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Spotlight Theatrical Company
Diamond Anniversary, 2015

Official Newsletter of the
SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY



November 2015



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The BOY from OZ

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Wow, that was quick!

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We are investigating the possibility of an extra performance.



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BROADWAY & more !
TOTAL VALUE \$6,000
(see inside)**

Here's what is in store at **Spotlight Theatrical Company** for next year! We also have a **Top Hat Productions** show, *Hooray For Hollywood* in April and all of our *Youth Theatre* productions throughout the year.
Here's to 2016!

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY
2016

Robin Hood
a legendary Pantomime!

~~AUDITIONS 3 OCTOBER 2015~~

Directed By
Terri Woodfine

JANUARY 6 - 16

PIPPIN

~~AUDITIONS 25 OCTOBER 2015~~

DIRECTED BY
TRENT IVETT

**FEBRUARY 19 -
MARCH 12**

BONNIE & CLYDE
a new musical

AUDITIONS 7 FEBRUARY 2016

Directed by
Brad Kendrick

**MAY 13 -
JUNE 4**

A LAD 'N' HIS LAMP

an ingeniously funny Panto!

AUDITIONS 3 APRIL 2016

**DIRECTED BY
ALEX BREEN**

**JUNE 29 -
JULY 9**

Higher & Higher

The Motown Musical

AUDITIONS 15 MAY 2016

DIRECTED BY
JAMIE WATT

**AUGUST 12 -
SEPTEMBER 3**

BREAST WISHES

an uplifting musical

AUDITIONS 19 JUNE 2016

Directed by **Tess Burke
& Tony Alcock**

**SEPTEMBER 16 -
OCTOBER 2**

**THE MYSTERY OF
EDWIN DROOD**

AUDITIONS 24 JULY 2016

*The Solve It Yourself
Musical*

**OCTOBER 21 -
NOVEMBER 12**



See December Spotlighter for Audition results

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TERRI
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DANA WHITE (Assistant Teacher)
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Welcome to the busiest time of the year for Spotlight Youth Theatre! Multiple productions in rehearsal, students everywhere helping out backstage and performers doubling up in their Youth shows and in *The Boy from Oz*. What a wonderful range of opportunities students here are afforded!

We kicked off Term 4 with the Young Adults play reading of *“The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay”* and what a wonderful night that was! Such a hilarious look into 1980s high school life and some amazing performances from our cast of school-leavers. They were a joy to work with as they happily took on production roles as well as cast and really took ownership over their production. Thanks to the small, but appreciative, audience who turned out on the night.

The following weekend, amongst *The Boy from Oz* tech-week and some very warm weather, we enjoyed the work of the tiniest among us - the Junior Drama class - and their production of *“The Other-Other Tale of the Three Little Pigs”*. Director and Junior Drama teacher Terri Woodfine explains,

“Last week we performed our Junior show for 2015, ‘The Other Other Tale of the Three Little Pigs’. It was a fantastic weekend of shows, the kids performed wonderfully. This whole process has been a wonderful experience, the rehearsals went smoothly and the kids were an absolute pleasure to work with. Hope you all had as much fun watching the show as we had creating and performing it.”



Director and Teacher Terri Woodfine and some of the cast of the Junior Drama production.

Rehearsals are continuing for both the Intermediate production, *Alice in Wonderland* and the Senior Musical Theatre production, *FAME Jr* which play only a week apart. We look forward to bringing all of these productions to you as the year comes to a close. The Intermediate shows are 27-29 November (with a different cast each night) and *FAME Jr* will play over 4 performances from 3-6 December with the same cast each night. Book your tickets ASAP as these shows will sell out!

Thanks for your support of Spotlight Youth Theatre.

Jessica Papst
Head Teacher

YOUTH THEATRE ORIENTATION DAY 2016

is in the Main theatre
on Saturday January 23rd @ 10:00am
for students who have not pre-enrolled.

