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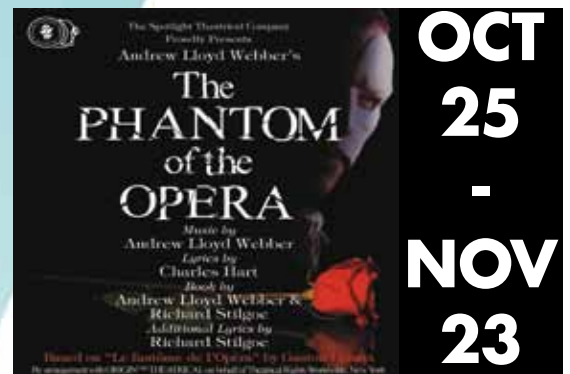
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November
28, 29, 30

High School
Musical Class
presents
BATTLESCARS
December
5, 6, 7, & 8



November 2013



The Spotlight Theatrical Company
Proudly Presents
Andrew Lloyd Webber's

The PHANTOM of the OPERA

Music by
Andrew Lloyd Webber

Lyrics by
Charles Hart

Book by
Andrew Lloyd Webber &
Richard Stilgoe

Additional Lyrics by
Richard Stilgoe

Based on "Le fantôme de l'Opéra" by Gaston Leroux

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Oct 25-26-31 7.30pm

Nov 1-2-7-8-9-14-15-16-21-22-23 7.30pm

Matinees Oct 27 2.00pm Nov 3-10-17 2.00pm

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The Phantom of the Opera

has arrived and is performing to full houses with wonderful reviews from audience members. I doubt that there is a spare seat but you may be lucky to secure a cancellation. The Season will not be extended.

Reviews have sung the praises on all counts, Cast, Crew, Costumes, Sets, Sound. Congratulations! and Thank You to all who have and are contributing to this fabulous show.

Who said, "We couldn't do it!" We have proved them wrong.

Take a look at some of the fabulous Cast in Costume pics taken by Bronwen Rowles!







Golden Apple Theatrical Productions is very excited to present

[title of show]

from Wed 11th Dec to Sat 14th Dec
in The Basement

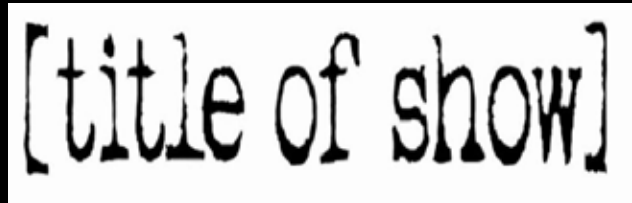
at The Spotlight Theatrical Company complex

Rehearsals are well under way for Golden Apple Theatrical Productions' [title of show]. The cast and creatives are having lots of fun and lots of laughs with this hilarious musical comedy that chronicles its own journey from inception to performance at The New York Music Theatre Festival.

Two friends Jeff (Oliver Thomson) and Hunter (Steven Hirst) have three weeks to write an original musical. With help from their friends Heidi (Lisa Marie Gargione) and Susan (Anna Sofroniou) they decide to put everything that happens to them into the musical. The result is a fast paced, hilarious journey which at its heart is about four friends who refuse to let go of their dream.

The show is rated M 15+ with frequent coarse language and mature themes

This is a short season, so book early to avoid disappointment.



