



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.

July 2024

OPENS THIS FRIDAY 19 July

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION in the Halpin Auditorium

Directed by Clay English

Tickets online now

<https://spotlight.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/135295>

The Spotlight Theatrical Company
Proudly presents

GHOST

THE MUSICAL

Book & Lyrics by
BRUCE JOEL RUBIN

Music & Lyrics by
DAVE STEWART & GLEN BALLARD

Based on the Paramount Pictures film written by Bruce Joel Rubin

Original West End Production Produced by
Colin Ingram, David Garfinkle, Adam Silberman, Land Line Productions,
Donovan Mannato, Michael Edwards / Carole Winter

"Unchained Melody"
Written by Hy Zaret and Alex North, courtesy of Unchained Melody Publishing LLC
Orchestrations by David Abbinanti

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL
ON BEHALF OF THEATRICAL RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, NEW YORK

Director & Choreographer Musical Director Associate Choreographer
CLAY ENGLISH **SHARI WILLNER** **LAURA ENGLISH**

Halpin Auditorium
19 July - 17 August 2024
www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

GHOST

The Musical

Director/Choreographer: Clay English
Musical Director: Shari Willner
Associate Choreographer: Laura English

Adapted from one of the most romantic films of all time by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin, "*Ghost the Musical*" transports audiences into the heart-wrenching tale of Sam and Molly, whose youthful romance takes an unexpected and dramatic turn when Sam's life is tragically cut short.

Trapped between two worlds and grappling with his newfound spectral existence, Sam refuses to leave Molly when he learns she is in grave danger. In his desperate quest to protect Molly and avenge his death, Sam seeks an unlikely ally in Oda Mae Brown, a sassy and street-smart storefront psychic with an unexpected gift of communicating with the beyond. Together, they embark on a supernatural journey that defies the boundaries of life and death.

Through mesmerizing music by Dave Stewart (Eurythmics) and Glen Ballard (Jagged Little Pill, Thriller) and captivating performances, "*Ghost the Musical*" is a spellbinding theatrical experience that will leave audiences breathless and believing in the enduring power of love, even beyond the bounds of life and death.

About the Director



Clay is a seasoned Director as well as an accomplished Choreographer and experienced Actor. Clay has directed many shows at Spotlight such as Spamalot, Singing in the Rain, Catch me if you Can, We Will Rock You. Ghost was a show that Clay always wanted to direct so when it became available Spotlight Theatre had no hesitation in securing the rights. Clay's talents can be seen at every show that Spotlight produces as our resident photographer and videographer. He also creates the content for our screens as well as assisting with many other aspects that puts a show to life.

