



# Spotlight Theatre

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## The SPOTLIGHTER Official Newsletter of The Spotlight Theatrical Company

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**SEPTEMBER 2023**



### From our President

It is incredible that we are into September already and we are preparing for our final production of the year with the musical made famous by Olivia Newton John.

**Xanadu** Directed by the multi award winning **Jamie Watt**. The fantastic cast has been selected and rehearsals have commenced to bring this next blockbuster show in the Halpin Auditorium.

**Tickets on sale from 12pm Wednesday 6 September to members via the Box Office 55394255 and go online to General Public on Wednesday 13 September.** This show will surely have you singing, and dancing so book your seats as soon as you can on [www.spotlighttheatre.com.au](http://www.spotlighttheatre.com.au)

Our **Youth Theatre Students** are entertaining us through September and October and their shows are listed in this newsletter and tickets are available for all their performances.

We have a special announcement in this newsletter, which I am very excited about! Community Theatre is a place that so many people enjoy, and we feel like part of a much larger family.

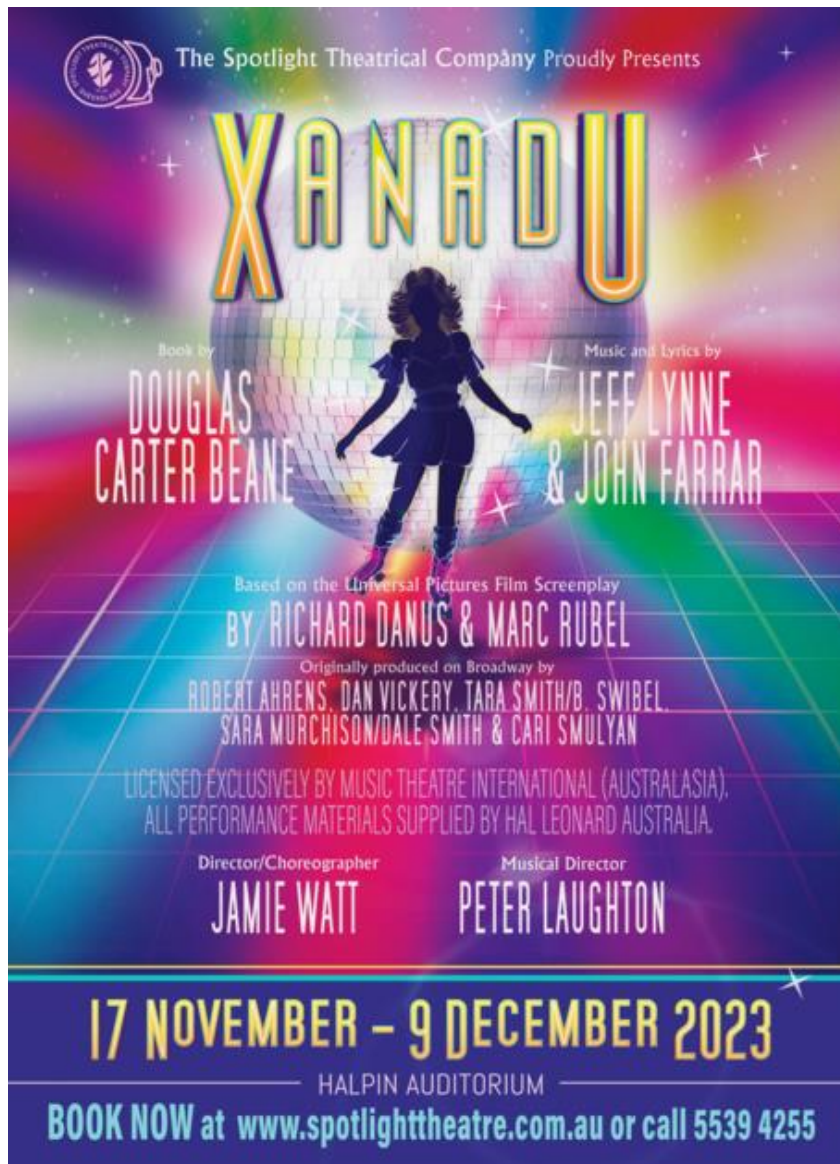
Finally, I would like to thank those that attended the recent AGM and voted your new Committee to serve you for the next twelve months. I appreciate your support and faith in me as your President and I will endeavour to continue to keep the standard that we have set ourselves along with my fellow committee members. To the retiring Committee members, I thank you for your wonderful contribution to keep Spotlight Theatre as the leading community theatre on the Gold Coast.

Until next time look after yourself and each other  
Duncan Sims

Next Show

# XANADU

Directed by Jamie Watt



The Spotlight Theatrical Company Proudly Presents

# XANADU

Book by DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

Music and Lyrics by JEFF LYNNE & JOHN FARRAR

Based on the Universal Pictures Film Screenplay  
BY RICHARD DANUS & MARC RUBEL

Originally produced on Broadway by  
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Musical Director  
**PETER LAUGHTON**

**17 NOVEMBER – 9 DECEMBER 2023**

HALPIN AUDITORIUM

**BOOK NOW** at [www.spotlighttheatre.com.au](http://www.spotlighttheatre.com.au) or call 5539 4255

## Advance Booking

Tickets on sale to Members and Cast from 12.00pm Wednesday 6 September by phone 55394255 or in person at Ticket Office at Costume Hire during trading hours  
Tickets available online from Wednesday 13 September to General Public.

