



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 OCTOBER 2025



Now Performing SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER IS WHEN OUR YOUTH THEATRE STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS



Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

SENIOR MUSIC THEATRE

Sold out

Shakespeare in Love
THE PLAY

SENIOR DRAMA

9 - 11 October
Basement Theatre

CHICAGO

TEEN EDITION

SOPHOMORE MUSIC THEATRE

16 - 18 October
Halpin Auditorium

THE ONE-ACT PLAY DISASTER

FRESHMAN DRAMA

25 October
Basement Theatre

A CHORUS LINE
TEEN EDITION

FRESHMAN MUSIC THEATRE

31 October & 1 November
Halpin Auditorium

LOCKDOWN

SOPHOMORE DRAMA

7 & 8 November
Basement Theatre

Disney • PIXAR
FINDING NEMO
KIDS

INTERMEDIATE MUSIC THEATRE & JUNIOR SONG & DANCE

22 November
Basement Theatre

Everything You Always
Wanted to Know About Your
Teachers
(that were afraid to ask)

INTERMEDIATE & JUNIOR DRAMA

6 December
Basement Theatre

Book online at

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



Congratulations to the entire cast, crew, and creatives on their sell out season of Beauty & The Beast. You were outstanding and fully deserved the standing ovations for every show. Well done



Mrs Potts with Chip and Belle



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The Beast



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Lumière

Neil Simon's Chapter Two



Congratulations to Director **Clem Halpin** and his cast and crew for bringing this comedy drama **Chapter Two** by **Neil Simon** to life on the Basement Stage. The audiences loved the show, and the characters portrayed by these four superb actors. Well done to all this was a show worth seeing.

VALE

ANN WILLIAMS



Spotlight Theatre is very saddened to advise that our much-loved Ann Williams passed away on Monday 22 September 2025.

Ann was a longstanding volunteer at Spotlight and other community theatres, specialising in finding the appropriate age-specific props for any occasion, and will be sorely missed by those that had the pleasure of meeting and working with Ann.

The Spotlight Family send their deepest condolences, love and prayers to Russell, Troy, Heidi and Sarah, and their family and friends.

Rest in Peace Ann

Bookings online NOW
Halpin Auditorium



The Spotlight Theatrical Company
Proudly presents

Abigail's Party

By Mike Leigh

Directed by Dawn China

By Arrangement with ORIGIN Theatrical
on Behalf of Samuel French
A Concord Theatricals Company.

HALPIN AUDITORIUM

21 November - 6 December 2025

www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

Directed by Dawn China

About The Play

A CLASSIC COMEDY OF MANNERS FROM THE 1970's, WHERE YOU WILL RECOGNISE THE CHARACTERS FROM YOUR OWN LIVES.

The play is called 'Abigail's Party' and people often think it's a play about Abigail, but Abigail is a teenager who's having a party further up the road and we are NOT invited. Instead, we are at Beverly's house, who fancies herself the Queen of suburbia. Over drinks and snacks, cliches and fatuous small talk abound. The play is hilariously funny but at the same time deeply moving and the tension created on stage is amongst the most painful ever witnessed.

The event unfolds in the living room of the hosts, where drinks are poured, small talk is exchanged, and tensions slowly brew beneath the veneer of politeness. As the evening progresses, conversations about careers, relationships, and aspirations take a turn toward uncomfortable revelations and subtle conflicts. The host's domineering personality clashes with the guests varied temperaments, leading to moments of awkward humour and passive-aggressive exchanges. Alcohol fuels the unravelling dynamics, exposing insecurities and hidden frustrations that simmer close to the surface.

About The Director



Dawn started her community theatre work out in Jakarta, Indonesia with Jakarta Players. Dawn was juggling a job supply teaching with Jakarta International School with her newfound love 'Theatre'. Besides jumping on stage and working as crew she finally moved on to producing and directing. Arriving on the Gold Coast nearly twenty years ago Dawn immediately joined the community theatre scene and has now directed many shows, mainly British black comedies, which is her favourite genre, such as: 'A Chorus of Disapproval', The Anniversary, Five Women Wearing the Same Dress, One O'clock from the House to name a few. After a sellout season of 'A Kick in The Baubles' at Spotlight Theatre Dawn is excited to be directing at Spotlight again and bringing you this Classic Comedy 'Abigail's Party'.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's AGM which was held on Tuesday 26 August 2024 at 7pm in the Halpin Auditorium.