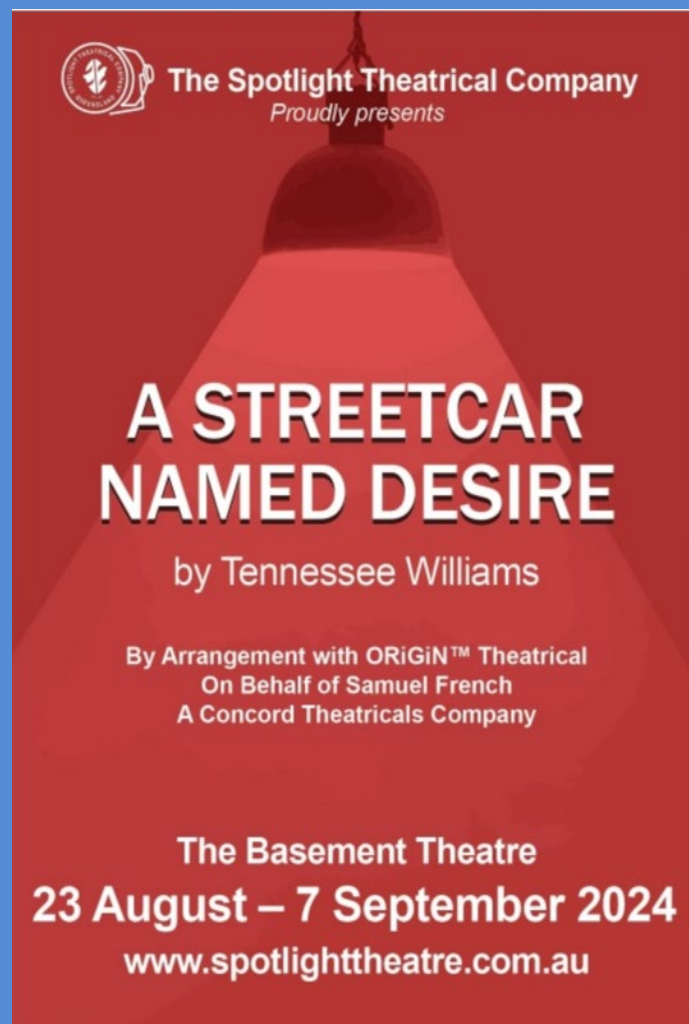
Coming Up

Directed by Hunter Wall

Tickets on sale Members Wednesday 24 July at 12pm

Call Ticket Office 553942555 or in Person

General Public online Wednesday 31 July at 12pm



Winner of the prestigious Pulitzer Prize,

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE is one of the most critically acclaimed plays of the twentieth century.

Tennessee William's steamy and shocking landmark drama, recreated as the immortal film starring Marlon Brando and Vivian Leigh, is one of the most influential plays in the theatrical canon, and considered one of the greatest in American Drama.

The play dramatises the life of a fading southern belle Blanche Dubois as she becomes adrift in the modern world. When she arrives to stay with her sister Stella in a crowded, boisterous corner of New Orleans, her delusions of grandeur bring her into conflict with Stella's crude, brutish husband Stanley. Eventually their violent collision course causes Blanche's fragile sense of identity to crumble, threatening to destroy her sanity and her one chance of happiness.

Spotlight Youth Theatre

CLASSES HELD AT: Unit 4 - 50 Johnston Street Studios & Spotlight Basement Theatre
OUR YOUTH THEATRE SEASON DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER
Tickets for these Productions will be online 1st August.

HALPIN AUDITORIUM: Senior Musical

CRY BABY 12, 13 & 14 September.

BASEMENT THEATRE: Senior Drama

HOW TO VOTE 3,4, 5 October.

HALPIN AUDITORIUM: Sophomore Musical

CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

10,11,12 October

BASEMENT THEATRE: Freshman Drama

BIZ TOWN 18, 19 October

**HALPIN AUDITORIUM: Freshman and Intermediate
Musical**

FROZEN JNR 25,26 October

BASEMENT Sophomore Drama

**THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE
NIGHT-TIME 1,2, November**

BASEMENT THEATRE: Intermediate Drama

BEDTIME ADVENTURES 9 November

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LOOK WHO'S TURNING 90



Life Member Judith Dautel celebrates her 90th Birthday on 15 July 2024
Your Spotlight Family wishes you a very Happy Birthday and thanks you for all you have done
for Spotlight Theatre over many years. It is appreciated by us all.
Enjoy the Celebrations



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Spotlight on Environment

Thank you to all our patrons who have been bringing in their cans and bottles to support our fund-raising efforts. Since we joined the scheme, we have raised over \$7000 and now that wine and spirit bottles are included in the scheme we should be able to quickly increase our income

SPONSOR A CHAIR

Your donation will be gratefully acknowledged with a NAME PLAQUE

Please donate to Spotlight Theatre today as every dollar can make a difference. Your generous support will enable us to keep the community of live entertainment "LIVE" and continue to flourish.

We are registered as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) organisation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It's that time of the year when we hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The date has been set for **Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 7pm** in the Halpin Auditorium.

As per the constitution, all Committee positions are vacated, and we therefore seek enthusiastic individuals who feel they would like to be part of the 2024/25 Spotlight management committee. Nomination forms will be available on the website or in Costume Hire from 1 August. Current committee members can nominate again.