# *Spotlight Youth Theatre*

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

All the shows have now been selected for our Youth theatre classes, and the Teachers and students are busy preparing to bring us some great performances. This is the future of the Company so come along and watch these future stars perform on stage.

Performance Dates:

**INTERMEDIATE MUSICAL THEATRE: Dance till you Drop** Friday 1 and Saturday 2 September.

The students did very well to bring this show to life and the audience loved seeing the students perform. Well done to All

**SOPHOMORE DRAMA: The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon** Friday 8 and Saturday 9 September

**SOPHOMORE MUSICAL THEATRE: We Will Rock You young @part** Thursday 5, Friday 6 and Saturday 7 October

**SENIOR MUSICAL THEATRE: 9 to 5 the Musical** Thursday 12, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 October

**FRESHMAN MUSICAL THEATRE: Into the Woods Jnr** Tuesday 17 and Wed 18 October

**INTERMEDIATE DRAMA: Wizard of Oz** Saturday 21 October

**JUNIOR DRAMA SONG & DANCE:** Saturday 21 October

**FRESHMAN DRAMA: Makin' It** Friday 27 and Saturday 28 October

**SENIOR DRAMA: A Game of Tiara's** Thursday 2, Friday 3 and Saturday 4 November

Tickets available from Box Office on 55394255 or online [www.spotlighttheatre.com.au](http://www.spotlighttheatre.com.au)

Spotlight Youth Theatre has classes accommodating students from grade 2 to 12. Specialisations in both Music Theatre and Drama are offered, with classes grouped into three streams : Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The Teachers are of an extremely high standard, earning Spotlight Theatre an outstanding reputation in the performing arts. Many of our graduates have gone on to work in the Professional arena.

Our wonderful Teachers for this year are **Hannah Crowther, Melissa Dorge, Ethan Speight, Catherine Lewis, Georgia Beck, Lucy Martin, Sarah Hunt, Alana Schokman and Mollie Penberthy**

# A message from the Presidents



Raising the bah and shining a little gold spotlight on  
Community Theatre

## From the Presidents of Javeenbah, Spotlight and GCLT.

There is something special about community theatre and for us on the Gold Coast it's even more special. We have three theatres so close to each other, offering more opportunity to people who want to get involved. We can support each other and lend a hand when needed. We cheer each other on and we want to celebrate this. That's why we have come together and planned a time for us all to put down our librettos, paint brushes, microphones and turn off the lights to unite as one community.

The GOLD UNITY GALA will be a new annual event to celebrate community theatre, a time to come together and simply have a great time. The night is themed Gold, and of course being theatricals we love to get dressed in our best, so let's go all out! Ball gowns and all. The event will cost \$65 a head, to cover the cost of the 3-course meal. The bar will be open! And we will have a live band to entertain us.

Why are we doing this? To put it simply, we want to thank our volunteers for everything they do. You come in at all hours to prepare a show, you serve our patrons, you fix things, you perform, you operate our tech, you manage our theatres and productions. We do not exist without you all and we want to bring you all together to say thank you. So many of us work between at least two of the theatres, if not all of them, we lend sets, props and costumes to each other. All of this is needed to keep theatre alive and at our Gold Unity Gala we will be able to connect in a different way, away from the theatres but knowing we are all there because of our common love for community.

Of course, the night is not only for us, we welcome everyone that has been to, or has considered coming to one or all of our spaces. Maybe you have been involved and have had to put theatre aside for a moment, maybe as time has gone on, it has become more challenging to perform or give up your time. This night is for all of us and an opportunity to reconnect, and to connect with people we do not know, but have a common interest.

We are so excited to bring this to life after years of discussions, and we hope to see you there! If you haven't guessed by the photo, the Gala will be held at SOPO (previously the Southport R.S.L) tickets are available from each of the theatre's websites. Just head to the Gold Unity Gala link! Tickets are general admission, a seating plan will be drawn up once we have final numbers. We will set the room based on tickets, if you wish to sit with a particular person/s, please book your tickets under 1 name. If you would like to be seated with a particular show (e.g. *Spamalot*) please email us at [goldunitygala@gmail.com](mailto:goldunitygala@gmail.com) with the show title and the name of your booking, please include the show name in the subject. Otherwise, which ever theatre you have booked through we will take this as your preferred seating option.

In summary: Gold Unity Gala

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Where: SOPO Southport (previously Southport R.S.L)

Cost: \$65

Dress Code: Formal (gold theme)

Ticket close: 11:59pm October 31<sup>st</sup>

Look forward to seeing you there,  
**Jocelyn, Duncan, Stuart**

You can book here <https://spotlight.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/113173> or on Javeenbah and GCLT websites.

## The Spotlight Theatrical Company Management Committee 2023/24

### Executive Committee 2023-2024

**President:** Duncan Sims

**Vice President:** Erica Graham

**Treasurer:** Michelle Edwards

**Secretary:** Noreena Wines

**Committee Members:** Dean Giltinan, Pina Omeros, Hayley Cox, Nicky Fisser

Other Positions will be announced over the next month once the Committee has met. Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month at 7-30pm either at the Theatre or by Zoom. If you have any items or matters that you would like to bring to the Committee please write to the Secretary [secretary@spotlighttheatre.com.au](mailto:secretary@spotlighttheatre.com.au) at least 7 days prior to a scheduled meeting so that it can be added to the agenda.

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