



The Spotlighter



Official Newsletter of The Spotlight Theatrical Company Inc.
Gold Coast Queensland Australia

Fostering an outlet for creative youth and community, while seeking to produce vibrant, quality entertainment that enriches, engages, and educates.

December 2024 & January 2025

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

70 YEARS The Spotlight Theatrical Company
Proudly presents

FAME

THE MUSICAL

Conceived and Developed by David De Silva

Book by Jose Fernandez Lyrics by Jacques Levy Music by Steve Margoshes

Title Song "Fame" written by Dean Pitchford and Michael Gore

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)

Music Director: Matt Pearson Director: Stuart Morgan Associate Director: Dean Giltinan

Halpin Auditorium
7th February - 1st March 2025
www.spotlighttheatre.com.au





THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY TURNS SEVENTY



CREATED IN 1955

OUR FIRST PRODUCTION FOR 2025 IS



Halpin Auditorium

Directed by Stuart Morgan

"I'm gonna live forever!"

Fame the Musical follows the highs and lows of the final class of New York City's illustrious High School for the Performing Arts from their first year in 1980 to their graduation in 1984. It tells the story of several of the students, depicting their struggles, triumphs and tumultuous relationships with sincerity and dramatic effect. We see the struggles of ambition, fame, and self-confidence through the eyes of the students as they explore the realities of striving for a career in show business.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

<https://spotlight.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/142246>

CONGRATULATIONS

to our
2024 Gold Palm Theatre Awards
Winners

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**THE PLATINUM PALM AWARD**

**Awarded to Zoe Nourse and Lea Vosti**

For over 30 years of all sorts of theatrical activity for Spotlight Theatre  
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Lea receiving the award at the Dracula's on Monday 2 December
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**BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE  
IN A COMMUNITY THEATRE PLAY**

**Rory Impellizzeri in "BURN"**

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BEST TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT or EFFECT

Clay English and Justin Leggereit

For "GHOST" Projection and Technical effects

Our Christmas and New Year Trading Hours

CLOSED: Monday 23 to Sunday 29 December Inclusive and Wednesday 1 January to Sunday 5 January Inclusive

OPEN: 10 am Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December (NYE) and regular hours from 6 January

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

COSTUME HIRE

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OPENING HOURS
10am to 4pm
Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat

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THOUSANDS OF COSTUMES FOR HIRE. DISCOUNT FOR SPOTLIGHT MEMBERS

FRIENDLY EXPERT SERVICE AND ADVICE

COSTUME HIRE OPENED MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO AND HAS BEEN SERVING THE GOLD COAST COMMUNITY WITH UNIQUE AND EXCEPTIONAL COSTUMES EVER SINCE.

Our Annual Gold Unity Gala is being held on
20 January 2025

At SOPO (Southport RSL)

This is a combined event run by the Presidents of Spotlight Theatre,
Gold Coast Little Theatre and Javeenbah Theatre.



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

More details to come so lock this date in your Calendar NOW!

2025 sees GCLT turn 75, Spotlight turn 70 and Javeenbah 50 Tickets on
Sale Now

<https://spotlight.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/143535>



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Councillor Brooke Patterson

Division 6

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VALE TONY ALCOCK



It is with much heartfelt sadness that we advise of the passing of our beloved Tony Alcock on 26 November 2024. Tony was a Life Member of Spotlight Theatre who was an inspiration to all who had the pleasure to work with him. After a career-long participation in professional performing arts as an actor, comedian, writer, director, producer, costumier, scenery designer/artist/ constructor, manager, publicist, wrangler, and administrative leader in all things concerned with live performance; mainly stage but also film, street performance and management, plus a penchant for appropriate Catering. He brought these attributes to Spotlight and became the heartbeat of Spotlight for many years. Beside his outstanding performances he became a Mentor to many: Technical, professional, and personal advice, morale-building reassurance, clever tips, and individual bolstering. Always freely available to those who sought it but never imposed. Members and a whole range of Spotlight participants of all ages prospered from his continuing advice.

The Spotlight Family send their deepest condolences and love to Tony's family and his son Tim . If asked to summarise himself, we think Tony would say "I am what I am."

Tony you will be sorely missed by all.

SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE

Spotlight Youth Theatre has classes accommodating students from grade 2 – 12 and a Young Adult class for students over 18 years of age.

Specialisations in both Music Theatre and Drama are offered, with classes grouped into four streams: Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Young Adult.

The teachers are of an extremely high standard, earning Spotlight Youth Theatre an outstanding reputation in the Performing Arts. Many of our graduates have gone on to work in the professional theatre.

Contact the Youth Theatre Administrators for more information at secretary@spotlighttheatre.com.au

JOEL BESKIN HEART OF THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP



The 2024 Recipients

Drama Savandy Andrea

Musical Theatre Emerson Bell and Sienna Kerger



SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE

This year we introduced the

LEA VOSTI ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

This will be awarded each year to a student in either Sophomore or Freshman Drama class and a student in Freshman Musical Theatre class.

The Inaugural 2024 Recipients

Drama Christian Myers



Musical Theatre Zara Miller



Lea was able to watch the students perform and present them with their awards.



OUR FIRST PRODUCTION IN THE BASEMENT THEATRE 2025



Written and Directed by Helen Maden



The Spotlight Theatrical Company
Proudly presents

The Universe Has Your Back

By Helen Maden



Friendship, Discovery, Loss, Love

Basement Theatre
28 March - 12 April 2025
www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

We had to get the roof fixed before the summer storms came.
This meant scaffolding be erected around the building.



When you visit the theatre next time you will see we also have had some painting done to spruce the place up as we celebrate 70 years in business.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DATE CLAIMER

SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2025

THIS IS THE DAY WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY
MORE DETAILS TO COME IN NEXT EDITION



Its nearly time to celebrate turning



Peter Maden has been compiling the history of the last 25 years of the Company and once this is completed you will be able to purchase a copy. Thank you Peter for all the hours you have put in to collate all the information



I had the pleasure and privilege of recently watching our former Youth Theatre Student Tymyka Wines perform in her first professional role as a lead in Round the Twist the Musical at QPAC. Congratulations Tymyka We are all very proud of you.

PARKING IN BENOWA GARDENS SHOPPING CENTRE

Spotlight Theatre

SMART PARKING

Customer Validation

SCAN QR CODE BELOW
FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO VALIDATE

Failure to validate parking:
An **\$88.00 parking breach notice** will be issued
Refer to the Parking Terms & Conditions for full detail

Trading in Australia as Smart Compliance Management

The Management Committees of Spotlight Theatre and Benowa Gardens Shopping Centre have worked together to extend patrons' free underground parking at the Shopping Centre when attending the Theatre.

Patrons now receive a **FURTHER TWO HOURS FREE PARKING** in addition to the standard three hours, provided our QR Code is used to validate parking.

(The QR Code is also displayed prominently around the Theatre Complex)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Patrons must park in the Underground Car Park and must validate parking by using our QR Code.
- Failure to validate parking will result in an \$88.00 Parking Breach Notice.

Please support the businesses at the Benowa Gardens Shopping Centre as they have kindly supported Spotlight Theatre by allowing our Patrons to stay longer than the three-hour limit, provided they park in the underground carpark and validate their parking.

The Management Committee wish all our Spotlight Family and Friends a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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