Official Newsletter of the

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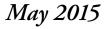








Celebrating 60 years of continuous entertainment The Spotlight Theatrical Company Diamond Anniversary 2015



## **SPOTLIGHT THEATRE** presents...



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2nd Prize - Travel Voucher to the value of \$1000\*\*

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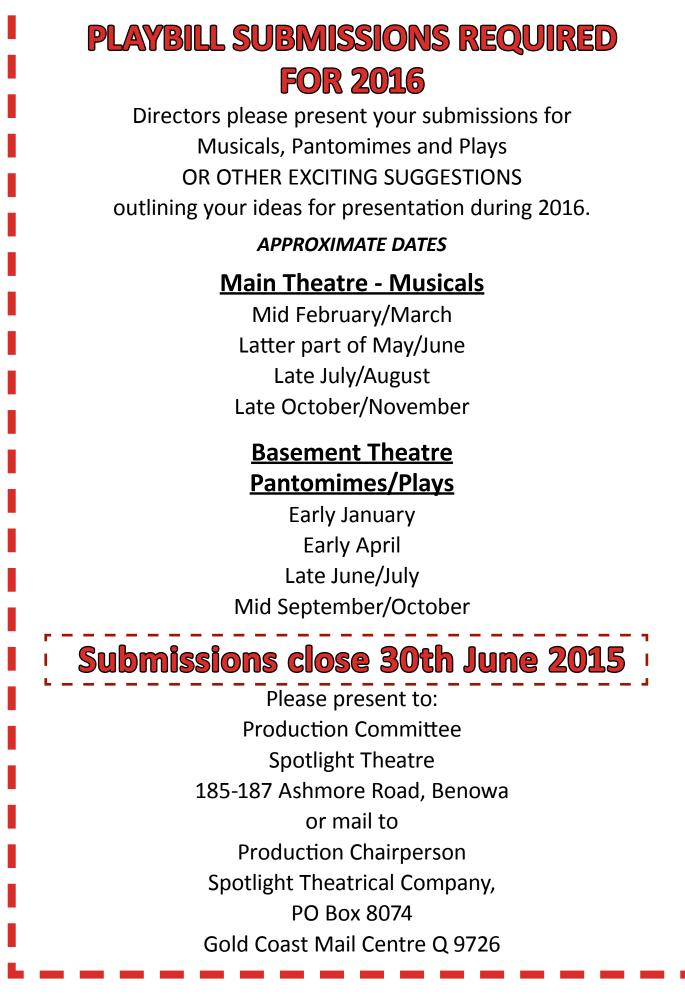








Closes: 11 December, 2015 Drawn: 12 December, 2015. Terms and conditions apply. \* Trip must be taken within 12 months from draw. Prize value based on low season travel, Not redeemable for cash. Prize is transferable only until travel is booked. Winner notified by phone, email and spotlighttheatre.com.au 14/12/15. \*\* Travel Voucher must be used within 2 years from draw date.



# NEW IN 2015 YOUNG ADJUG CLASSES

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Introducing: Young Adult Classes at Spotlight Theatrical Company. New for 2015, available to high school graduates, we're adding a specialised young adult class to help take your skills further. Get ready for auditions, take part in theatre master classes, learn unique skills, get practical training and industry development. Email youth@spotlighttheatre.com.au for more info or to enrol. Spaces are limited and there is an introductory price structure.



Final day of classes for Term 1 with the Junior and Intermediate students. Introducing the 9am Intermediate Performance students who are some of the "Nicest Kids in Town!"





#### The Spotlight Theatrical Company Proudly Presents

Based On The Book By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

> Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard

> Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classical Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co.and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

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Directed by Tess Burke Musical Director - Matt Pearson



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May 15 - June 6 2015

Little Dorothy Gale of Kansas, like so many girls her age, often dreams of what may lie over the rainbow.

One day a tornado hits her home town and carries her away to Munchkinland - at the end of the rainbow. The Munchkins fete Dorothy as a heroine.

Dorothy wants to go home to Kansas and seeks the help of the kind Glinda, the Witch of the North. Only the great Wizard of Oz, says the Sorceress, can help Dorothy get back to Kansas. Dorothy persuades three friends to accompany her on the trip to the Emerald City to see the Wizard. They are Scarecrow, who lacks a brain, he thinks; the Tin Woodman, who has no heart, and the Cowardly Lion, who would like to have some courage.

