



# The SPOTLIGHTER

Official Newsletter of  
**THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY**

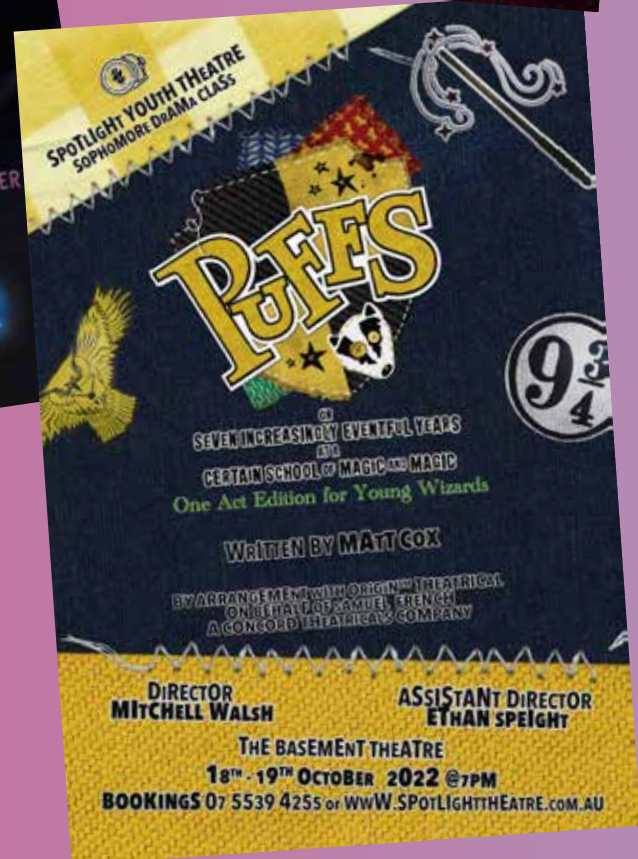
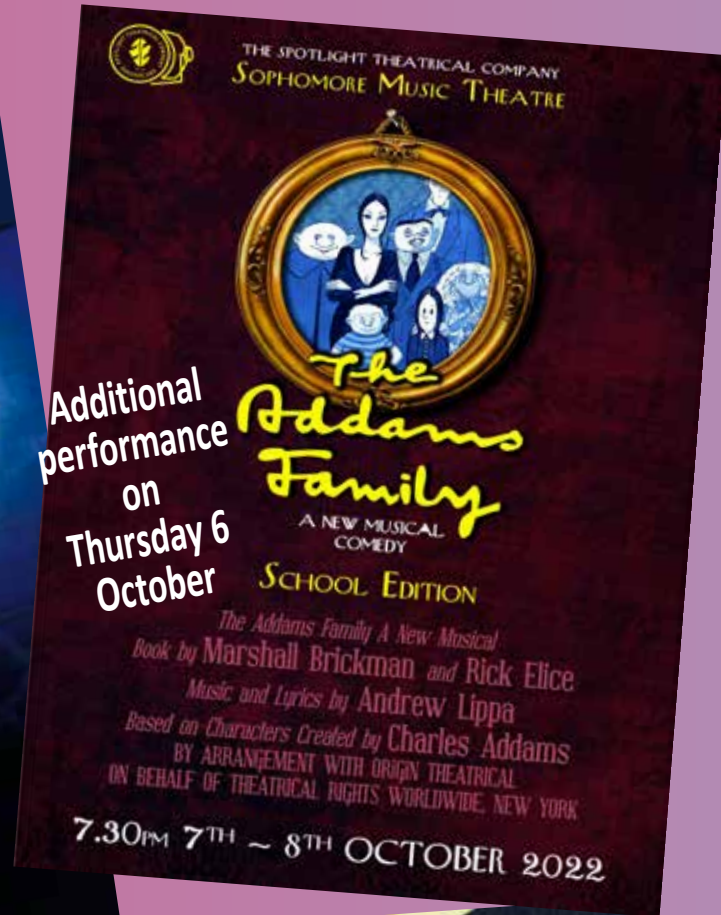
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**2023 Season  
Launch - Saturday  
October 1st at 7:30pm  
See page 2 for details**

**OCTOBER 2022**



It is with deep sadness and much regret that, due to various circumstances beyond our control, The Spotlight Theatrical Company has reluctantly had to make the difficult decision to cancel its production of *The Boy from Oz* at the Star Gold Coast on 14 October to 23 October 2022.

