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The Spotlight Theatrical Company
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Diamond Anniversary, 2015
Spotlight Theatrical Company



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.

PLAYBILL SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED FOR 2016

Directors please present your submissions for
Musicals, Pantomimes and Plays
OR OTHER EXCITING SUGGESTIONS
outlining your ideas for presentation during 2016.

APPROXIMATE DATES

Main Theatre - Musicals

Mid February/March
Latter part of May/June
Late July/August
Late October/November

Basement Theatre

Pantomimes/Plays

Early January
Early April
Late June/July
Mid September/October

Submissions close 30th June 2015

Please present to:

Production Committee

Spotlight Theatre

185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa

or mail to

Production Chairperson

Spotlight Theatrical Company,

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NEW IN 2015

YOUNG ADULT 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.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH THEATRE



JESSICA PAPST (Head Teacher)
TERRI WOODFINE (Teacher)
DANA WHITE (Assistant Teacher)
LEA VOSTI (YT Administrator)
MARTINA FRENCH (YT Liaison)

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!"



*Spotlight's
Diamond Jubilee Celebration*

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Celebrating 60 years of
Spotlight Theatrical Company
Diamond Anniversary, 2015

**FOR ALL SPOTLIGHTERS AND FRIENDS
YOUNG AND OLD**

60th Anniversary Gala event,
May 2 at the Southport Yacht Club.



The Spotlight Theatrical Company

Proudly Presents

THE
WIZARD
OF
OZ

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.

By special arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library Inc. N.Y.

Directed by Tess Burke
Musical Director - Matt Pearson

Main Theatre | May 15 - June 6 2015



Diamond Anniversary

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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!

Spotlighter May 2015

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*





Spotlight Theatrical Company
Diamond Anniversary, 2015

The Spotlight Theatrical Company
presents the

Golden Girls

Morning Memories

Basement Theatre

22nd July

2015

at

10.30am

Tickets \$16
– includes
Morning Tea

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Test and Tag Register
is duly maintained by
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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'.



FINAL AUDITIONS

LEGALLY BLONDE



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

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

- 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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DREAMLAND

'a contemporary pantomime'

Written & Directed By Terri Woodfine

School Holiday Entertainment For The Whole Family!

CASTING WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE SPOTLIGHTER.

BASEMENT THEATRE
1 - 11 JULY | 2015

SESSIONS
10:30 am & 2:00 pm



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SPOTLIGHT PAST

Congratulations to Cast and Crew of the Giuseppe 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.



La Traviata



& PRESENT

Spotlight Theatre's costumiere extraordinaire 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. Experience with industrial machines would be of benefit. Please direct all enquiries to costume-hire@spotlighttheatre.com.au



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IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY?

As little or as much time as you can spare is appreciated!

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- FRONT OF HOUSE • BAR



THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY COMMITTEE MEETING

is held **THIRD TUESDAY EACH MONTH – 7:00pm**
at The Spotlight Theatre Complex

unless otherwise advised.

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