



# *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.

**MARCH - APRIL 2025**



**NEXT PRODUCTION WORLD PREMIERE  
BASEMENT THEATRE  
OPENS 28 MARCH  
WRITTEN & DIRECTED  
BY HELEN MADEN**



The Spotlight Theatrical Company is proud to present award winning director and life member Helen Maden's debut play.

## **THE UNIVERSE HAS YOUR BACK**

A heartfelt comedy about four best friends, finding their place in life and letting the Universe work its magic.

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Basement Theatre

28 March - 12 April, 2025

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## Meet the Cast



With a lifelong passion for writing Helen has crafted a captivating piece that will leave you smiling and pondering the theory of “*Putting it out there to the Universe* “  
Jump on board with four best friends as they ride life’s ebbs and flows.

Quinn is witty but loveably flawed and grappling with the elusive concept of purpose. She’s a tough cookie, but will she crumble or rise above adversity.

Connie’s life was all mapped out, but is she the bride-to-be or not-to-be? That is the question!

Alex revels in Uni life, but will a captivating new lecturer result in he flunking chemistry?

Does new mum Rachel overcome her desire to flavour up her husband’s dinner with a special mushroom sauce? In this poignant comedy, there’s loss, discovery, friendship but most of all love, as the women are steered by the unpredictable nature of the Universe.

**THIS PLAY IS HUMOUROUS, RELEVANT, HEARTFELT AND QUIRKY!**

# NEXT PRODUCTION HALPIN AUDITORIUM

70 YEARS The Spotlight Theatrical Company  
Proudly presents

# JOSEPH

AND THE  
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

LYRICS BY TIM RICE      MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

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HALPIN AUDITORIUM  
9 May - 31 May 2025  
[www.spotlighttheatre.com.au](http://www.spotlighttheatre.com.au)

Tickets on Sale

1 April to Members by phone 55394255 or in person at Ticket Office  
Online to General Public 7 April



Directed by David Valks  
(Gypsy & Sound of Music)

# UPCOMING AUDITIONS

## ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Directed by Ruby Tate

Audition Dates: Saturday/Sunday 29/30 March

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 28th March



Directed by Jamie Watt

Audition & Video Audition Submissions close Sunday 30 March

Main Audition Day – 5 April

To download the Audition Packs, go to

<https://www.spotlighttheatre.com.au/auditions2.shtml>

### **Submissions for the 2026 Season**

Are you an upcoming or a seasoned Director?

Do you have a musical or play that would be outstanding on the  
Spotlight Stages?

We want to hear from you NOW!!!

Email: [productions@spotlighttheatre.com.au](mailto:productions@spotlighttheatre.com.au)



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



**THIS IS THE DAY WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY  
MORE DETAILS TO COME**

**DATE CLAIMER**

**SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2025**

**If you would like to help with the organising  
of this event please email Noreena Wines ,  
[secretary@spotlighttheatre.com.au](mailto:secretary@spotlighttheatre.com.au)**




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## **PARKING IN BENOWA GARDENS SHOPPING CENTRE**

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 HOUR'S 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.

Here is the list of all the shows we will be performing in 2025 to celebrate 70 years in entertainment.

We still have one more production to announce so Watch this space.



## Spotlight Theatre 2025 Season

### **FAME - THE MUSICAL**

Directed by Stuart Morgan  
Halpin Auditorium  
7 February to 1 March

### **THE UNIVERSE HAS YOUR BACK**

Directed by Helen Maden  
Basement Theatre  
28 March to 12 April

### **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT**

Directed by David Valks  
Halpin Auditorium  
9 May to 31 May

### **ALICE IN WONDERLAND - PANTOMIME**

Directed by Ruby Tate  
Basement Theatre  
2 July to 12 July

### **MAMMA MIA**

Directed by Jamie Watt  
Halpin Auditorium  
18 July to 16 August

### **CHAPTER TWO**

Directed by Clem Halpin  
Basement Theatre  
22 August to 6 September

### **OUR YOUTH THEATRE SEASON**

All Classes  
Halpin and Basement Theatre  
September & October

### **MUSICAL (TBA)**

Halpin Auditorium  
14 November to 6 December

### **SPOTLIGHT ON CHRISTMAS**

Halpin Auditorium  
13 and 14 December

**ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS (07) 5539 4255**  
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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 \$8000 so please keep donating. Thank you to Margaret and John for taking all our containers to the Depot.

## Celebrating Tony Alcock



Tim Currey talking to the packed audience about his father.



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The multi award winning Entertainer **Jess Papst** showcasing her cabaret show **ICONIC** to a full house in the Halpin Auditorium

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