# 2023 Season Launch

🍷 **Saturday October 1st at 7:30pm**

The Spotlight Theatrical Company  
is launching it's 2023 Season with a bang,  
and you're invited to celebrate with a soiree event  
on Saturday October 1st at 7:30pm  
in the Halpin Auditorium.

Meet our team of directors,  
get a sneak peak of the 2023 season  
with live performances featuring some of the  
Gold Coast's best known performers including a special  
performance from the cast of GREASE  
and enjoy some canapes with drinks available for purchase.

This is a TICKETED FREE EVENT  
with limited tickets available and it will run out quickly.  
Tickets are available from 12pm Monday 26th September  
until 6pm Thursday 29th September  
at [www.spotlighttheatre.com.au](http://www.spotlighttheatre.com.au)

***Don't miss out, help us launch another blockbuster season!***

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



October was the month we were going to hold our biggest fundraising event ever at **The Star Gold Coast** but, unfortunately, through circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to achieve our vision or goal. We are very disappointed that we were not able to bring you **The Boy from OZ**. But in true Spotlight fighting spirit we carry on and will continue to bring you great shows for the rest of the year and 2023.

We are **Launching the 2023 Season on Saturday 1 October** where the Directors will talk about their show and we will have some guest artists performing as well. (As the Spotlighter gets printed early the information will be in next months edition).

Our Youth Theatre have been keeping us entertained with **Heathers** on 15 -17 September to sell out audiences. Congratulations to all the Students and Teachers for an outstanding show that was worthy of a longer season. The energy and enthusiasm these students gave out was a credit to them all. Thank you for such a magnificent show.

Our wonderful **STARS** performed their **Morning Melodies** on Monday 26 September to a very happy, receptive audience. Thank you to all the performers for entertaining us and a Big Thank you to the volunteers who assisted on the day to make sure everybody got Scones and Tea.

We next get to see our Youth Theatre students on 7 and 8 October as they perform **The Addams Family**. These two performances dates have already sold out so we have added an **extra performance on Thursday 6 October** so that everybody can get to see these wonderful students. Get in quick **Tickets are available online NOW**.

We then get to watch more of our Youth Students as they perform **Puffs** in the **Basement Theatre on 18 and 19 October. Tickets available NOW**.

Our final production of the year **Grease** directed by Josh McCann-Thomson is well into final rehearsals and is going to get the sell out Season rocking the Halpin Auditorium.

Plans for our annual **Spotlight on Christmas** are underway and Maestro Director Clay English is organising the event, so expect some surprises.

We have appointed **Michael Sutton** as our **Production Manager** and Michael will oversee all aspects of productions to make sure that we continue to bring you the very best entertainment.

**Costume Hire** should be busy this month with **Oktoberfest** and **Halloween**. There are plenty of costumes to hire, so please support our shop which helps the theatre pay the bills.

As always, the Company is busy and the new Management and Production Committees are full of energy to continue to make Spotlight Theatre the place to be.

Thank you for your continuing support and make sure that you look after yourselves and each other.

Best regards

**Duncan**



THIS NOVEMBER, *GREASE* IS THE WORD!

**GREASE**  
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11 NOVEMBER - 10 DECEMBER 2022  
*The Halpin Auditorium*

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The Cast for **Grease** has been announced and the following people have been successful.



Sandy	Portia Morris
Danny	Matt Domingo
Teen Angel	Dean Giltinan
Rizzo	Isabella Wiesenthal
Marty	Samantha Sherrin
Jan	Emilia Talbot
Frenchie	Tiahni Wilton
Kenickie	Clay English
Doody	Andrew King
Roger	Greyson Vaughn
Sonny	Angelina Marchant
Patty	Meghan Cooper
Eugene	Andrew Kassab

Miss Lynch	Debbie Tanna
Vince	Andy Macfarlane
Cha-Cha/Ensemble	Natalie Cassaniti
Johnny Casino/Rizzo U/S	Jaime O'Donoghue
Ensemble/Pink Ladies Swing	Lucy Martin
Ensemble/T-Birds Swing	Liam Gatt
Ensemble/Featured Dancer	Bianca Riek
Ensemble	Alex Corales
Ensemble	Nikki Wild

**CATCH THE FACEBOOK LAUNCH AND PICS SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 7.30PM (Halpin)**

### **GREASE CAST AND CREATIVES VISIT CURRUMBIN RSL's Grease Themed Trivia Evening**

A few of the cast and creatives went to Currumbin RSL to play **Grease** Themed Trivia.