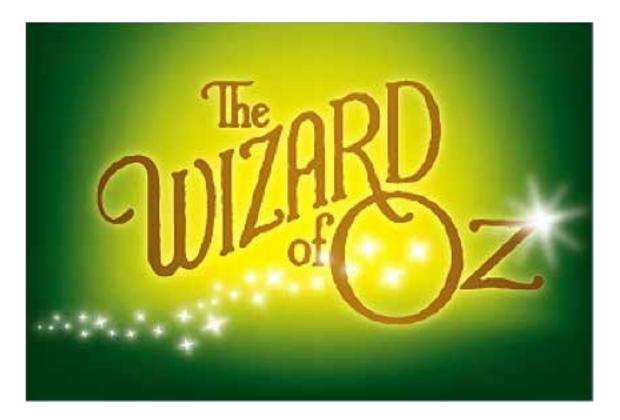
The Wicked Witch of the West vows vengeance on Dorothy and does all she can to stop the friends getting to the Emerald City. But they do reach it, and manage to see the Wizard. He will only help them, he says, if they kill the Wicked Witch of the West, an apparently impossible task. They do succeed, they get all their wishes and the Wizard accompanies Dorothy to Kansas in a balloon.

The well-known score includes some of the best loved songs in the American musical pantheon. Everybody needs to see The *Wizard of Oz* at least once in their lifetime!

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## THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL CO

#### Presents



#### We're off to see The Wizard of Oz! The most magical adventure of them all

## Follow the yellow brick road, over the rainbow and into Spotlight Theatre for a fun packed night of family entertainment.

Developed from the ever popular 1939 MGM screenplay, *The Wizard of Oz* is an enchanting adaptation of the all time classic. This production contains all the much-loved songs from the Oscar winning movie score including; *Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Follow the Yellow Brick Road, If I Only Had a Heart* and *We're Off to See the Wizard* plus some new music that was cut from the original film!

All the favourite characters and iconic moments will be there, plus a few surprises along the way - not just "lions and tigers and bears" - adding extra colour to the story as it moves from film to stage. The entire family will be captivated as The Spotlight Theatre is transformed into the mythical Land of Oz.

Spotlight Theatre is a great favourite with performers and audiences alike and has a very rich entertainment history over the past 60 years presenting variety, pantomime and spectacular musicals.

Director Tess Burke said, "We are incredibly excited to be presenting **The Wizard of Oz** on stage and re-telling this all time classic family story. I have long been a huge fan of the original movie, the songs and characters and am really looking forward to bringing it to life again."

Click your heels together and join Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Dorothy and her little dog Toto, as they journey through the magical land, helped and hindered by the Witches of Oz to meet the Wizard and obtain their heart's desires.

#### **GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS**

We are well into our new show and rehearsals are in full swing for the second show along with our *Morning Memories* on the 22nd of July. We have performed our new season show at the following venues after St Andrews Lutheran we have Sandbrook, Leamington Nursing Home, Earle Haven Hibiscus House, Mudgeeraba Nursing, Woodlands and the Terraces Varsity Lakes. We have fifteen shows remaining for the first half of the year.

Our second season show will include *Alice Blue Gown* by all members, *Charleston* and *Mame* to name just a few with more costumes to be sorted and routines and lyrics to be memorised. I have included photos of Maz and Kerry in a *Couple of Swells* and Phyllis, Anne, Margaret, Trish and myself in *Lara's Theme*. Now back to the boards.

> Noni Buckland Golden Girls Liaison







The Spotlight Theatrical Company presents the

## Golden Girls Morning Memories

#### Basement Theatre 22nd July 2015 <sub>at</sub> 10.30am

Tickets \$16 – includes Morning Tea

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#### The Spotlight Golden Girls

present

#### Morning Memories 22nd July 2015 10.30am

#### **Spotlight Basement Theatre**

185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa

As Spotlight Theatre celebrates its 60th Anniversary Spotlight's 'Golden Girls' are celebrating their Silver Anniversary. 25 years of entertaining residents in various nursing homes and aged care facilities on the Gold Coast.

All in their 'Golden' years, the Girls are aided and abetted by Eula their pianist/musical director and directed and choreographed by Marilyn Hodge, a life member of the Theatre. In 1995 the Golden Girls were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Queensland Premier's Awards. In 2006 the Girls were recognised in the Gold Coast Bulletin's Gold Coast Honours. Come and see old fashioned variety entertainment at its best with the Spotlight Golden Girls and their 'Morning Memories'.