Music & Lyrics By
Jeff Bowen

Book By
Hunter Bell

Directed By
Cilla Scott & Adam King

Musical Director
Matt Dennett

Choreographer
Paulo Natividad

December 11-12-13-14
7.30pm

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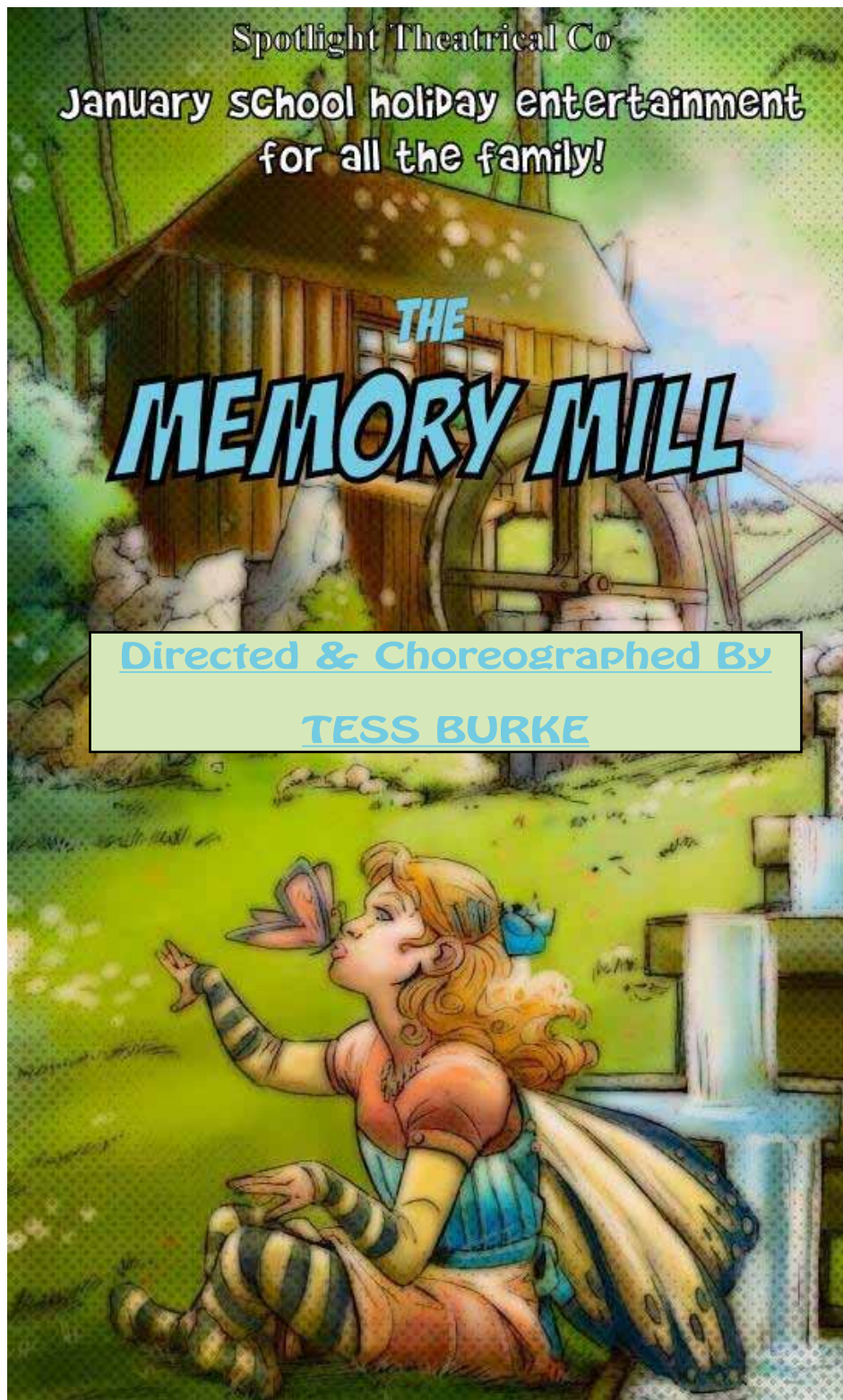
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REHEARSAL PICS





Spotlight Theatrical Co

January school holiday entertainment
for all the family!

THE MEMORY MILL

Directed & Choreographed By

TESS BURKE

AUDITIONS

for the January School Holiday Panto were held late OCTOBER 2013.

The Writer, Director & Choreographer, Tess Burke has chosen the Cast for this musical adventure and original fairytale.

Merlin, the odd fumbling wizard (also acts as the narrator) – **Martina French**

French

Billie, a child from the real world – **Tahlia Traacey**

Ivy, an Elven Warrior – **Emma Goodman**

Acron, a Satyr (half Human, half Goat) –

Paddy Creamer

Dewdrop – **Kate McNair**

Tabitha, the evil enchantress who built the Memory Mill – **Terri Woodfine**

Hawthorn, **John Davidson**

Hogwash, **Alex Breen**

Queen Lexis, **Millie Talbot**

Albert, **Nathan French**

Ensemble: **Khaled Ghanem, Jessica**

Johnston, Georgia Hjort, Emma Beal, Breeanna

Lavin, Lucy Horn, Maddison Eastwood.

SYNOPSIS:

Avalon is a land made up of different realms, each containing fae creatures. Avalon's survival is dependent upon the good memories of children from the real world. The evil enchantress Tabitha, has created the 'Memory Mill' to collect these good memories so she can destroy Avalon. The creatures only hope lies with a young child, Billie to save them and their home. Follow Billie and the creatures on their journey to defeat the evil enchantress, Tabitha.

SEASON: JANUARY 10,14,15,16,17 – 10:30am and 2:00pm

JANUARY 11 – 11:00am and 4:00pm JANUARY 13 – 10:30 ONLY

JANUARY 18 – 2:00pm and 6:00pm

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ANNIE AUDITIONS

Auditions were held off-site due to so many children trying out for a role and our Theatre's busy schedule of shows and rehearsals for both the Adult and Youth Theatre productions.