As per the constitution all Management Committee positions were vacated, and an election, if required, held to select the 2025-26 Management Committee.

Your Management Committee for 2025-2026 is:

President – Duncan Sims

Vice- President - Erica Graham

Secretary- Noreena Wines

Treasurer - Michelle Edwards

Committee Members

Kathryn Henderson, Peter Maden, Pina Omeros, Sheryl Tank.

Congratulations
to Leonnie (LJ) Jones on her Life Membership





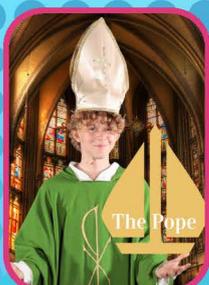
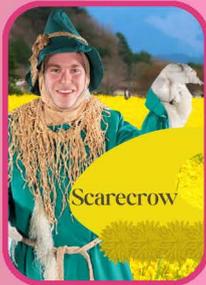
We also acknowledged the outstanding work that Jon Allwood had given to Spotlight over many years by awarding a Lifetime Achievement Award. Jon sadly passed away before the AGM so we were very pleased that his husband Erroll was able to attend and collect the award on Jon's behalf.



Errol with the Executive Committee accepting the award and Celebrating Jon's Achievements

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Are you a member of Spotlight Theatre? Enjoy discounts on hire fees and our products!



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NOT SURE WHAT YOU NEED?

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THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY
PROUDLY PRESENTS

SPOTLIGHT

ON

Christmas

A sprig of holly with green leaves and red berries is positioned over the word 'SPOTLIGHT'.A large, dark full moon is visible in the night sky, with snow-covered evergreen trees in the foreground.

Come and join in the fun with our regular stars
bringing you all your favourite carols and much more.
There may even be a visit from the man in a red suit!

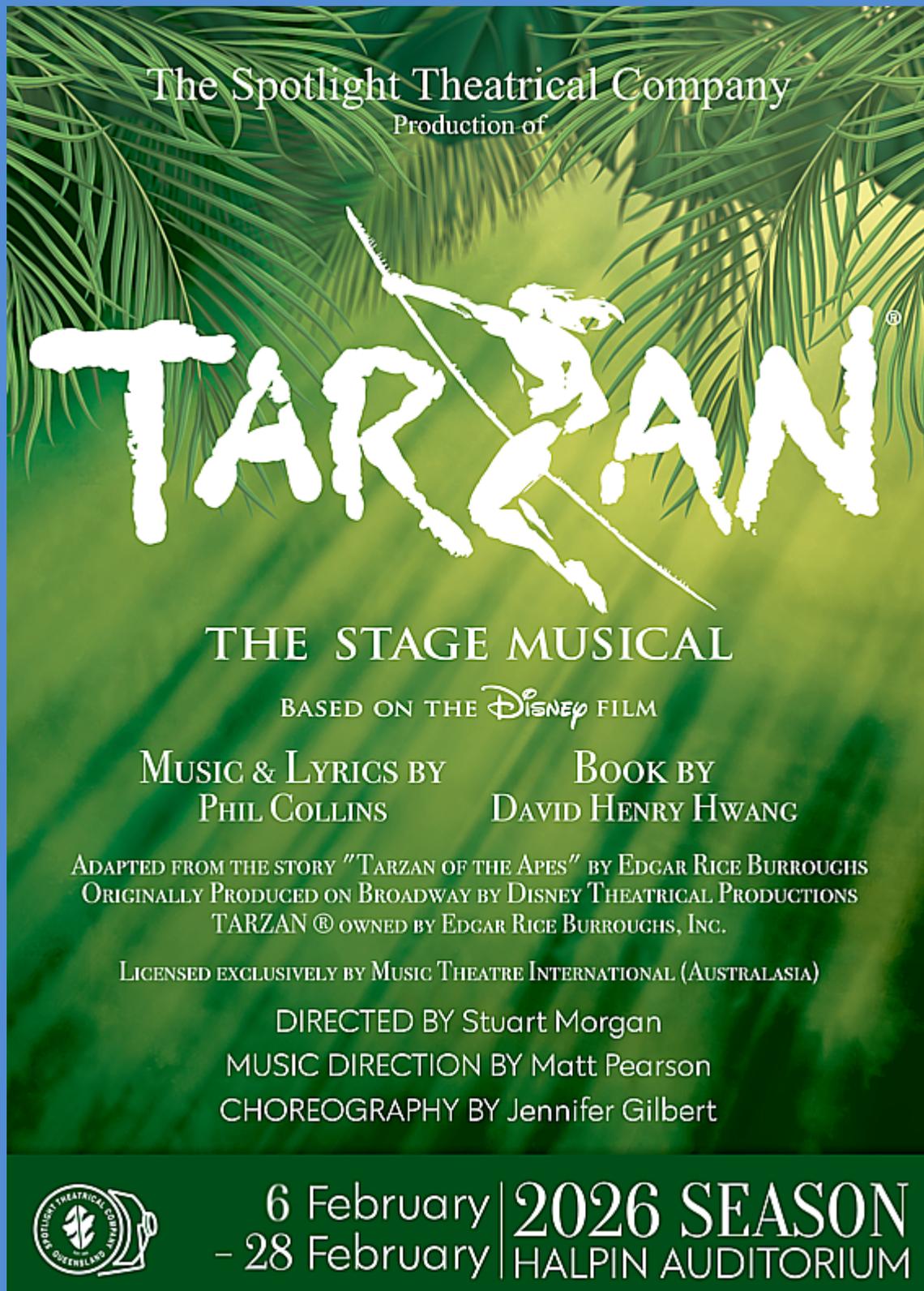
HALPIN AUDITORIUM
13 December 7:30pm & 14 December 6pm 2025
www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

