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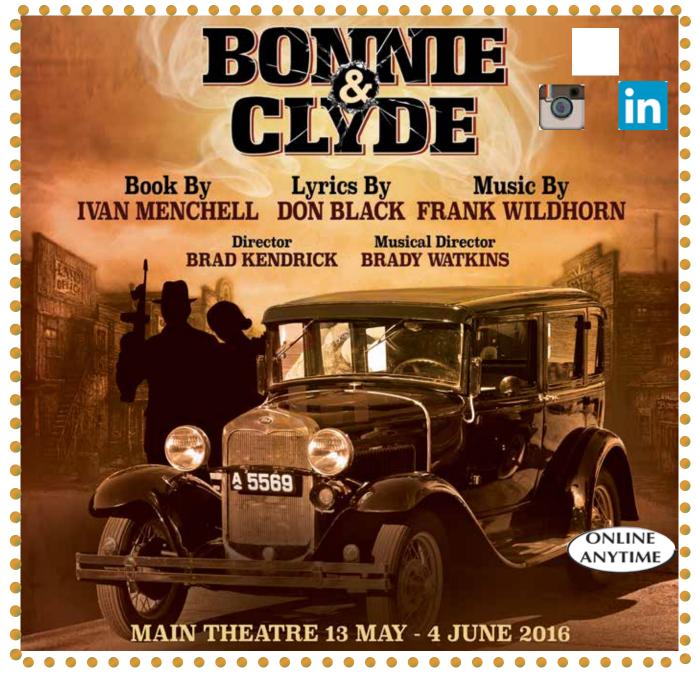
SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

Fostering an outlet for creative youth and community, while seeking to produce vibrant, quality entertainment that enriches, engages and educates.

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HOW DISAPPOINTING! WITH THE NUMBER OF FINANCIAL SPOTLIGHT MEMBERS & THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO APPEAR IN OUR SHOWS WE COULDN'T GET A QUORUM (27) TO ATTEND THE 1/2 YEARLY MEETING (as advertised in 4 issues of The Spotlighter & Special Emailed Notice).

SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

audition dates and show times - mark your calendar



PARKING AT BENOWA GARDENS

FOR SPOTLIGHT MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, & PATRONS IS STRICTLY 3 HRS DAILY.

PLEASE PARK IN THE UNDERGROUND CARPARK.

PLEASE NOTE: THE 9PM CLOSING TIME IS WAIVED AND IS 11PM WHEN THERE ARE NIGHT TIME PERFORMANCES AT SPOTLIGHT.

Spotlighter April 2016

??? DIRECTORS ??? PLAYBILL SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED FOR 2017

Directors please present your detailed submissions for

Musicals, Pantomimes and Plays (OR OTHER EXCITING SUGGESTIONS) outlining your ideas and production team for presentation during 2017.

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 2016

Please present to: Production Committee Spotlight Theatre 185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa or mail to: Production Chairperson Spotlight Theatrical Company, PO Box 8074 Gold Coast Mail Centre Q 9726



ANDREW COCKROFT-PENMAN (Senior Drama Teacher) JONATHAN WHITLOW (Musical Theatre Teacher) HANNAH CROWTHER (Intermediate Teacher) TERRI WOODFINE (Primary Teacher) VAL LEFTWICH (YT Administrator) MARTINA FRENCH / VAL LEFTWICH (YT Liaison)

FROM YOUTH THEATRE ADMINISTRATOR

In January we engaged the services of Jonathan Whitlow, Andrew Cockroft-Penman and Hannah Crowther as teachers for the Youth Theatre.

Hannah is taking the Intermediate Drama classes on Saturday morning with the assistance of Terri Woodfine and then Terri is taking the Junior Drama classes Saturday afternoon with the assistance of Hannah. This system is working well and the children are very responsive to both teachers.

Andrew is taking the three Senior Drama classes on Monday and Wednesday and he is assisted by Terri.

Jonathan is taking three Senior Music Theatre classes on Monday and Tuesday and is assisted by Martina French.

