



# The Spotlighter



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

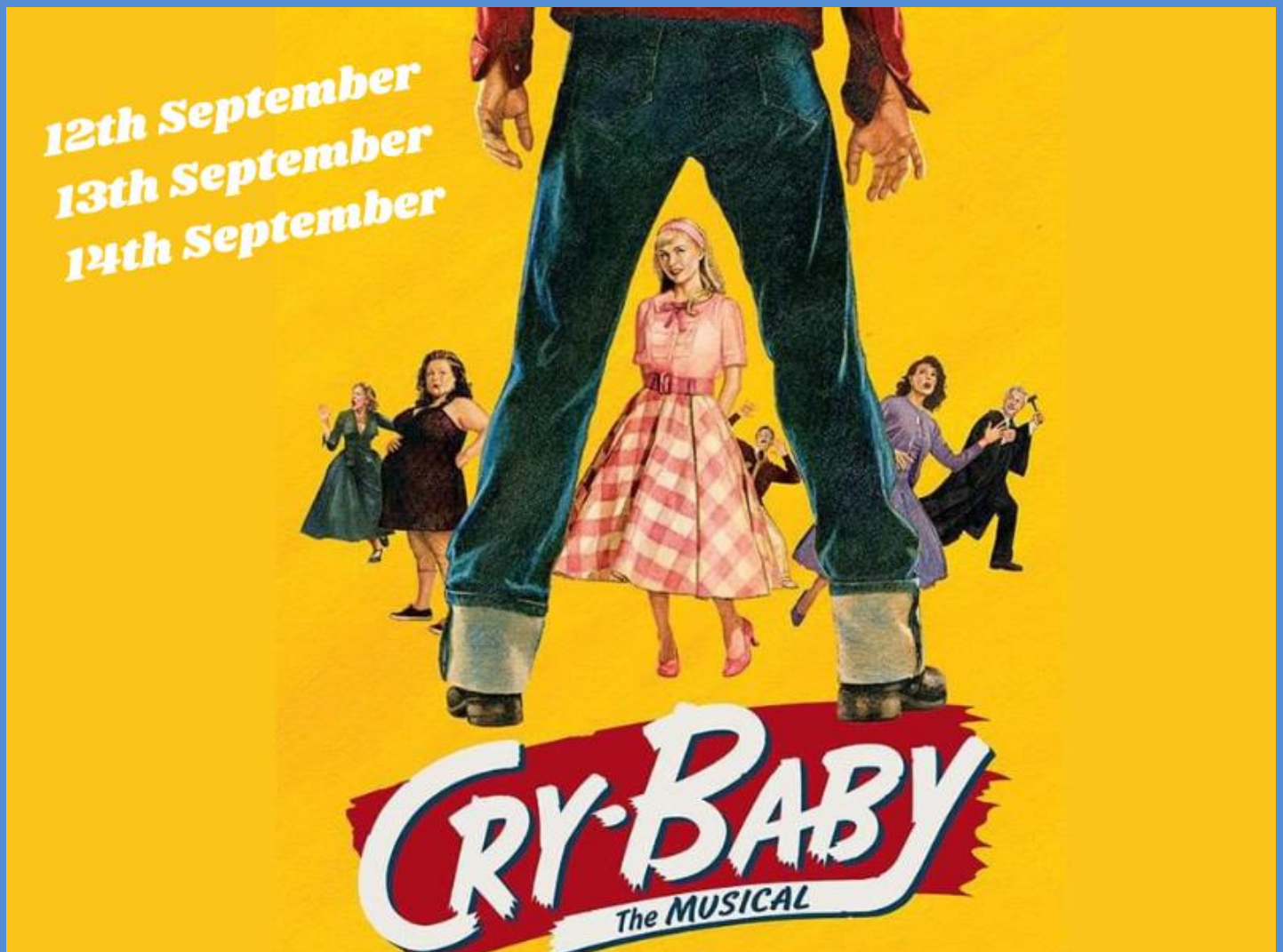
Fostering an outlet for creative youth and community, while seeking to produce vibrant, quality entertainment that enriches, engages, and educates.