With so much talent the Director and selection team had a very difficult time and were sad that they could not incorporate more children .

However, the Cast has been selected and is as follows:

Daddy Warbucks: Adam King

Grace Farrell: Heidi Enchelmaier

Miss Hannigan: Jacy Moore

Rooster: Stephen Hirst

Lilly St Regis: Greta Brinsley

Drake: Clay English

Mrs Pugh: Amy Anderson

Mrs Greer: Lisa Stanley

and Introducing the **Orphans!**

Annie:

Jamieson Schmitzer and Ebony Pitchers

Pepper:

Josephine Cross and Heidi Haley

Duffy:

Tahlia Tracey and Chloe Finlay

July:

Rochelle De Snoo and Ashleigh Hart

Tessie:

Anita Munro and Chelsea Burton

Kate:

Samantha Todd and Kalahni Spink

Molly:

Charlee Cosgriff and Kiera Aspinall

LEAD ORPHAN DANCERS:

Tahli Gawler

Keiley West

Emma Leese

Spotlighter November 2013



The Spotlight Theatrical Company
Proudly Presents

Annie

Book by
THOMAS MEEHAN

Music by
CHARLES STROUSE

Lyrics by
MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Production directed by Martin Charnin
Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols

Produced by
Irwin Meyer
Alvin Nederlander Associates Inc.

Stephen R. Friedman
The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing

Lewis Allen
Icarus Productions

Director/Choreographer
Kim Reynolds

Assistant Choreographer
Greta Brinsley

Music Director
Kristine Dennis

MAIN THEATRE
Feb, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 - 7:30pm
Mar 1, 6, 7, 8 - 7:30pm

Matinees
Feb 23, Mar 2 - 2:00pm

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ORPHAN DANCERS:

Bella Janssen

Amy Doyle

Marley Cruz

Alexandra Grgic

Kayla Allen

Leila Waetford

Ashlee Pollecutt

Hollie Lewis

Jordy Hudson

Romi Penfold-Luff

Jetaya Guthman-Chester

Hannah Clark.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH THEATRE

PETER MORRISSEY (Drama Theatre)

Hello all from the Youth Theatre! We're on the downhill run now as term four sees another successful production in Terri Woodfine's delightful play, *Zinerva's Curse*, with the junior primary kids. With four nearly sold-out performances the kids really got to strut their stuff with some really wonderful costumery and make-up. It was a credit to everyone involved!

Next up is the recently re-worked version of *Shopping Mauled!* with the senior primary kids. *Shopping Mauled!* takes a quirky look at that

most mundane of activities, shopping. Ever lost your car in a multi-story car park? Ever wondered at the evolution of the shopping trolley? Is there really such an occupation as trolley whisperer? These and many other questions will be looked at in the Basement Theatre November 28-30. Meanwhile, the high school drama kids (in their post *Project Why?* classes) are engaging in film acting workshops and producing some very engaging footage (see pics). Do we have some budding film stars in our midst? Who knows!

Peter Morrissey



Pics - Peter Morrissey



YOUTH THEATRE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Hi Everyone,
We are now entering Term 4 – where has the year gone? The High School Drama production of *Project Why?* was a resounding success. Congratulations Peter, Terri, cast and crew. *Zinerva's Curse* written and directed by Terri Woodfine hit the Basement stage 18, 19, 20 October - wonderful, again Congrats!. Upcoming Youth shows are the Senior Primary production *Shopping Mauled!* and the High School Musical presentation *Battle Scars!*
That's all for now.
Cheers,

*Lea
Youth Theatre Administrator*



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH THEATRE

JESS PAPST - HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE

High School Musical Class presents **BATTLESCARS** December 5, 6, 7, & 8

Talk about burning the candle at both ends; many of the students in our Musical Theatre classes have been putting in the long hours required to see a show as big as *THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA* on its feet, on top of preparing for our end of year production, *BATTLESCARS*. Ballerinas Lauren Smithers, Bronte Price and our lovely Terri Woodfine (as a shimmering Princess) have all been treading the boards upstairs between attending classes downstairs since July preparing for OPENING NIGHT, Friday 25 October. *PHANTOM* is selling so well and these young women, along with our youth ensemble for the show, have been fascinated by the stunning costumes and have pulled their weight as an integral part of a large, experienced and semi-professional cast. The youth ensemble have worked closely with Tony and myself to add a new layer to the already magnificent MASQUERADE (Act 2). Alternating their performances, the following students could appear on any given night: John Davidson, Lili Murtagh, Dana White, Lauren Straw, Millie Talbot, Sam Dawson, Keturah Sutton-Yeomans, Rhiannon Sutton-Yeomans, Summer Harrison-Jones and Sky D'Ercole. We wish them well, CHOOKAS for a fabulous season! Whilst they have been at the theatre almost as much as me, the students haven't missed their classes in preparation for *BATTLESCARS*. We are now at the point where we begin blocking, and the students' rehearsals will increase in length and frequency from November 4. I will be issuing the students with a final rehearsal schedule hopefully next week (the last week of normal lesson times) so parents can plan ahead. I recommend car-pooling!