FOR INFORMATION contact Youth Theatre Administrator
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DIRECTOR TERRI WOODFINE

Director Terri Woodfine celebrating a very successful run for the Spotlight Theatre Junior Drama Classes' production *The Other "Other" Tale of the 3 Little Pigs* by Bren MacDibble. Congratulations to all on a wonderful show!

PHOTOS COURTESY STEVE WOODFINE



SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE
INTERMEDIATE DRAMA CLASSES

present

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

BY MICHELE L. VACCA

Directed by
Jessica Papst

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Friday 27 November 7.00 pm
Saturday 28 November 7.00 pm
Sunday 29 November 2.00 pm

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The Narrator begins the play, opening his book, he begins the story:

'One sunny afternoon . . . ' And the panorama of Wonderland unfolds. The ever-late White Rabbit enters, Alice following. As she chases him through Wonderland, she meets the Mad Hatter and the March Hare, enjoying their perpetual tea party. She encounters a grinning Cheshire Cat, who tells her: 'It doesn't matter which way you go . . . you're certain to get somewhere if you walk long enough.' Tweedledum and Tweedledee require her assistance as they engage in a comical mock battle, which ends in a draw. A passing Caterpillar advises her to keep her temper, and Humpty Dumpty also offers her so much confusing advice, that she, in turn, advises him that he may soon need 'all the King's horses and all the King's men'.

The classic childrens' story is imaginatively presented by Spotlight's Intermediate Drama Class in this production written by Michele L. Vacca and directed by Jessica Papst



Spotlight Senior Musical Theatre
PRESENTS



FAME JR.

THE MUSICAL

Conceived and Developed by David De Silva

Book by

Jose Fernandez

Lyrics by

Jacques Levy

Music by

Steve Margoshes

Title song "Fame" written by Dean Pitchford and Michael Gore

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

Director/ Choreographer – Jessica Papst

Musical Director – Matthew Pearson

Vocal Director – Martina French

Main Theatre 2015 Dec 3 – 5 @ 7 pm, Dec 6 @ 2pm

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From the hit motion pictures, television series, and international stage success, **FAME** is nothing short of a global phenomenon.

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With its topical subject matter, multi-ethnic cast of actors, singers, dancers and instrumentalists and high-energy, contemporary pop score (which includes the hit title song), **FAME JR.** is an ideal musical for young performers.

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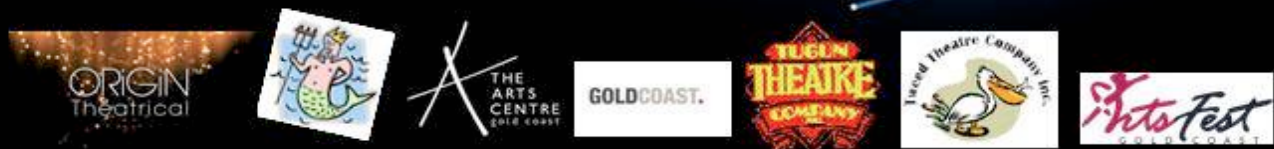
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See December issue for AUDITION RESULTS



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PROUDLY PRESENTS



PIPPIN

Book by
ROGER O. HIRSON

Music & Lyrics by
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stage by Stuart Ostrow
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GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS



This month has been a little less hectic for our group and some of our members have been taking advantage of this time to attend to personal matters or holidays away. Although the month has been quieter we have still been very busy rehearsing our Christmas numbers to be inserted in November and December performances.

Since the last newsletter we have performed at the following venues, Sandbrook at Burleigh, Villa de la Salle at Southport and Tall Trees at Banora Point. We still have sixteen shows remaining for the rest of the year, so we are gearing up for a busy Christmas season.

I have included photos of Eula our pianist, who does a fantastic job playing all sorts of different keyboards from old to new and a group photo while performing *Alice Blue Gown*.

Now back to the boards.