Spotlight Theatre's Test and Tag Register is duly maintained by Dramatex Theatrical Services.



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# FINAL AUDITIONS

The Musical

## Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin Book by Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (NY)

DIRECTED BY MORGAN GARRITY | MUSICAL DIRECTOR JULIE WHITING

MAIN THEATRE | 31 JULY – 22 AUGUST | 2015

#### MAY 3rd 10:00am

#### **General Auditions**

When: Saturday May 3rd – 10:00am Where: Spotlight Theatre What: Dance call at 10:00am and individual vocal calls upon registration Please prepare two 1 minute excerpts in the style of the show. Please provide sheet music or backing with marked start position.

Make sure to bring a water bottle and wear clothes that show us how your body moves.

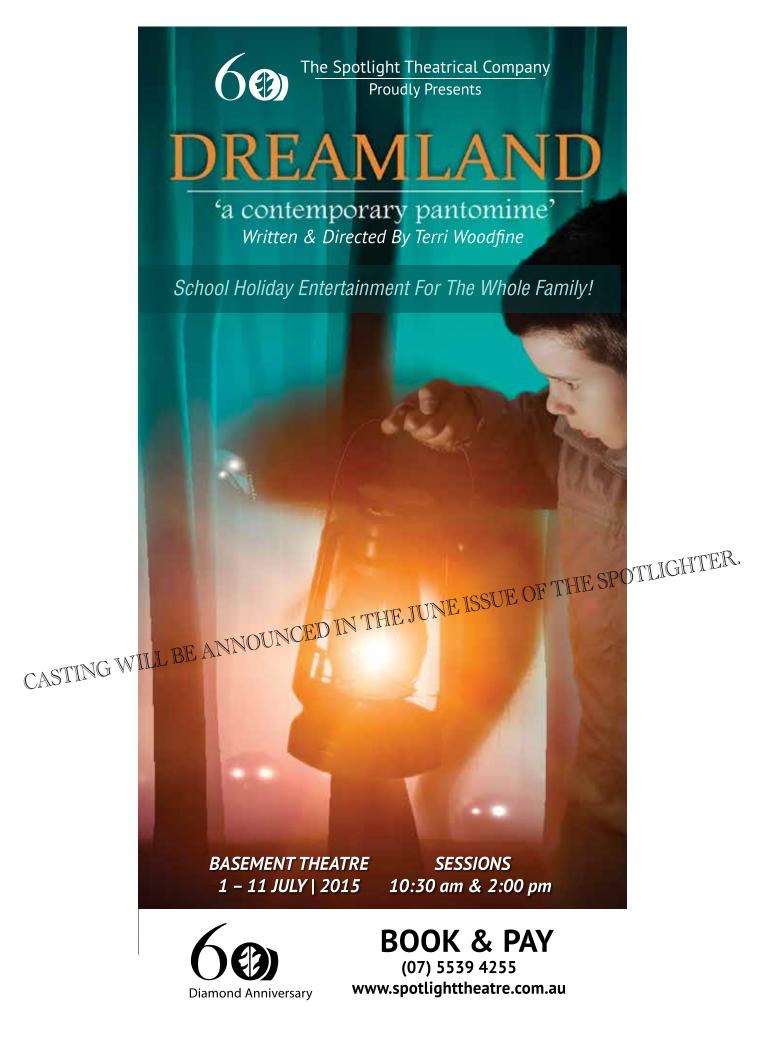
**FEMALE ENSEMBLE CHARACTERS** (playing age of 18+- ; open to all ethnicities) - Ensemble characters will be used multiple times throughout the entire production. Some ensemble female characters include:

- Delta Nu Sisters: CeCe, Veronica, Leilani, Shandi, Gabby and Kristine
- Mrs. Woods Elle's Mom Alto, C4 E5
- Whitney Vivienne's Best friend Alto, G3-C5
  Store Clerk #1, Store Manager, Front of Store
- Cashier, Perfume Clerk #1 and #2
- District Attorney Joyce Riley, Judge, Reporter, Stenographer and Jurors
- Alumni of Delta Nu and current UCLA students
- Restaurant, Mall and Beauty Shop Patrons
- Harvard Law Professors and Students
- Sabrina (Featured in Brooke's Video) and Brooke's Inmates