All Tickets \$25 on sale online Tuesday 7 October

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2026 Season

Auditions for Tarzan directed by Stuart Morgan are being done by Video submissions closing 17 October.
Dance call and call backs Monday 20 October at Southport Community Centre at 6-30pm
Full Details on Website Audition Tab
www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

A poster for the musical Tarzan. The background is a lush green jungle with palm trees. In the center, Tarzan is depicted in silhouette, swinging on a vine. The title 'TARZAN' is written in large, white, stylized letters, with Tarzan's figure integrated into the letter 'A'. Above the title, it says 'The Spotlight Theatrical Company Production of'. Below the title, it says 'THE STAGE MUSICAL'. Further down, it says 'BASED ON THE Disney FILM'. Then, 'MUSIC & LYRICS BY PHIL COLLINS' and 'BOOK BY DAVID HENRY HWANG'. Below that, 'ADAPTED FROM THE STORY "TARZAN OF THE APES" BY EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS' and 'ORIGINALLY PRODUCED ON BROADWAY BY DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS'. Then, 'TARZAN © OWNED BY EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS, INC.'. Below that, 'LICENSED EXCLUSIVELY BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALASIA)'. Then, 'DIRECTED BY Stuart Morgan', 'MUSIC DIRECTION BY Matt Pearson', and 'CHOREOGRAPHY BY Jennifer Gilbert'. At the bottom, it says '6 February | 2026 SEASON' and '- 28 February | HALPIN AUDITORIUM'. There is a logo for 'SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY QUEENSLAND' in the bottom left corner.

6 February | 2026 SEASON
- 28 February | HALPIN AUDITORIUM

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

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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 par



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 \$8800 so please keep donating. Thank you to Margaret and John for taking all our containers to the Depot on a weekly basis.

Proudly supported by



**Councillor
Brooke Patterson**

Division 6



CITY OF
GOLDCOAST.

We like to thank City of Gold Coast and our Councillor Cr Brooke Patterson on recently providing Grant funding of \$14,605 so that we could replace the Fire Panel in the Halpin Auditorium.

We really appreciate their ongoing support.

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Secretary Noreena Wines

Treasurer Michelle Edwards

Committee member Kathryn Henderson

Committee member Peter Maden

Committee member Pina Omeros

Committee member Sheryl Tank

Other Positions

Social Co-ordinator TBA

Photography, Videography & Social Media Vargo Studios

Membership Co-ordinator Sheryl Tank

Artwork and Programmes Affinity Creative

Marketing & Publicity Duncan Sims

Lighting Supervisor Leonnie (LJ) Jones

Sound Supervisor Nick Willner

Front of House Co-ordinator TBA

Charity Night Co-ordinator Helen Maden

Costume Co-ordinator Pina Omeros

Workshop Manager Butch Bernet

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