to the Gold Coast in 2000. He has worked in the food industry for the last 22 years and brings with him strong business management and marketing/promotions experience.

The Spotlight Management Committee is headed by our very strong and popular President, Duncan Sims; Vice President, Erica Graham; Secretary, Noreena Wines and Treasurer, Michelle Edwards. The three Councillors with Danny are Leeanne Schultz, Jamie Watt and Ross Smith.

We look forward to another great year, preferably with no COVID lockdowns.



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SYNOPSIS: Singin' in the Rain is adapted by Betty Comden and Adolph Green from their screenplay. In silent movies, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are a hot item but, behind the scenes, things aren't always as they appear on the big screen! Meanwhile, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress to do the talking and singing for her.

Filled with every memorable moment from the film and a downpour of unforgettable songs, *Singin'* in the *Rain* is a guaranteed hit for any theatre. The technical elements can be challenging but well worth the effort when the audience is left leaping to their feet. Three extraordinary roles for dancers and a tour de force comedic turn make this a perfect choice for any theatre with an abundance of talent ready to shine.

Each unforgettable scene, song and dance is accounted for, including the show-stopping title number, complete with an onstage rainstorm! Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make *Singin' in the Rain* the perfect entertainment for any fan of the golden age of movie musicals.



Director, Choreographer and Lead Actor CLAY ENGLISH

AND THE CAST MEMBERS ARE ACTOR ROLE

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PLUS SOME SURPRISE CAMEOS!

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 \$2500 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.

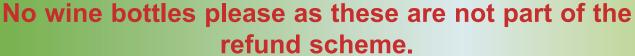
Or you could drop them off at the theatre when you next visit and when we have collected a decent amount, a volunteer takes them to the recycling depot. It doesn't matter if you only have one or two or twenty or more, every one you give to us will belo your theatre earn valuable coin to help meet the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



(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 2021, so please help us to help you to help the environment.

Thank you for helping



Spotlight on Environment



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SPOTLIGHT'S WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS ENJOYING A WELL-EARNED SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER

Another great night was enjoyed by the Spotlight Front of House volunteers. We had dinner at Club Parkwood in Arundel on the 11th of September and 28 volunteers attended.

We are already planning to have another volunteers' fun get-together in the near future.

I am happy to say that at the AGM held on the 14th of September, I was honoured to be re-elected to the Management Committee and am once again looking forward to working with the Spotlight Team of Volunteers.

If you would like to be part of our FoH Volunteer team please contact Leeanne at <sewroo@bigpond.com>.

Leeanne Schultz

Spotlight Front of House Volunteer Co-ordinator







Spotlight on Youth Theatre

TEACHING FRATERNITY & ADMINISTRATORS:

Matt Pearson: Head Teacher: Young Adults, Senior & Middle School Music Theatre

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Jordan Boyd: Assistant Teacher: Junior Drama

Georgia Beck: Trainee Teacher

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE

Next week will see the beginning of term four (5 Oct. – 10th Dec.) and the last term of the year for Spotlight Youth Theatre.

Everyone is very busy rehearsing their plays and getting ready for their productions. Parents can really help if they just take a little time to listen to their children's script, it really does help.

Invoices for term four have been sent out by Kay and it would be appreciated if parents could pay these as soon as possible, as they are due first week of term. When making payment can you please identify the payment with the students name and class i.e. Smith IMT this does help Kay and I apply the payment to the correct student.

I have sent out a lot of emails regarding rehearsals and this will continue over the next month. If you need to reply to me can you please make sure the email is headed up with the students name and more importantly the class. We have a lot of students and sometimes it takes a while to find the correct student.

The first Youth Theatre play for the season is the Junior Drama classes. On Monday the 25th October will be the 1.30 Saturday class and Tuesday the 26th October will be the 3.00 class. Tickets for these shows are on sale from Monday the 27th September. Please ring the Costume Hire shop after 9.30am to place your orders. I have sent out schedules to cover rehearsals and technical rehearsals in the lead up to the production date.

The Altogether Now Production will be held on the 26th November, at the Halpin Theatre.

Please do not forget to let me know if your student is not attending class, as it is a crucial time for the teachers with the productions so close.

Kay and I look forward to meeting up with many parents over the next two months when you come to your student's show.

