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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.



MAY 2022

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THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY
PROUDLY PRESENTS

WE WILL ROCK YOU

By QUEEN and Ben Elton

DIRECTED & CHOREOGRAPHED BY
CLAY ENGLISH

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
SHARI WILLNER

ASSOCIATE CHOREOGRAPHER
LAURA ENGLISH

HALPIN AUDITORIUM
13 MAY - 11 JUNE 2022

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Presidents Report

This month we see award winning director and choreographer **Clay English** bring to the Halpin Auditorium stage **We Will Rock You** the music of Queen and written by Ben Elton. If you love Queen then this is a show not to miss as this show guarantees to give you some surprises.

Tickets are on sale NOW so go to www.spotlighttheatre.com.au and book your tickets online or call the box office on 5539 4255 during shop hours. Show dates are 13 May to 11 June.

Little Shop of Horrors, directed by multi award winner **Jamie Watt**, is now in rehearsal. This show opens on 22 July through to 20 August and tickets will be on sale soon.

On 26 September we will be entertained by the **STARS** with their **Morning Melodies Concert**. Tickets are on sale now, online www.spotlighttheatre.com.au or call the box office 07 5539 4255. These wonderful ladies are a credit to the Spotlight family and it is great that they still tread the boards and showcase their undoubted talents. This show is being performed in the Halpin Auditorium.

The multi award winning international smash hit musical **THE BOY FROM OZ** directed and choreographed by international and Gold Coast icon **Drew Anthony**, makes its long-awaited debut at **The Star Gold Coast** for a strictly limited season from 14 October to 23 October. Bringing to life the behind-the-scenes story of legendary Australian entertainer Peter Allen, this production is presented by The **Spotlight Theatrical Company**, and will feature an all singing, all dancing cast of Queensland's top local community and professional musical theatre talent. **Tickets are sold through Ticketek and went on sale to Ticketek members on 19 April** and to the rest early May. This is a giant step for the theatre to take and it will showcase the amazing local talent and give the cast an opportunity to perform in front of a very large audience, so please support us and make this an outstanding success for our company. Book Now at www.ticketek.com.au or www.thestargoldcoast.com.au

November brings us **Grease** directed by the very talented **Joshua McCann-Thomson**. Show dates are 11 November to 10 December. Auditions will be held in July for this blockbuster and tickets will be on sale later in the year.

Whilst all this is happening, we also have all our **Youth Theatre** shows. Dates for these shows will be advised on the Youth Theatre page and we are very excited to see the 2022 students show us their talents.

Costume Hire Shop had a busy Easter and have lots of new costumes for hire. Please support us so that we can keep this valuable asset and service viable. As a Member you receive discount so don't forget to mention you are a Member.

Repairs continue to be done as funds become available and as the buildings' age, the need to replace and repair becomes more essential.

The Management Committee continue to work extremely hard to make sure that we can keep the company going and I thank them for their outstanding efforts that they give the Company every single day.

We also appreciate and thank all the other wonderful volunteers that give of their time freely to keep the costs down.

That's it from me for this edition.

I look forward to seeing you at a show soon, so until then, look after yourselves and each other

Best regards,

Duncan



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Gold Coast Theatre Alliance Inc.*



**Entry to the Spotlight Theatre Complex is currently subject to the following
COVID 19 MANDATES & ADVICE
Easing of Some Restrictions**

COVID SAFE - UPDATE 14 April 2022

As of 1am Thursday 14th April, The Spotlight Theatrical Company is again open to all patrons regardless of vaccination status. It is still a requirement to practice social distancing while at the theatre and whilst masks aren't mandatory, they are highly recommended if you cannot social distance. For more FAQ see the QLD Health website.

The Spotlight Theatre's Halpin Auditorium is operating at 100% capacity, following a COVID-Safe Checklist in line with Queensland Health requirements.

While no longer mandatory, we are following the guidelines of the now-revoked Industry plan for Live Performance Venues:

Patrons, performers and staff should not enter the Spotlight Theatre Complex if: They have COVID-19 related symptoms, have been in close contact with a person who is COVID-19 positive, they are required to self-isolate and the event falls within the isolation period.

Additional requirements of entry:

- Patrons agree to abide by all social distancing and health protocols.**
- Patrons agree to follow the instructions of venue staff at all times.**
- If patrons do not comply with protocols or authorised requests when on the venue premises they may be asked to leave immediately without refund or further recourse.**

We are making your safety our priority through social distancing, increased hygiene and cleaning and monitoring the health of our staff and patrons.