Besides having a wonderful social evening together, the Spotlight Team came first! And one of the cast, Andrew King, even won best dressed with his T-Birds jacket he brought from home!

Hayley Cox, Stage Manager for **Grease**. (Photos Hayley)



# 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)



**SEUSSICAL CAST**  
(photos Noreena Wines  
and Georgia Beck)



The Freshman Music Theatre Class presented *Madagascar* September 9th & 10th in The Halpin Auditorium. This *photo* was taken on Opening Night by Teacher, Georgia Beck .



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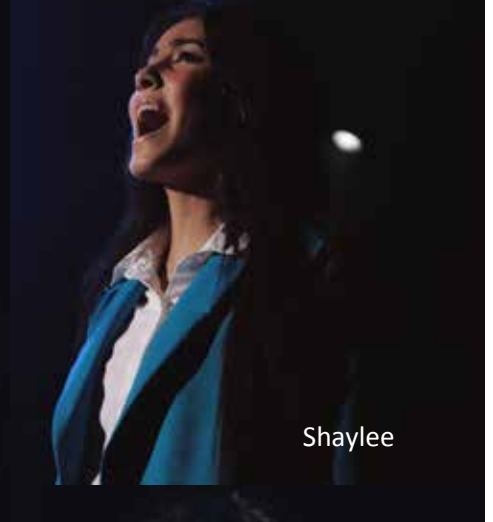
<i>Veronica</i> <b>Shaylee Gear</b>	<i>JD</i> <b>Jordan Lee</b>
<i>Heather Chandler</i> <b>Annie Chase Smith</b>	<i>Heather Macnamara</i> <b>Lucinda Murray</b>
<i>Heather Duke</i> <b>Gabriella Pegler</b>	<i>Martha Dunnstock</i> <b>Georgia Ogge</b>
<i>Kurt Kelly</i> <b>Isaiah Renai</b>	<i>Ram Sweeny</i> <b>Croft Philips</b>
<i>Pauline Fleming</i> <b>Isy Arthur</b>	<i>Principal Gowan</i> <b>Nina Boros</b>
<i>Coach Ripper</i> <b>Brayden Pilic</b>	<i>Bill Sweeny</i> <b>Zak Drew</b>
<i>Paul Kelly</i> <b>Charlie Hutchison</b>	<i>Mr Sawyer</i> <b>Zander Engel-Bowe</b>
<i>Mrs Sawyer</i> <b>Mikayla Osbourne</b>	<i>Big Bud Dead</i> <b>Sam Modra</b>
<i>Young Republicanette:</i> <b>Leah Erskine</b>	<i>Stoner Chick</i> <b>Eryka Gray</b>
<i>New Wave Girl</i> <b>Emma</b>	<i>Preppy Stud</i> <b>Tyrone Fitzgerald</b>
<i>Hipster Dork</i> <b>Jayden Ryan</b>	<i>Beleaguered Geek</i> <b>Ash Williams</b>
<i>Ensemble:</i> <b>Lily Malone, Ruby Tate, Starla Weber, Zoe Courage, Rose King, Ayesha Parker, Arron Schwarcz, Jemma Gibson</b>	



The Three Heathers



The Three Heathers



Shaylee



The Three Heathers



Jordan in 711



## SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE NEWS

The Youth Theatre has had such a busy month. The first production was *Seussical Kids* and what a great show that was. It was held in the Basement Theatre over two nights. Well done Intermediate Music Theatre students, it was so entertaining.

The following week the Freshman Music Theatre students produced *Madagascar* which was really good and everyone loved it. It was held in the Halpin Theatre and the students made great use of the larger space on stage. They were very excited.

The final Music Theatre show before the printing of Spotlighter for October, was *Heathers*. It was very evident that the students had worked very hard on this production as it was a great success. The students played to a full house every night with three performances.

Well done to the teachers who once again moved the bar higher. Each year the shows get better and even more professional.

We are not finished yet, with Sophomore Music Theatre performing *The Addams Family* in October, under the direction of Miss Mel and Miss Georgia.

We have a number of Drama productions in October starting with Sophomore Drama *Puffs – One Act Play* under the direction of Mr. Mitch and Mr. Ethan.

