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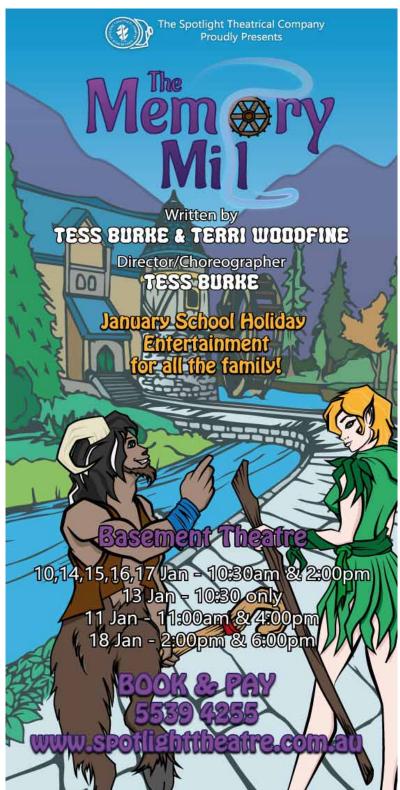
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CATCH US ON FACEBOOK Written, Directed and Choreographed by TESS BURKE

Directed by JOSHUA McCANN-THOMSON next to norma music by book and lyrics by BRIAN YORKEY TOM KITT

**SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE ORIENTATION** 18th JANUARY 10am



Spotlight's January children's holiday entertainment production for our Basement Theatre is **THE MEMORY MILL**.

Set in the mystical realm of Avalon whose very survival is dependent upon the good memories of children from the real World. The Evil Enchantress Tabitha has created 'The Memory Mill', a menacing device that is designed to collect all good memories and thus destroy Avalon. Avalon's only hope lies with a young child, Billie, transported from the real world by Merlin the wizard because only a child that is pure of heart can destroy the nefarious Memory Mill. Billie sets off on her quest with Merlin, a satyr called Acron and Ivy the elven warrior. This motley fellowship is soon joined by Dewdrop, a demented half fairy and

together they encounter
Queen
Lexis and her Water
Nymphs, the mysterious
Shadow Folk
and a group of naughty
Pixies led by the notorious

Albert. Hearing of their Quest, Tabitha sends her bumbling Henchmen Hawthorn and Hogwash to kidnap Billie. Will Tabitha succeed in her evil plan? Will Merlin restore Tabitha's missing Memories? Will Ivy and Acron admit their feelings for each other? Will Billie destroy The Memory Mill? Join us on the adventure in Avalon, a delightful tale created by Tess Burke and Terri Woodfine. Rated G and suitable for the very young and the young at heart!



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# **SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH THEATRE**

High School Musical Class latest offering, BATTLESCARS, was conceived and directed by Jess Papst and was set in a post-apocalyptic world ruled by the autocratic but fashion conscious Evil Queen, Evilene. Musical Director was David McNeven, Vocal Coach, Martina French and Choreographer Jess Papst.

The storyline: Queen Evilene, along with her brainwashed soldiers and minions, strives for conformity in this steam punk world where the artists and dreamers are ostracised. That is until a soldier and a dreamer find love.

Although, ostensibly, BATTLESCARS is a plea for tolerance and acceptance in a crazy world gone wrong, it celebrates both the classic and the contemporary Broadway Musical, along with current pop culture idiom, through the songs and music.

With a cast of over 70 aspiring Triple Threats it was a show not to be missed. The same creative team that brought you SPEAKEASY in 2012 that was nominated for 7 Gold Coast Area Theatre Awards were responsible for this highly energetic and

entertaining showcase.

And it was energetic and entertaining. Personally, I was amazed at some of the performances. To watch these students develop their talents and blossom into confident young performers is a tribute to their teachers and to Spotlight. I was so glad to be a part of this process and production, and so proud of the end result as well as each performer on the stage – Brava!