Best Regards

Duncan Sims

President

The Spotlight Theatrical Company

PLAYBILL SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED FOR 2023

Directors please present your submissions for
MUSICALS, PANTOMIMES and PLAYS
or other exciting suggestions
outlining your ideas for presentation during 2023.

**The Halpin
Auditorium**
• **Musicals**

**Basement
Theatre**
• **Pantos/Plays etc.**

Submissions close 30th June 2022

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

'Community Theatre Roundup'
Tune in to RADIO 4CRB – MONDAY 3.30pm
for this regular theatre Bulletin by JOEL BESKIN.

IF YOU MISS THE TIME SLOT YOU CAN VISIT
www.goldcoasttheatre.com.au to listen to
the latest recording and view all local shows.



The Gold Coast Theatre Alliance Inc. promotes, engages and
supports the diverse Regional Live Performing Arts Community.



We're
Searching for
Volunteers

***Keen to be part of the Spotlight Family
and support community theatre?***

**WHY NOT
Volunteer Today!**

We are looking for those wonderful volunteers who have an interest in Set Building, Painting, Back Stage Crew, Stage Managers, Lighting Operators, Sound Operators, Front of House, which includes Ushering, Bar Work, Raffle Selling, Door Greeting and many other tasks

If you have done similar roles before, then that is a bonus, but no experience is necessary as training and guidance will be provided.

Under current QLD Government Health Guidelines, all volunteers must be fully vaccinated or be able to show an approved exemption.

How do I sign up?

If you are keen to join the team then call 5539 4255 during the day or send an email to mailbox@spotlighttheatre.com.au

WE WILL ROCK YOU



SYNOPSIS

Set to the legendary songs of QUEEN, We Will Rock You follows the journey of a young man named Galileo caught up in a future world run by the Globalsoft Corporation where rock music has been destroyed. Upon having a vision, Galileo sets out to figure out the meaning of the strange thoughts in his head. Along the way he meets a young girl named Scaramouche who joins him and the Bohemians on a journey to discover the music of the past and to defeat the evil Killer Queen and her right hand man Kashoggi. For any lover of QUEEN, We Will Rock You will have you stomping your feet and is a guaranteed rockin' night out at the theatre.



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2022

PLAYBILL CALENDAR

UPDATED

Revision 3

*'Fostering an outlet for creative youth and community,
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enriches, engages and educates.'*

All performances will be held in The Halpin Auditorium.

**PUFFS ... Or Something Increasingly Eventful
Year at a Certain School of Magic and Magic**

Directed by Mitchell Walsh

Jan 14 - Feb 6

CALENDAR GIRLS

Directed by Helen Maden

Mar 11 - Apr 2

WE WILL ROCK YOU

Directed by Clay English

May 13 - Jun 11

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Directed by Jamie Watt

Jul 22 - Aug 20

GREASE

Directed by Joshua McCann-Thomson

Nov 11 - Dec 10

SPOTLIGHT ON CHRISTMAS

Hosted by Spotlight

Dec 16 - 18

Disclaimer: Subject to change without notice.



TICKET PRICING & BOOKINGS:

www.spotlighttheatre.com.au p. (07) 5539 4255

185-187 Ashmore Road Benowa

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THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

PROUDLY PRESENTS

**LITTLE SHOP
OF
HORRORS**

BOOK AND LYRICS BY

HOWARD ZASHMAN

MUSIC BY

ALAN MENKEN

BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN. SCREENPLAY BY CHARLES GRIFFITH
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY THE WPA THEATRE (KYLE RENICK, PRODUCING DIRECTOR)

ORIGINALLY PRODUCED AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE
NEW YORK CITY BY THE WPA THEATRE, DAVID GEFFEN, CAMERON MACKINTOSH AND
THE SHUBERT ORGANISATION

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ALL PERFORMANCE MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY HAL LEONARD AUSTRALIA.