**September 2024**

**OUR NEXT PRODUCTION in the Halpin Auditorium  
Performed by the Senior Musical Theatre Students  
Teacher: Mel Dorge**

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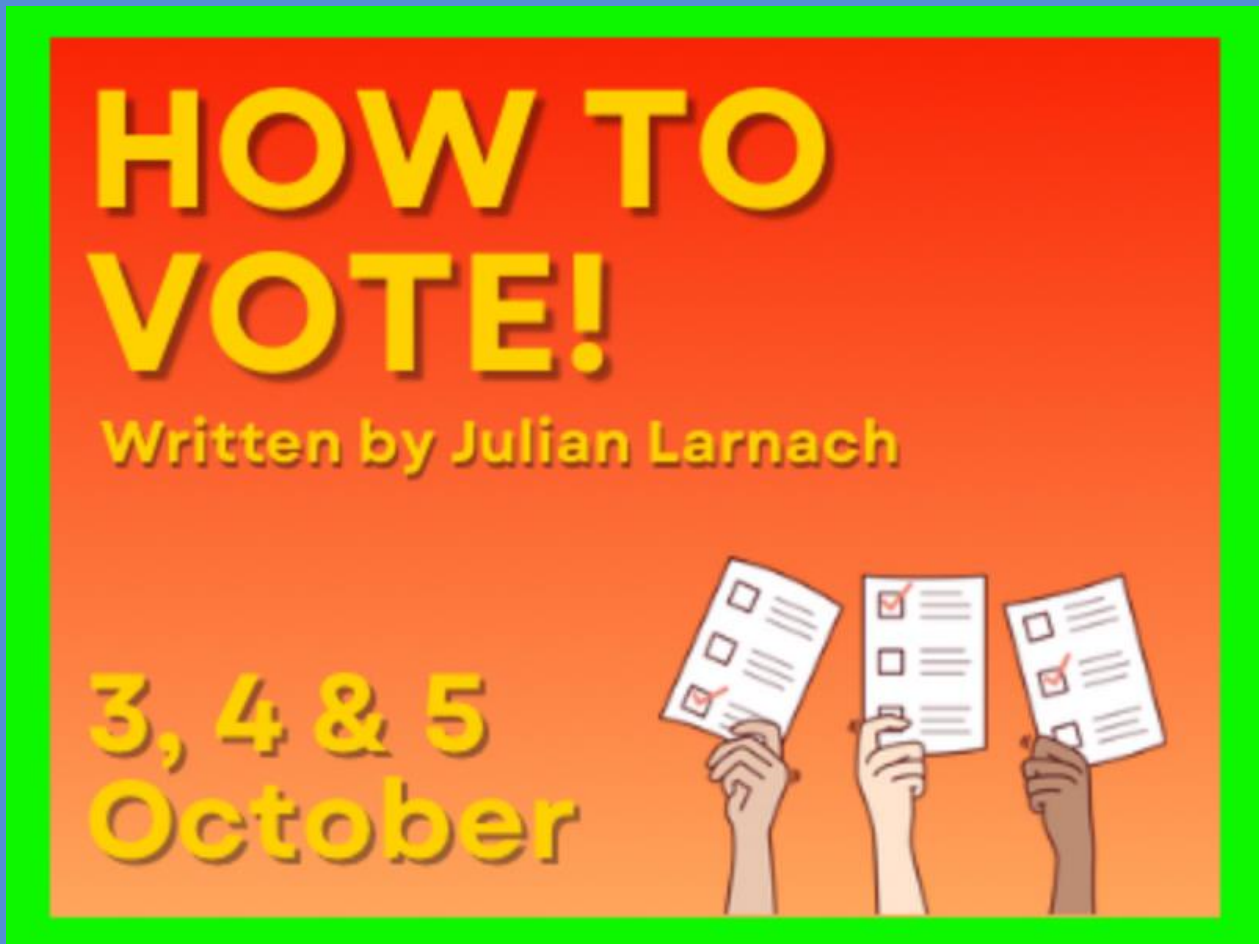
**EXTRA PERFORMANCE ADDED 1PM SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**



Cry Baby is a musical based on the 1990 John Waters film of the same name. The music is by Adam Schlesinger, lyrics by David Javerbaum, and the book is by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan, who had previously written the book for Hairspray, also based on a John Waters film of the same name.

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION in the BASEMENT THEATRE  
Performed by the Senior Drama Students  
Teacher Ethan Speight

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I'm addicted. I'm sick. I've been diagnosed, I've got all the symptoms and no amount of bed- rest is going to stop me getting what I want, getting all of what I want. **POWER REAL POWER.**

Election season is upon us! When the incumbent President of the University Student Council mysteriously steps down, new players must enter the arena. But behind the three -word slogans and non-core promises lies an underbelly of secret deals and divided loyalties, corruption, and ambition; all designed to win the hearts and minds of the student body.