Regards,

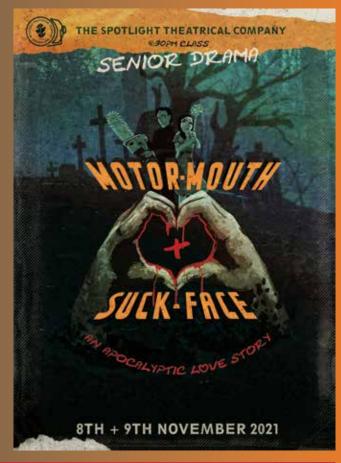
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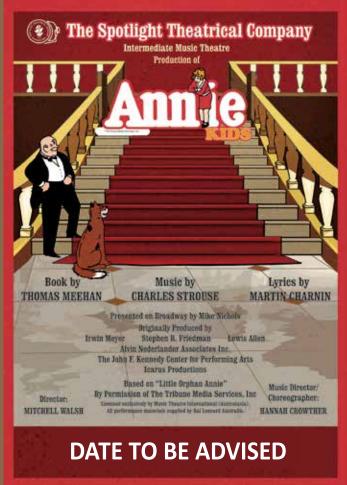
UPCOMING YOUTH THEATRE PRODUCTIONS FOR 2021

POSTERS BY KIT TASKER





PLUS Intermediate Drama RED SKY AT NIGHT NOVEMBER 22nd, 23RD, 24th Middle School Drama AMELIA BRADSHAW TURNS EIGHT and **MY ENTOURAGE** 15th & 16th NOVEMBER **Senior Drama MOTOR-MOUTH & SUCKFACE** and **CLUE**: High School Edition **NOVEMBER 8th & 9th Intermediate Music Theatre ANNIE** KIDS DATE TO BE ADVISED **FAME JR** DECEMBER 2nd, 3rd, 4th **Senior Music Theatre** URINETOWN DECEMBER 9th, 10th, 11th (2 shows)





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Noni Buckland STARS Liaison

With COVID, a lot of our concerts have been either cancelled or changed to another date.

Since June we have completed shows on the following dates and venues:-

11th June Bolton Clarke

18th Cedarbrook Mudgeeraba

27th Aveo Robina

10th August Happy Group Currumbin 26th Probus Currumbin RSL

1st September Spotlight Theatre *Morning*

Melodies Concert

10th Cedarbrook Mudgeeraba
 24th The Terraces, Varsity Lakes





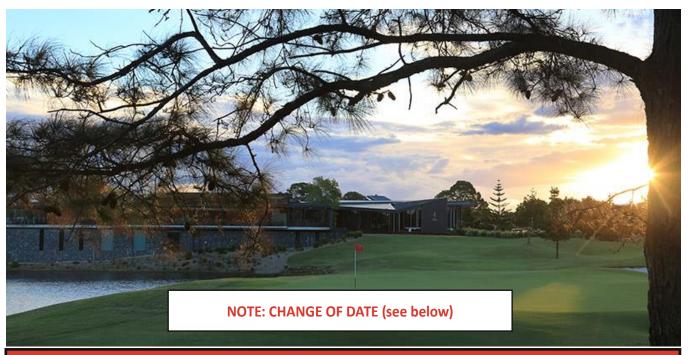
Our *Morning Melodies* show in September was a great success and we look forward to doing another next year.

We are still looking for a person to work the sound system at shows. No experience required, just a passion for music.

Please contact Noni on 0433 633 836 if interested. I have included two photos from our current show. The first is of Nic, Lyn and Sam in *Bad Bad Leroy Brown* and the second photo is of Gae, Sam and myself in a soft shoe shuffle called *Ain't Misbehaving*.

Now back to the boards.

Noni



GOLD COAST THEATRE ALLIANCE
January 23rd 2022 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.

VENUE: THE LAKEVIEW ROOM at the Pines Golf Club, Sanctuary Cove www.sanctuarycovegolf.com.au/cms/golf/golf-gallery/gallery-the-pines/
Tables of 8; \$35 per head. Entertainment Bar www.goldcoasttheatre.com.au BOOKINGS AVAILABLE on 07 5530 8337

<u>SPOTLIGHT NEWSLETTERS – CAN YOU HELP?</u>

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 printed records of most Spotlight Newsletters. HOWEVER WE ARE STILL MISSING A FEW.

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

An archive of all issues from SEPTEMBER 2010 TO PRESENT is available on the website (www.spotlighttheatre.com.au)

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