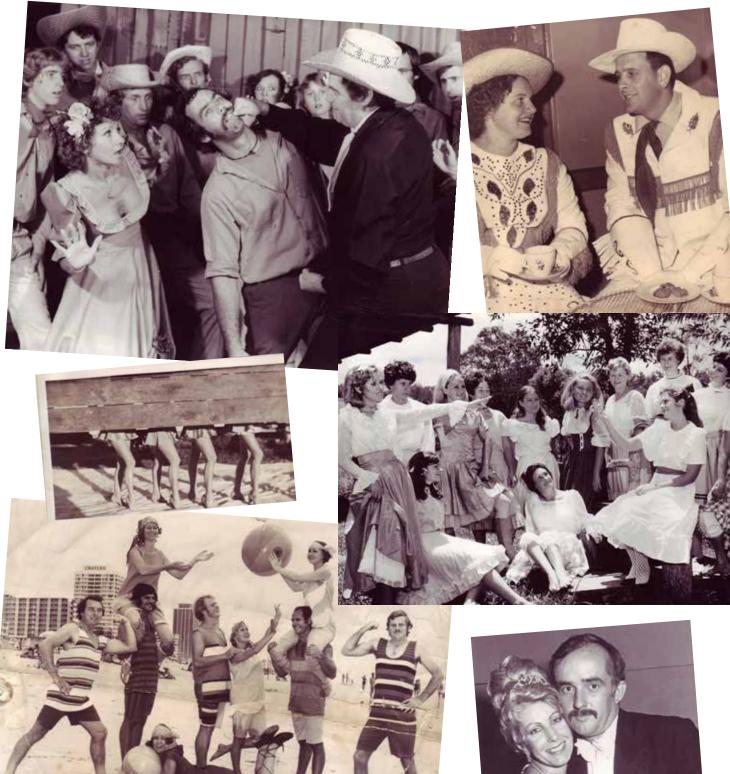
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- Mr. Woods Elle's Father; Baritone, D3-E#4
- "Jamaican Me Crazy" Rapper Grand Master Chad (High Baritone) and Dancers
- Harvard Admissions Council Members:
- Winthrop, Lowell and Pforzheimer (Bari-Tenors)
- KiKi Hair Colorist
- Carlos Nikos' Gay Lover- Tenor
- Nikos Brooke's Pool Boy
- Alumni and current UCLA students
- Restaurant, Mall and Beauty Shop Patrons
- Harvard Law Professors and Students
- Jurors and Bailiff
- Suit Salesman
- "Bend and Snap" male on-lookers
- Brooke's Inmates

For further information, or to register for an Audition – auditions@spotlighttheatre.com.au



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SPOTLIGHT PAST Spotlighter May 2015 Congratulations to Cast and Crew of the Guiseppe Verdi Opera *La Traviata* which was Directed by Melanie Smart and Isaac Moody. The opera was well received by enthusiastic audiences in Spotlight's Basement Theatre with Melanie receiving standing ovations. Musicians Marie Nicholson (piano), David McNeven (cello) and Ruby Johnson (clarinet) accompanied the cast throughout and did a wonderful job of Verdi's score. The cast set the scenes and their ensemble vocals were quite remarkable. A very enjoyable venture into the world of Opera thanks to all involved.



#### & PRESENT

Spotlight Theatre's costumiere extraordinnaire is in urgent need of help with the *Wizard of Oz* costumes. If you can spare some time to help him out, it would be greatly appreciated. Please phone 07 5539 4255 for further details.



#### AUDITIONS for TOP HAT PRODUCTIONS' COCKTAILS WITH NOEL & GERTIE (A Marvellous Party!)

Spotlight's Basement Theatre, Thursday 25th June from 6.00pm! Call Producer/Director KATE PETERS on 5539 6456 for details and to book an audition.



## Joel Beskin's 'Theatre Roundup'

is now on Air every week on Tuesdays. Tune in to 4CRB 89.3FM between 2.35pm and 3pm for Community Theatre News

#### Kate Peters' 'Showbiz Buzz'

is now on air every week on Monday afternoons. Tune in to Radio 94.1FM at 2.30pm for all the gossip on current/past/future productions (and performers) on the Gold Coast!



Spotlight Costume Hire is seeking a motivated and experienced seamstress to assist in maintaining their stock of costumes.

This is a casual position (approximately 5 hours per week) so would suit a retired or semi retired person. We are reasonably flexible with the hours structure.

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