Following an entire election cycle within a prestigious university, **HOW TO VOTE!** explores the treacherous political landscape of campus life, and what happens when you put the word 'student' before journalism, politics, and theatre.

Commissioned by Canberra Youth Theatre, this whip-smart political comedy by Julian Larnach is an epic exploration of power and what it takes to wrestle it from the enemies' cold, dead hands – all while scraping through your end – of – semester exams.

## A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

Tennessee Williams would be extremely proud of this production performed by this outstanding cast and directed by **Hunter Wall**



Photos courtesy Vargo Studios Kate Retzki as Blanche and Hannah Martin as Stella

**One Reviewer Wrote** "Kate's performance, as Blanche, was superlative, one of the strongest dramatic performances this reviewer has ever seen, akin to those on a professional stage.

...All in all this production of A Streetcar Named Desire was very, very good. The whole team should be very proud of what they have achieved, and it cannot be recommended highly enough".

**Another wrote** "It's exciting to see any new emerging director at work, and Hunter Wall has certainly made his mark with this production." "It is a production worth seeing, and it has a standout performance. Kate, as Blanche, gives a fine rendition of Williams' histrionic heroine, unstable and teetering on the edge of madness "It is a bravura performance in what is one of the most difficult roles ever written for an actress".



***Congratulations, well done and thank you to Hunter, his creative team, cast, crew and all involved to bring such memorable and outstanding performances to our basement stage. The professionalism you brought to our stage was exceptional!***

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# *Spotlight Youth Theatre*

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

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**HALPIN AUDITORIUM: Senior Musical**

**CRY BABY 12, 13 & 14 September.**

**Extra Performance 1pm Saturday 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**

**2 performances 12pm and 2pm**

# 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 just under \$7000 and now that wine and spirit bottles are included in the scheme, we should be able to quickly increase our income.



## MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

Your donation will support live theatre



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. <https://spotlight.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/donations>



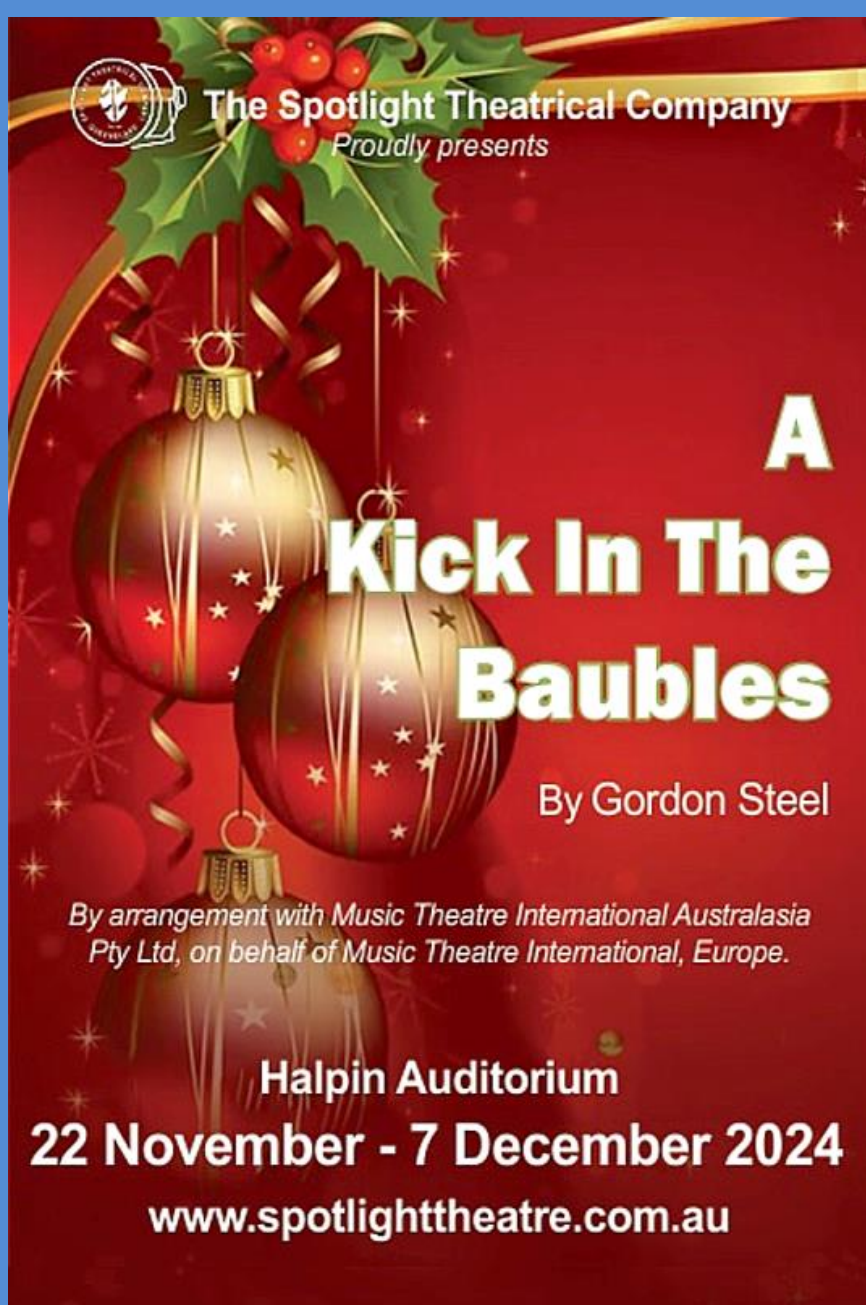
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Our last production of the year is the British Comedy '**A Kick in the Baubles**' written by Gordon Steele. Directed by **Dawn China** the Gold Coast's Queen of Comedy Theatre.