Intermediate Drama will perform *The Girl with the Golden Locks* in November and last but by no means least, the Junior Drama and Song and Dance class will also perform in November. Both of these are productions are under the direction of Miss Hannah, Miss Jordan and Mr. Ethan.

We also have the Drama Festival which will be held on the 21st and 22nd November and the Music Theatre Festival, which will be held on the 5th and 6th December.

So, there is still a lot to look forward to.

We have printed a few photos of the productions; these were kindly taken by teachers and Noreena.

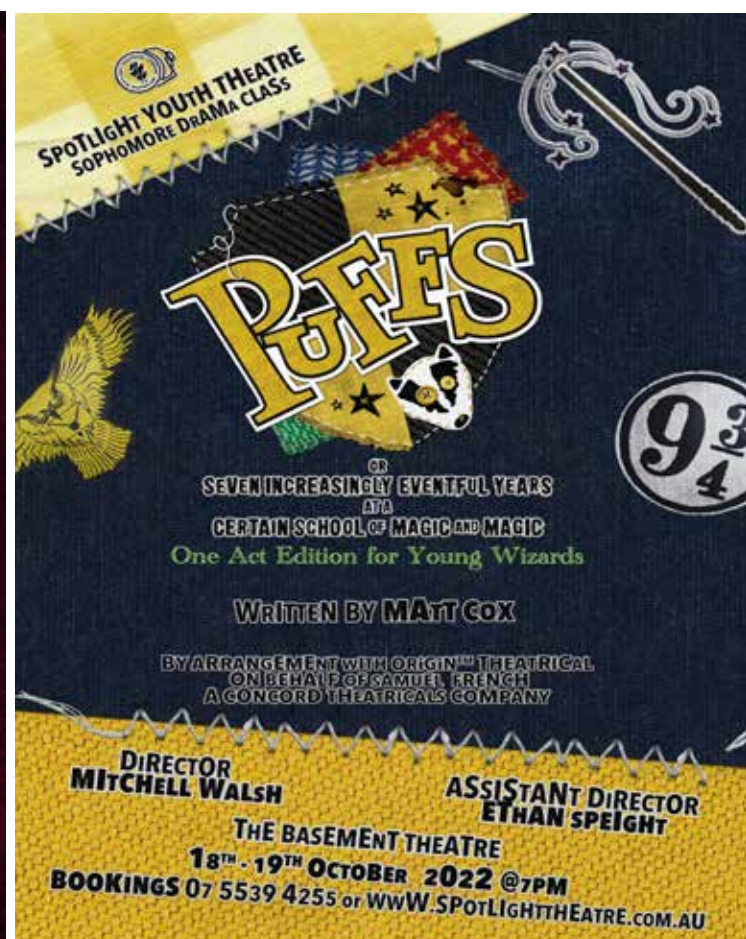
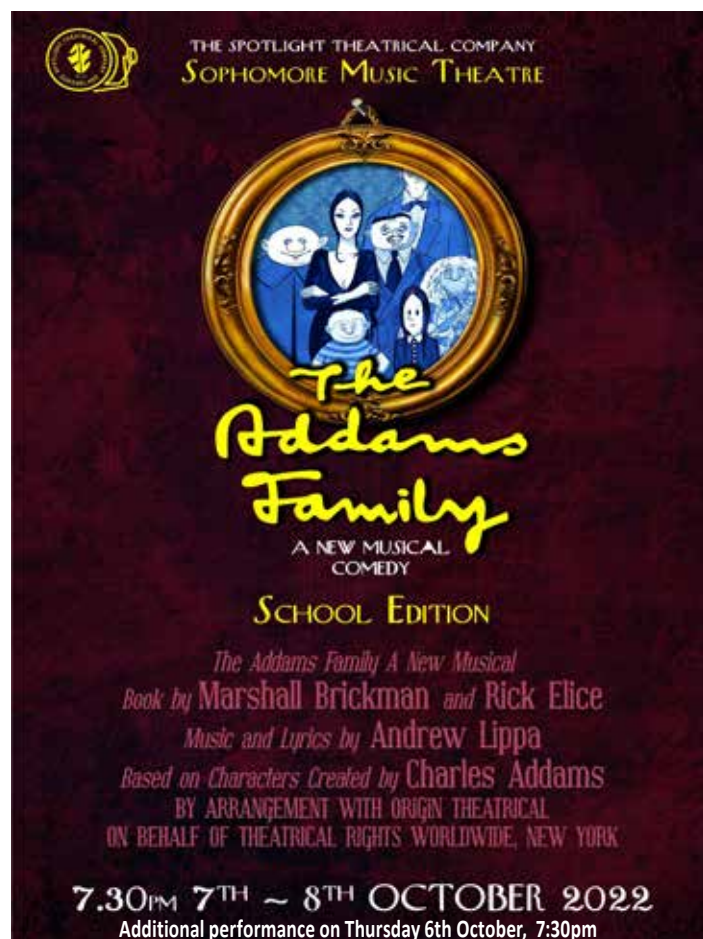
Kay has now sent out invoices for term four and payment is due before the commencement of classes on the 3rd October.