I look forward to seeing many of you so that we can report on the year just gone and our vision for the year ahead. See you there!

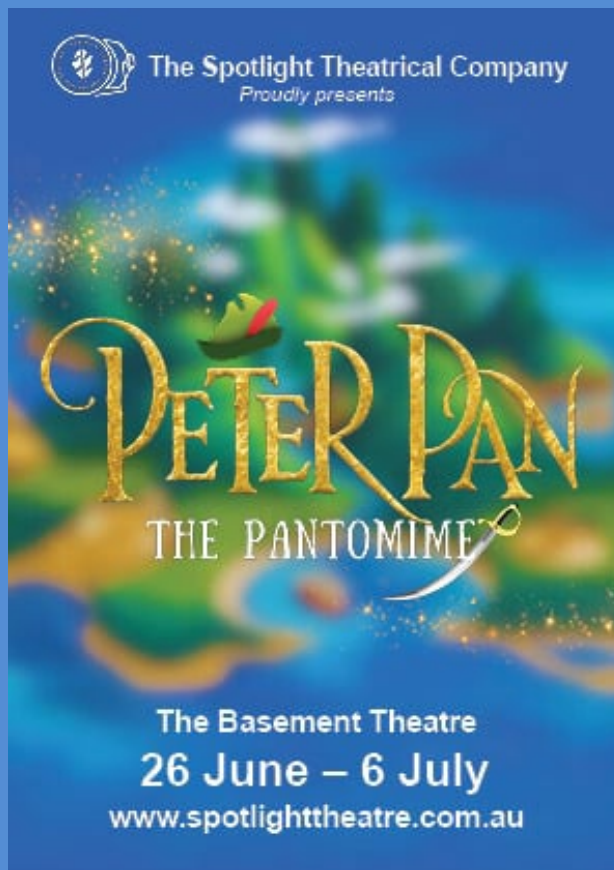


Photo shows Wendy, played by **Leah Erskine**, Peter Pan played by **Asher Briggs**, special guest **Anneke**, Tinkerbell, played by **Madalyn Davies**, Captain Hook, played by **Andy MacFarlane**, special guest Julia, and Smee played by **Neil Watson**.

Congratulations to Director **Lucy Martin** and the wonderful cast and crew for providing so much fun and entertainment. Peter Pan – The Pantomime was written by **Nathan French** who is a former student of our Youth Theatre. Photo courtesy of Deb Bolt

Remembering and Honouring Zoe Nourse



Photo of some of the Spotlight Family with Lea Vosti to celebrate the life of her twin sister and life member Zoe Nourse on 7 July at Golden Crest Manors. It was a very special occasion with over 150 family and friends joining together and sharing their stories of Zoe. Photo Courtesy of Deb Bolt

Open letter from Lea Vosti

Hi Duncan,

I just wanted to thank you and Spotlight Theatrical Company for everything that was done to help me and the family of Zoe Nourse during our most difficult time. As you are aware, Spotlight has been a major part of mine and Zoe's life for many years and we have always enjoyed being a part of the "Spotlight Family".

Thank you for coming to see her in the 2 weeks, every day and for the support that you and Erica Graham gave us in the last 2 weeks of Zoe's life, it was immeasurable and helped us navigate the raw beginnings of our loss. With you and Erica, both driving myself and Zoe's daughter Tina, to and from hospital visits, then hospice visits and home, it was so reassuring to have had that concern of how to get somewhere alleviated by your generosity of time and support. We are grateful that you were also able to attend her celebration of life, to speak and share memories of Zoe's contribution to Spotlight and recognition of her life membership as it was such an important part of her life in the last few decades. I would also like to thank Spotlight for the flowers to brighten up Zoe's room, both in the hospital and hospice.

I look forward to continuing to be a part of the Spotlight Family and am highly anticipating seeing the new production of "Ghost". Thanking you, Lea Vosti

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