DIRECTOR / CHOREOGRAPHER

JAMIE WATT

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

PETER LAUGHTON

22 JULY - 20 AUGUST 2022

THE HALPIN AUDITORIUM



STARS MORNING MELODIES CONCERT



**TICKETS
\$18**

**MORNING
TEA
PROVIDED**

Proudly presented by The Spotlight Theatrical Company
Monday 26th September 2022

at 10.30am

BOOK & PAY (07) 5539 4255

www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

Spotlight Theatre
Artist's Review Seniors
known as

STARS

Noni Buckland
STARS Liaison

We have performed seven shows since our last newsletter at the following venues:-

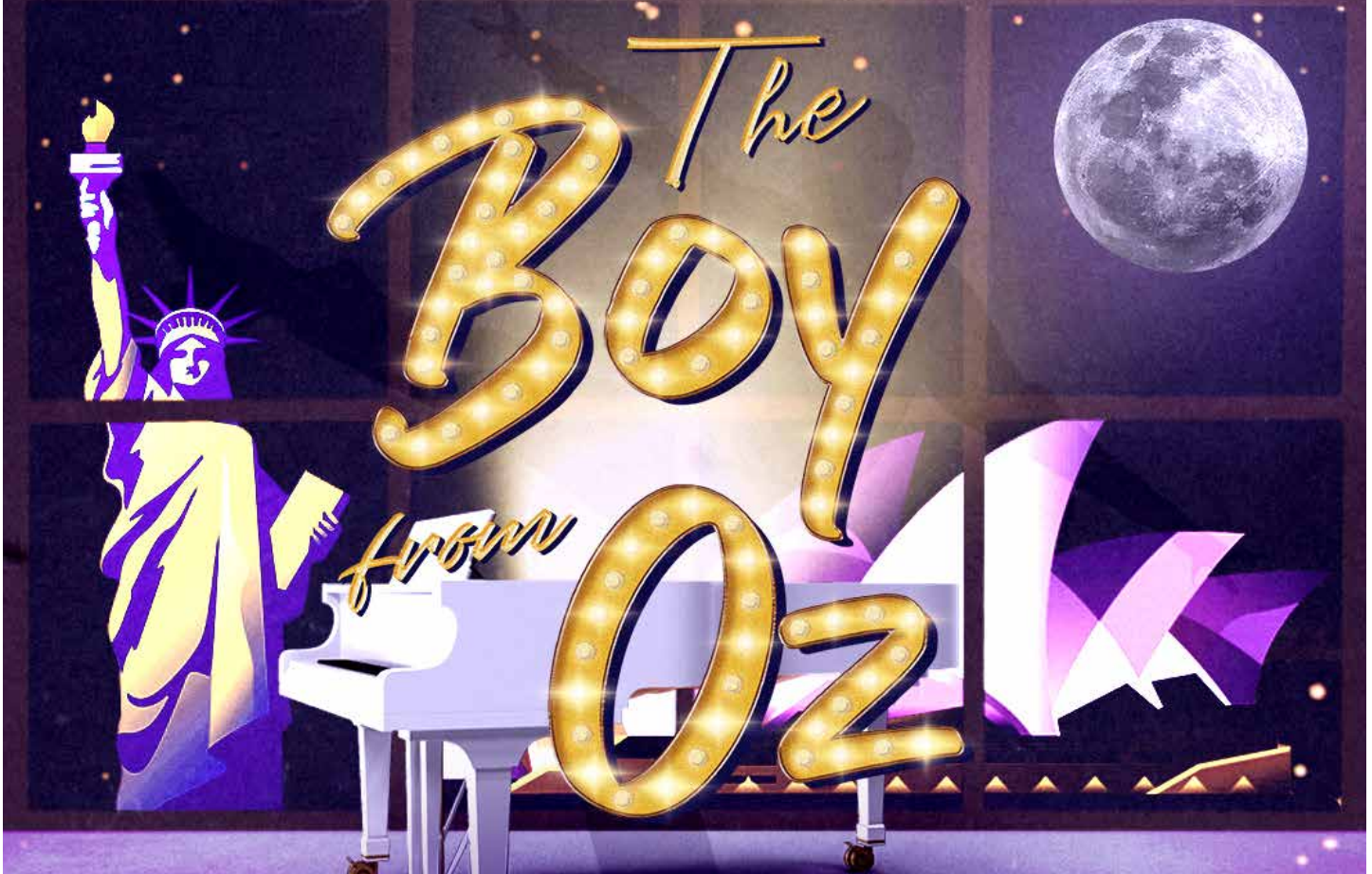
- 1 Opal Kirra
- 2 Sandbrook Burleigh
- 3 Broadbeach Seniors
- 4 Tricare Retirement Village – Runaway Bay
- 5 Arcare Helensvale
- 6 Bupa Pottsville
- 7 Lady Small Haven - Benowa

I have included two current photos: the first is Kerry, Samantha and myself in our rock and roll number and the other is of Gae in ***Orange Coloured Sky***.
Now back to the boards.