Tony

# **NOTE TO YOUTH THEATRE PARENTS PRE-ENROLMENTS FOR 2014** YOUTH THEATRE CLASSES

Pre-enrolment packages for 2014 have been given out. Pre-enrolling in a class for next year means that you secure a place in your preferred class and that you do not have to attend the Orientation Day on January 18, at 10am. Please fill in and return to Admin. Martina French

Youth Theatre Liaison

Congratulations on a very successful year, to Spotlight Youth Theatre students, Teachers Peter Morrissey, Jess Papst, Assistant Teacher - Terri Woodfine, MD David McNeven and Vocal Coach - Martina French. Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the YT productions, costumes, sets, lighting, sound, front of house and Lea Vosti for her vigilance in all things connected with the YT.

#### **ATTENTION YOUTH THEATRE FAMILIES**

Firstly, congratulations on a wonderfully productive and successful year.

This letter is to inform you that 2014 will see some changes to the age and ability structure of our Youth Theatre classes. This is to coincide with the changes to the Queensland Education system. Classes will now be grouped according to the age and level of experience of students rather than their year level at school. This will ensure that each student is placed in the appropriate class to optimise their ability and potential. Please contact me or see your Youth Theatre teacher if you are unsure of which class to enrol in.

The new classes are as follows:

Junior Drama – 7-11 years of age

Intermediate Drama – 10-13 years of age

Senior Drama/Senior Musical Theatre – 12-18 years of age

Essentially, it is a decision between you, your student and the teacher as to which class level is most appropriate – as you can see there are now overlapping age groups in order to provide some flexibility for students.

If students intend to return next year then they can pre-enrol now to secure their place in their preferred class, but invoices will not be issued until next year. If students pre-enrol they DO NOT have to attend the 2014 Orientation Day on 18 January (10am). Students that do not pre-enrol but are returning next year **must attend the Orientation**Day to ensure they are enrolled in their preferred class. Students who do not enrol and then turn up to class next year **will not be guaranteed a place** as classes may already be full.

Another change in 2014 will be to our fee structure. There has not been a fee increase for over 5 years but due to the rising costs of running a theatre we have found it necessary to increase Youth Theatre fees slightly.

The new fee structure is as follows:
Junior Drama - \$160.00 per term
Intermediate Drama - \$160.00 per term
Senior Drama - \$175.00 per term
Senior Musical Theatre - \$200.00 per term
Senior Drama/Musical Theatre - \$320.00 per term

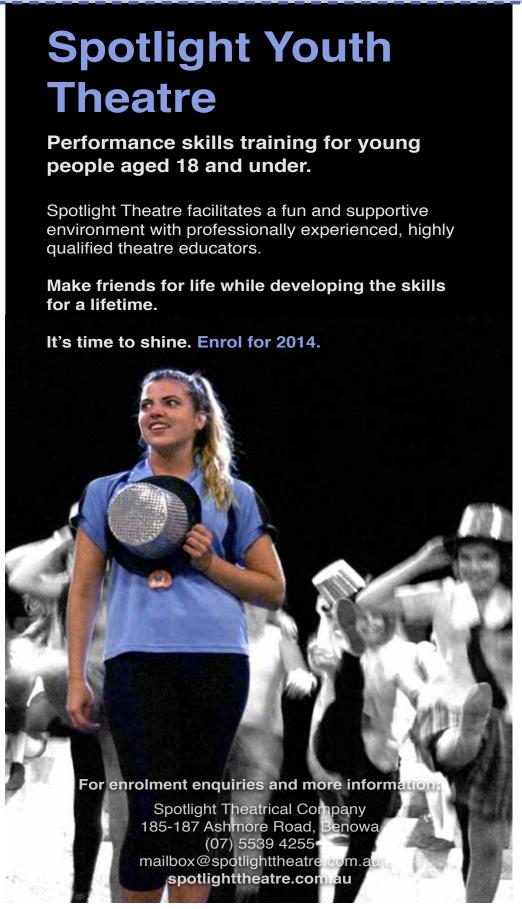
A \$10.00 discount per term per additional child still applies.

Enjoy your festive season and we look forward to seeing you next year.

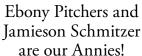
Martina French Youth Theatre Liaison on behalf of The Spotlight Committee

## **Spotlight Youth Theatre**

New enrolments - Orientation Day - 18th January, 10am.







"Annie" is a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure. Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.