It's that time of year again! Time to knuckle down and make an amazing show. Thank you to all the students for their support of ideas and preparation for class as we are standing in good stead to move into the blocking and polishing phase next week.

Jess

VALE

Mrs. (Beth) Carrington



Life Member & past Councillor

Mrs Carrington passed away 16th October 2013

Mrs Carrington, (Mrs C) as she was known to Spotlighters was a very early member of Spotlight and was first recorded in the Programme of *Maid of the Mountains* in 1965.

Mrs C became involved with Spotlight when her daughter Elizabeth appeared in shows and was a Cadet Director for Cinderella.

From that time Mrs Carrington became Mrs Olive Green's right hand helper with all things Front of House.

Together, Mrs Green and Mrs Carrington (Mrs G & Mrs C) were a formidable team handling the Theatre Casts, and Patrons in all shows. Attending Box Office, Door, Ushering and even taking Bookings in their own homes were many of the duties they took on.

When Isabel Williams (MD and repetiteur from 1955 until late eighties) founded The Entertainers' Festival, again Mrs G & Mrs C were both willing volunteers for many long years.

Mrs Carrington served on the Spotlight Council and eventually retired from Front of House duties in 1987 when Spotlight shows moved to the Art Centre for a short time.

The Spotlight Theatrical Company extends sincere sympathy to Mrs Carrington's family.

GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

This month the Golden Girls second season is in full swing.

We are in the final stage of rehearsing our Christmas numbers to be included in our November and December shows. We are changing a few solo numbers to Christmas songs, eg Phyllis will be singing Marys Boy Child and Margaret will be singing C H R I S T M A S. For our Christmas finale Margaret will begin with The Night Before Christmas followed by individual and duo performances of Rudolph, Santa Baby, Two front Teeth, Drummer Boy and finally the whole cast perform Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas. We still have nine bookings remaining for the year and already have several for the 2014 season.



The group is still looking for new members for next year. Anyone out there with singing and dancing skills please apply – Phone Marilyn Hodge on 5529 0776. If you enjoy bringing a little cheer to the elderly and can dedicate some time and talent we welcome you.

Now back to the boards.

*Noni Buckland
Golden Girls Liaison*

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRE PLAYBILL

for remainder of 2013

The Phantom of the Opera	Main	Oct 25 - Nov 23
Senior Primary		Nov 28,29 & 30
High School Musical		Dec 5,6,7 & 8
Title of Show		Dec 11,12,13,14 & 15

TICKET PRICES FOR 2013

Single Tickets	MAIN THEATRE	BASEMENT
Opening Night	\$35.00	\$35.00
Adult	\$30.00	\$30.00
Concession	\$25.00	\$25.00
Member	\$24.00	\$24.00
Children (16 & under)	\$18.00	\$18.00
Pantomime	\$16.00	\$16.00
Group Bookings	MAIN THEATRE	BASEMENT
Group 10 - 19	\$27.00	\$27.00
Group 20 +	\$24.00	\$24.00

MEMBERSHIP FEES

NEW PRICES: Adults - \$10:00
Children/Youth (18 years and under) - \$5:00

Membership fees are now under a calendar year, 1 January – 31 December.

Renewing members will start from 1 January 2014. Any new members from now will be under new prices. Current members who have joined under old fees will be current until end of December 2013.

Administration



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is held THIRD TUESDAY

EACH MONTH – 7:00pm

at The Spotlight Theatre Complex



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Emcee for this year is once again the charismatic IAN STENLAKE, and Tony-Award Nominee and our Patron, TONY SHELDON, will be sending a video message on the night (as he can't attend because he's starring in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*).

THE DATES:

Nominees' Cocktail Party - Tuesday 3rd December, Pre-function area, Arts Centre Gold Coast.

Presentation Night - Tuesday 10th December, Paradise Showroom.

Initial nominations will be emailed to groups on the morning of Monday 28th October and published online later that day. Shows staged between then and 1 December will have any nominations listed as they occur.

Shows staged after 1 December will be held over until 2014.

Participating groups are encouraged to forward the above to their members.

*Kate Peters
Convenor*



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