Noni Buckland
Golden Girls Liason



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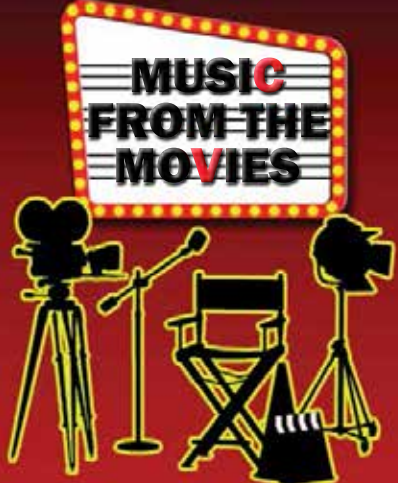
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BONNIE & CLYDE

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Director **BRAD KENDRICK** Musical Director **BRADY WATKINS**



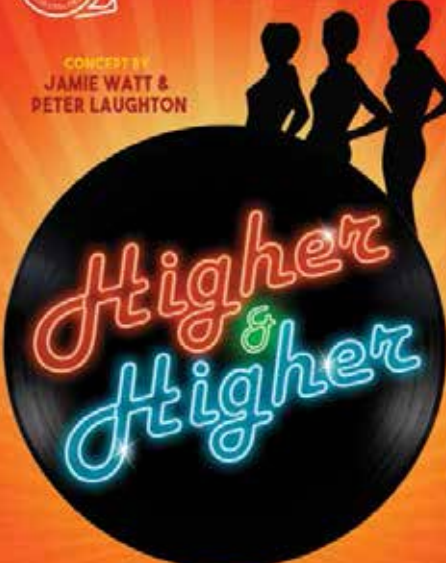
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An Uplifting Musical

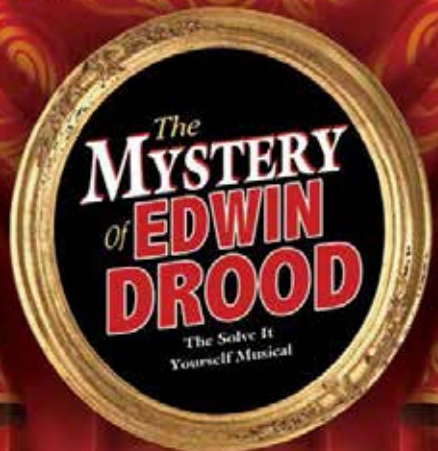
Music & Lyrics by **BRUCE BROWN**
Book by **MERRIDY EASTMAN, JONATHAN GAVIN, RICHARD GLOVER, WENDY HARMER, SHERIDAN JOBBINS, JAMES MILLAR & DEBRA OSWALD**
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Building on the success of last year's *BreaKaLeg Talent Quest*; this year the Alliance are going a step further by hosting an **ARTSFEST** at **Helensvale Cultural Centre on Sunday 6th December**. The day will commence at 9.00 am with stalls and live performances representing the Performing Arts from right across the Coast.

SPOTLIGHT has 2 stalls and we **NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP** "man" the stalls between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. This is a great opportunity to promote the Company in its 60th Anniversary Year and we will be offering information on our Youth Theatre Activities for 2016, selling some of our many Costumes which are taking up valuable space, taking bookings for our first show for 2016 and Selling our 60th Anniversary BROADWAY Raffle Tickets which will be drawn the following Saturday.

During the day there will be a variety of Live Performances, Workshops and Forums: including Representation from the major Performing Rights Holders where you can find out what to do when applying for permission to stage a production. (Ideal for committee members present or future to understand just what the process involves.)

The **EVENING SESSION**, commencing at 7.00 pm, will comprise of some performances and the presentation of Prizes from the BreaKaLeg competition, entertainment by Special Guest Artists and the presentation of the Distinguished Service Medals; recognising the outstanding contribution of our unsung heroes who work tirelessly behind the bright lights making our shows the triumphs that they have become.



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