#### Book by THOMAS MEEHAN

#### Music by CHARLES STROUSE

#### Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

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

Produced by

Irwin Meyer derlander 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

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> Matinees Feb 23, Mar 2 - 2:00pm

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# Congratulations

The 5th Gold Coast Area Theatre
Awards were held at the Paradise
Room, Arts Centre Gold Coast
on Tuesday, December 10, 2013,
with the prominent music theatre
and TV performer IAN STENLAKE (Sea
Patrol, Oklahoma, Guys & Dolls) once
again Emcee-ing with flair and style.

... and here are the 2013 AWARD WINNERS

Best Set Design
JOSHUA McCANN-THOMSON and ETHAN
SAMUEL JONES

Gold Coast Little Theatre ~ INTO THE WOODS

Best Costumes SHELLY HALPIN and KATE TARDY

Spotlight Theatrical Company ~ THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

Best Lighting Design / Operation COLIN CROW

Javeenbah Theatre Company ~ ALBERT NOBBS

Best Sound Design / Operation LANA KRISTENSEN and JAY TURNER Beenleigh Theatre Group ~ BILLY BUCKETT

Best Technical Achievement or Effect excluding Lighting and Sound DARREN CAMPBELL

Reappearances of lead at various places in the set
Gold Coast Little Theatre ~ CORPSE

The Jock and Beverly McIlwain Special Encouragement Award Sponsored by Jock & Beverly McIlwain

SEBASTIAN GOLENKO

A.B. Paterson College ~ THE WIZ

Magic Moment of Theatre

In memory of Lucky Grills - Sponsored by Mr & Mrs Ian Lake
ROD RAMSAY

DISAPPEARING INTO THE SMOKE

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## to all winners

Ballina Players ~ EUROBEAT : Almost Eurovision

Best Actor in a Supporting Role in a School / Youth Musical

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JY ETHERINGTON

Benowa High School ~ BACK TO THE 80s

Best Actress in a Supporting Role in a School / Youth Musical

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LUCY KOSCHEL

Tweed Theatre Company ~ SLEEPING BEAUTY

Best Actor in a Leading Role in a School / Youth Musical

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MATTHEW FREAR

Benowa High School ~ BACK TO THE 80s

Best Actress in a Leading Role in a School / Youth Musical

Sponsored by the Gold Coast Theatre Alliance

**COURTNEY MONSMA** 

Palm Beach-Currumbin High School ~ HAIRSPRAY

Best Production of a School / Youth Musical

Sponsored by Mr Timothy Carroll
Benowa High School ~
BACK TO THE 80s
Director – Fiona Ballinger

Director – Floria Dallinger

Best Choreographer HANNAH CROWTHER

Beenleigh Theatre Group ~ BILLY BUCKETT

Best Vocal Director ETHAN SAMUEL JONES

# Gold Coast Little Theatre ~ INTO THE WOODS

Best Musical Director
Sponsored by Stage Whispers
Magazine
JAY TURNER and CATH MUNDY
Beenleigh Theatre Group ~
BILLY BUCKETT

Best Director of a Community Theatre
Play
MICHAEL LILL
Dream Run Theatre Company ~

THE ZOO STORY

Best Director of a Community Theatre
Musical or Musical Revue
Sponsored by the Ramada Hotel Ballina
JOSHUA McCANN-THOMSON
Gold Coast Little Theatre ~
INTO THE WOODS

Best Actor in a Supporting Role in a Community Theatre Play DOUG McCLEAN Phoenix Ensemble ~ 12 ANGRY MEN

Best Actress in a Supporting Role in a Community Theatre Play VERONICA LOVEJOY Ballina Players ~ CALENDAR GIRLS

Best Actor in a Supporting Role in a Community Theatre Musical Sponsored by the Gold Coast Bulletin SHARED AWARD SCOTT YOUNG

Beenleigh Theatre Group ~ BILLY BUCKETT and ADAM BARTLETT Phoenix Ensemble ~ THE FULL MONTY

Best Actress in a Supporting
Role in a Community Theatre
Musical
Sponsored by the Gold Coast
Bulletin
ALISON McKENZIE



Spotlight Theatrical Company ~ THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