## **A Classic British Christmas Comedy**

*"Executed with panache, A Kick in the Baubles might just jingle your bells"* ~ The Times

It's another peaceful Christmas in the Bauble household, but chestnuts aren't roasting on an open fire. And although a Silent Night would be welcome, all is not calm, and all is certainly not bright.

Frank does not wish it could be Christmas every day - in fact, he's dreading the arrival of snobbish in-laws who only ever bring a single bottle of wine for the entire festivities. Throw in a couple of larger-than-life neighbours, let the drink flow merrily, and everything is set for a car-crash Christmas. But when Frank and Jean's estranged daughter Milly suddenly appears, the rug is pulled out from underneath the chaos and the heartstrings are firmly tugged.

**22 November to 7 December**

**Tickets on sale at [www.spotlighttheatre.com.au](http://www.spotlighttheatre.com.au) or call Box Office on 5539 4255 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday**



In 2025 we turn 70  
so, we want to find out the  
**HISTORY OF SPOTLIGHT**  
*What happened during the last  
25 YEARS.*  
**THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL  
COMPANY?**

As we are turning 70 next year it is an ideal time to update the History of the Theatre over the last 25 years. Peter Meggitt wrote and published the History of Spotlight Theatre in 1999 and now we need to hear from all the Directors, Actors, Patrons and creatives who have stories to tell.

The wonderful **Peter Maden**, an experienced actor, fresh from a successful performance as Donny in the Play BURN, Master of Ceremonies and lifelong supporter of the Company has offered to compile all the information received and to research the archives to find those hidden gems and moments that make Spotlight the success that it is. If you have any stories to tell or photos about the last 25 years, please email Peter at [mailbox@spotlightthetare.com.au](mailto:mailbox@spotlightthetare.com.au). He would love to hear from you.



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COMING SOON



**The Spotlight Theatrical Company**  
*Proudly presents*

*Spotlight  
on  
Christmas*

**Halpin Auditorium**

**13 December - 15 December 2024**

**[www.spotlighttheatre.com.au](http://www.spotlighttheatre.com.au)**

*Tickets On Sale Next Month*

DATE SAVER

Our Annual Gold Unity Gala is being held on  
20 January 2025  
At SOPO (Southport RSL)



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

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

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

2025 sees GCLT turn 75, Spotlight turn 70 and Javeenbah 50 +



**CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS  
Erica Graham and Leonnie Jones on receiving their Central Gold Coast  
Volunteer Awards from Federal Member for McPherson Ms Angie Bell**



# Thank you!

I would like to thank Spotlight Theatre for nominating me for a Gold Coast Senior Australian of the Year Award. I was honoured to be a finalist and received my certificate from Mayor Tom Tate at a Gala event at Q1.



At our recent AGM I was further honoured as Helen Maden, a life member, presented me, on behalf of the Theatre, a framed print of the above photo to be hung in the Foyer of the Halpin with the wonderful words that Helen had written about me in the nomination. I am so humbled to have received this award. Thank you so much Spotlight Theatre. Duncan



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