Keep your eyes open for email notices regarding the rehearsals and shows, as it is our best form of communication.

It has been really nice to put faces to the names of the parents that I speak to during the year and I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming three months.

Kind regards,

**Val (YT Administrator) & Kay (YT Accountant) – Spotlight Youth Theatre**



**THE STARS**  
*present their  
very enjoyable  
2022 MORNING MELODIES  
to a very receptive  
audience 26/9/2022*





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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Is bestowed on

# ERICA GRAHAM



Erica joined the Company in 2004 when her daughter performed in her first show. Soon after Erica starting volunteering to do various projects at the theatre. Erica becomes very passionate about any project she takes on and always give 100% and being a perfectionist always goes that extra mile to make sure everything goes well. Erica has filled many roles at the theatre including being an assistant to the Director for several of our very successful shows as well as being a member of the Management Committee and in recent years as Vice- President. Erica is always available to assist in any matters and is often at the theatre on a daily basis doing tasks that no one ever knows about to make sure that the theatre is always the best it can be. Her commitment and loyalty to the company is unquestionable and is greatly appreciated by the members. Erica is never afraid to tackle the difficult tasks head on and her diligence is a wonderful asset to the Company.

Duncan Sims President

16 August 2022

## 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 **\$4,100** 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 2022, so please help us to help you to help the environment.

Thank you  
for helping.



## Spotlight on Environment



## Community Theatre Roundup

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MONDAY 3.30pm

for this regular  
Theatre Bulletin  
by JOEL BESKIN.

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Brian Graham	1
Bryn Jenke	1
Brooke Daley	2
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David Corby	1
David McNeven	5
Dawn Briggs	1
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Deborah Bolt	1
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Doreen Hinton	1
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Joel & Margaret Beskin	2
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Kane McCarthy	2
Karyn Lively	1
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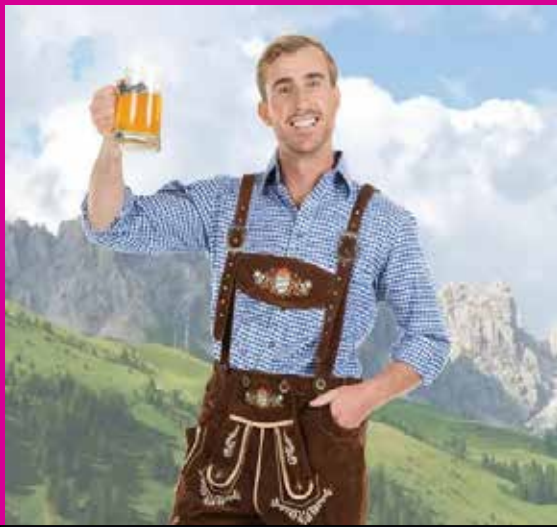
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### Donations received from

**Darryl Nesbitt – \$2500 towards Carpark Upgrade**  
**Trish Pedersen – \$1000**  
**Robyn Collins – \$500**  
**Elinor and Graham Cox – \$60**  
**Mary Gerrard – \$202**  
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### **How do I sign up?**

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# The Spotlight

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# 2022

PLAYBILL CALENDAR  
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*All performances will be held in The Halpin Auditorium.*

**PUFFS ... Or Seven Increasingly Frightful  
Years 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

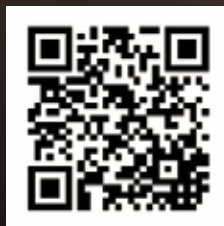
**GREASE**  
*Directed by Joshua McCann-Thomson*

Nov 11 - Dec 10

**SPOTLIGHT ON CHRISTMAS**  
*Hosted by Spotlight*

Dec 16 - 18

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