Best Actor in a Leading Role In a Community Theatre Play MICHAEL LILL

Dream Run Theatre Company ~ THE ZOO STORY

Best Actress in a Leading Role In a Community Theatre Play TARA PAGE

Gold Coast Little Theatre ~ MACBETH

Best Actor in a Leading Role In a
Community Theatre Musical
PETER MADEN

Spotlight Theatrical Company ~ THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

Best Actress in a Leading Role In a Community Theatre Musical MELANIE SMART

Spotlight Theatrical Company ~ THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Outstanding Community Theatre Production

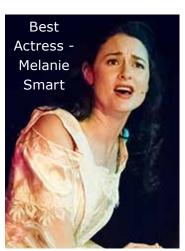
Sponsored by Arts Centre Gold Coast Gold Coast Little Theatre ~ INTO THE WOODS

Director - Joshua McCann-Thomson

Gold Palm Award

Awarded to the Most Nominated Production across all categories BILLY BUCKETT

Beenleigh Theatre Group



#### Platinum Palm Award

Awarded for outstanding service to the Gold Coast theatrical community KIM REYNOLDS

For constant support for students in theatre and eisteddfods;

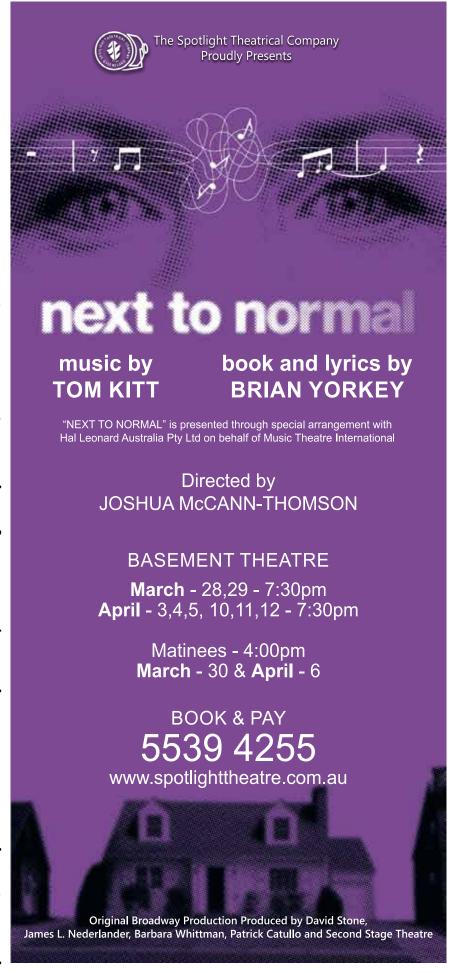
for direction, choreography and costume design, and for advancing all forms of theatre on the Gold Coast.



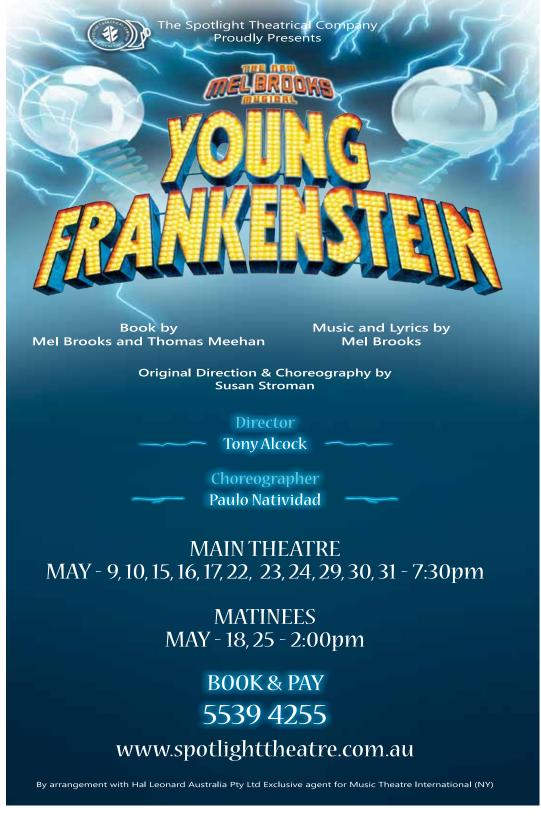
The most talked about new show on Broadway is NEXT TÓ NORMAL - the acclaimed, groundbreaking musical "that pushes Broadway in new directions" -Rolling Stone. With a thrilling contemporary score, NEXT TO NORMAL is an emotional powerhouse of a musical about a family trying to take care of themselves and each other.