Noni



*The Spotlight Theatrical Company in association with
Drew Anthony Creative presents*



OCTOBER 14-23, 2022

Book now at [TICKETEK.com.au](https://www.ticketek.com.au) or at [thestargoldcoast.com.au](https://www.thestargoldcoast.com.au)



THE STAR
GOLD COAST



By arrangement with David Spicer Productions - www.davidspicer.com.au
Original production by Ben Gannon and Robert Fox. Music and lyrics by Peter Allen. Book By Nick Enright.
Subject to availability, change and cancellation. All guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian at all times.



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

Spotlight on Youth Theatre

CLASSES HELD AT: Unit 4 - 50 Johnston Street Studios & Spotlight Basement Theatre

TEACHING FRATERNITY & ADMINISTRATORS

TEACHERS: • HANNAH CROWTHER • MITCHELL WALSH • JORDAN BOYD MEL DORGE • GEORGIA BECK

TRAINEE TEACHERS: • LIAM LOCKWOOD • ETHAN SPEIGHT

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

YOUTH THEATRE REPORT

Term two has now commenced and we are happy to announce our shows for the coming terms:

Freshman Drama – ***Hammered.***

Senior Drama – ***She Kills Monsters.***

Intermediate Music Theatre – ***Seussical Kids.***

Freshman Music Theatre – ***Madagascar.***

Senior Music Theatre – ***Heathers.***

Sophomore Music Theatre – ***The Adams Family.***

Sophomore Drama – ***Puffs – One Act Play.*** (Young Wizard Edition).

Intermediate Drama and Junior Drama/Song and Dance – ***TBA*** soon.

Parents, please make sure you check your in boxes because I am sending out emails all the time regarding auditions, rehearsals etc.

Next Monday is the Labour Day weekend and we will be holding classes as usual.

If you write to Kay or I, can you please make sure you put the name and class of the student at the top, as it is so time consuming to identify the student amongst the 250+ students. Thank you all in advance.

We are still having some COVID problems but they are getting less each week which is wonderful.

I do not have any photos this month as I myself have had COVID so was unable to get to classes to take the photos.

Looking forward to attending class and seeing the progress of the students as they commence with their productions for the year.

Best wishes,

Val and Kay.



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TICKET PRICES - 2022 SEASON

MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS

Opening Night \$45.00

Adult \$40.00

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Child under 16 / Student \$30.00

Member \$32.00

Spotlight on Christmas (2022) \$25.00

WANTED SPOTLIGHT PROGRAMMES

HELEN MADEN – hpmaden2@gmail.com

MOB: 0423 926 976

Phone, Text or email if you can help!

Helen Maden, Spotlight's Programme Historian, is seeking the following programmes for our records.

1958: Happy Snaps – June

1979: California Suite

1989: A night of Nostalgia

1990: The Variety Five, Top Gear

1992: Something's Afoot,

1992: The New Fabulous Rhythm Boys

1995: Move Over Mrs Markham,

1995: Stop the World I Want to Get Off

1996: Little Shop of Horrors

1997: Company, Tangled Web

1998: Working

2000: Cash on Delivery,

2000: The Fantastiks,

2001: La Cage Aux Folles (1)

Missing Spotlighters CAN YOU HELP?

FRANK MILBURN HAS APPROXIMATELY WELL OVER 95% OF THE 'POTENTIAL' 550 ISSUES WHICH HE HAS IN SAFE KEEPING FOR THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY.

BELOW ARE THE MISSING ISSUES (although some may never have been printed (or posted to Frank) for varying reasons. means Digital Issues are available.

PLEASE PHONE ADMIN 07 5539 4255

or EMAIL shirley@spotlighttheatre.com.au

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES OR KNOW IF THEY WEREN'T PRINTED.

Nov 1972, Dec '75, May '76, Sep '76,
Oct '78, Apr '79, Mar '92,
Jan '94, Sep '97, Aug 2006,
Aug '09, Dec '12, Jan '13, Feb '13, Mar '13,
Apr '13, Dec '13, Jan '14, May '14.

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| Kane McCarthy | 2 | Yvette McCarthy | 2 |
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| Kerin Hannan | 1 | | |
| Lauren Burdett | 1 | | |
| Leigh Kealton | 1 | | |
| Lisa Story | 2 | | |

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

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 **\$3,000** 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.

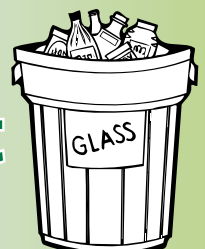
(They are recyclable so put them in your yellow top bin.)

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

**Thank you
for helping.**



Spotlight on Environment



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