Director Joshua McCann-Thomson has held Auditions for this musical and the cast will be announced in the February Spotlighter.

Check out the Spotlight Facebook page or our website for more information.

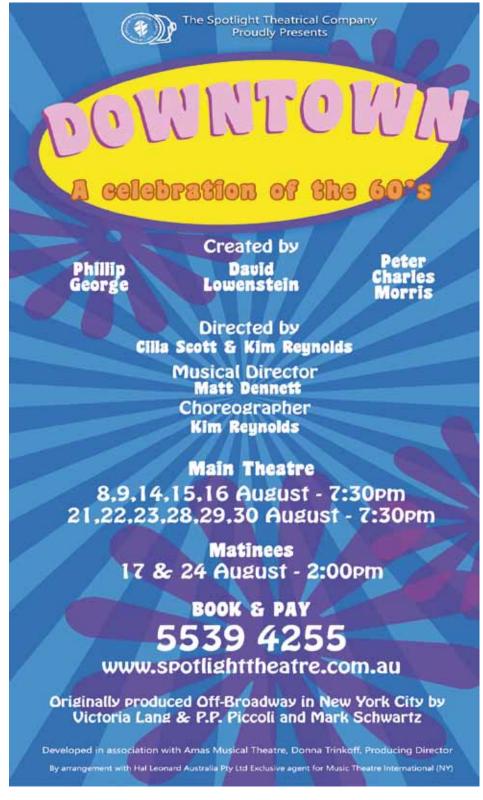






IT'S ALIVE! From the creators of the record-breaking Broadway sensation THE PRODUCERS comes this monster new musical comedy. With such memorable tunes as "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and "Puttin" On The Ritz," YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN is scientifically-proven, monstrously good entertainment...and the only place you'll witness a singing and dancing laboratory experiment in the largest tuxedo ever made.

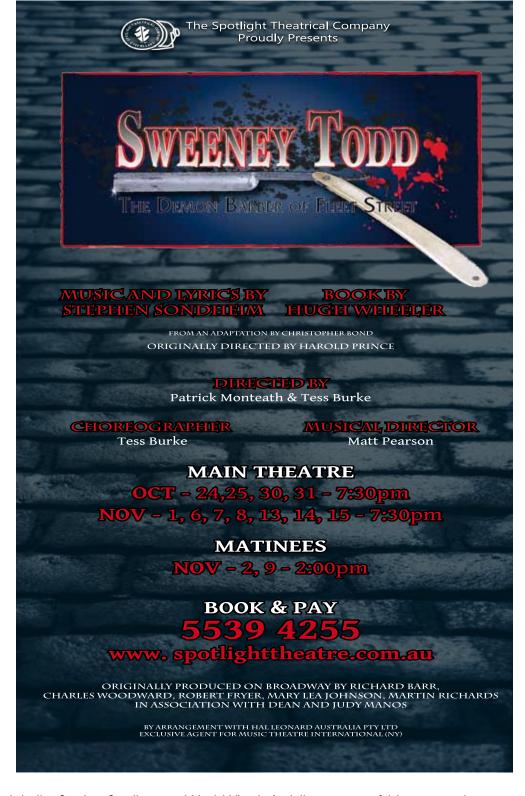




DOWNTOWN! flips through the years like a musical magazine and takes you back to the music, the fashion and the freedom of the 60's! This smashing revue tracks five groovy gals as they come of age during those liberating days that made England swing! Join this non-stop journey through the infectious and soulful pop anthems and ballads that made household names of stars like Petula Clark, Dusty Springfield and Lulu.

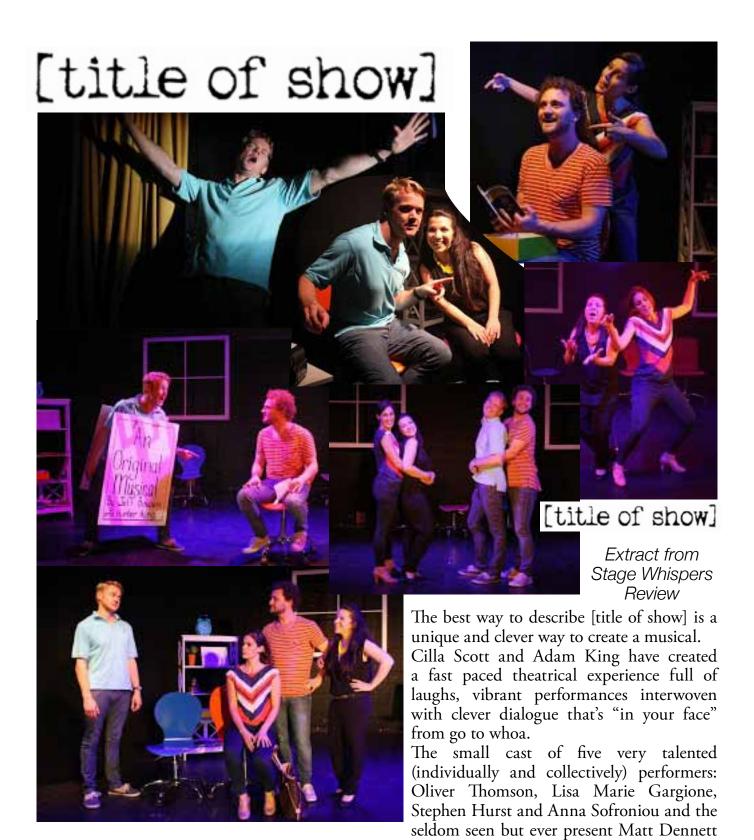
DOWNTOWN! uses letters to an advice columnist, true confessions, quizzes and advertisements as a frame for terrific new arrangements of such chart-topping hits as "To Sir With Love," "Downtown," "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me," "Son of A Preacher Man," and "Goldfinger". With its irresistible blend of hip-swivelling hits, eye-popping fashions and psychedelic dances, this fun-filled musical will make you want to head back to the swinging 60's!





The rare instance of a musical thriller, Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's chilling, suspenseful, heart-pounding masterpiece of murderous barberism and culinary crime tells the infamous tale of the unjustly exiled barber who returns to 19th century London seeking revenge against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. His thirst for blood soon expands to include his unfortunate customers, and the resourceful proprietress of the pie shop downstairs soon has the people of London lining up in droves with her mysterious new meat pie recipe!

Sophisticated, macabre, visceral and uncompromising, SWEENEY TODD nevertheless has a great sense of fun, mixing intense drama with howlingly funny moments of dark humour: audiences find themselves laughing hysterically one moment and gasping in surprise the next. At the show's core is a challenging score of epic proportion with two tasty tour de force roles in Sweeney and his comic female accomplice Mrs. Lovett. Although it has been extremely popular with opera companies and in concert presentation, SWEENEY TODD is equally effective as an intimate chamber musical.



(the Musical Director) work their butts off creating a Broadway style Musical for the New York Music Theatre Festival.

Paulo Natividad's exciting choreography works well with the cast who are on stage for most of the 90-minute length of this one act world wind.

Working with a bare stage, four office chairs on wheels and a handful of other props the cast and production team deliver an interesting insight into creating this piece of theatre. (create: to make something out of nothing.)

Amid the numerous uses of the "F" word and references to Adult themes, [title of show] is very entertaining.

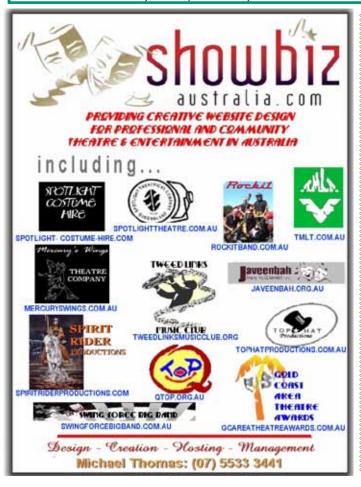


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