The students have now become familiar with their teachers and work has begun on productions. I am quite sure that Music Theatre Showcase mid year will be a wonderful production. The senior drama classes are doing the famous Shakespeare play "Mid Summers Night Dream" which I can see the students are really enjoying. The Junior and Intermediate Drama productions are at present being worked upon by Hannah and Terri.

I have received quite a number of calls from parents telling me that their children are enjoying the classes and that is really nice to hear.

As term one draws to an end we will commence classes again on the 11th April when the school term starts.

I have received several enquiries about payment for next term. Parents will be sent an invoice shortly for the second term and payment can be made either through the bank or at the Spotlight Costume Hire shop.

Valerie Leftwich – Administrator Youth Theatre Programme.



INTRODUCING THE SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE TEACHERS: ANDREW COCKROFT-PENMAN – SENIOR DRAMA TEACHER

Andrew is delighted to take on the role of Senior Drama Teacher following his recent move to the Gold Coast. For the past 4 years Andrew has been studying a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre and Performance from the University of New England, during which time he has directed and acted in numerous productions such as: *Sweeney Todd, Into the Woods, Wizard of Oz, Little Shop of Horrors, The Popular Mechanicals, Comedy of Errors, Much Ado About Nothing* and *The Government Inspector*. Alongside Terri Woodfine, Andrew will be guiding students through various styles of theatre from antiquity to contemporary, and directing the youth theatre students in their production of Shakespeare's A *Midsummer Nights Dream*.

2016 has seen Andrews involvement in Spotlight as Morgan in the Christmas Panto and as Lewis in *Pippin* whilst assisting on the *Higher and Higher* production team and directing *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* at the conclusion of the year. Surprise!



JONATHAN WHITLOW - SENIOR MUSIC THEATRE TEACHER

Jonathan is thrilled to be teaching Senior Music Theatre Classes for Spotlight after many years traveLling the world and performing abroad. As a graduate of Davidia Lind Dance Centre's Diploma: Musical Theatre Performance & Commercial Dance (2006), he has been blessed to be a part of three national tours - Hugh Jackman's *The Boy From Oz* (Brisbane/Supernumerary), *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* (Ensemble, Joe Maudlin Cover, Featured Saxophonist) and *FAME* (Goodman 'Goody' King). Jonathan has also enjoyed a number of years performing with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines in their incredible Production Shows, first as dancer, then as Featured Singer since 2012. He has also been Vocal Captain for the company, which involves maintaining the integrity of the vocals as they were taught, vocal health, troubleshooting difficult vocal passages, and working closely with the Company Manager, Musical Director and Stage Manager to schedule rehearsals, sound checks and performances.

Jonathan has studied voice with Kirri Adams, Caroline Taylor, former Ten Tenor Greg Moore, and Matthew Ward, and now teaches private singing and piano lessons at Vocal Adrenaline Performing Arts. Memorable roles include Sonny in *Grease* (Gold Coast Arts Centre), Claude in *HAIR* (GCAC), Troy Bolton in *High School Musical* (GCAC) and most recently Peter Allen in Spotlight's *The Boy From Oz*. He enjoys teaching immensely, and is extremely grateful to be a part of the incredibly talented Spotlight teaching staff.

HANNAH CROWTHER - INTERMEDIATE TEACHER

Hannah made her professional theatre debut in *Oklahoma!* and then in *Cats* as Rumpleteazer for Harvest Rain Theatre Company (HRTC). She has performed in *Spring Awakening* (Ilse, Movement Director, Dance Captain) for Javeenbah Theatre Company, *Legally Blonde* (Enid, Dance Captain) with Spotlight Theatrical and choreographed the original musical *Billy Buckett* (Beenleigh Theatre Company) which earned her a Best Choreographer Award at the Gold Coast Theatre Awards 2013.

Hannah toured Australia with Camp Quality as part of their education program, anti-bullying puppet shows *Inside Out* and *The Way You Look At It*. She also performs weekly as vocal partner with *DJR PRODUCTIONS*. Hannah participated in workshops of *Astraeus* (The Blacklight Collective), *Oasis* (That Old Fashioned Production Company) and *Metalhead* as Kate Kelly

(Underground Productions). Hannah has performed in many shows including



The Sound of Music, Jesus Christ Superstar, Grease, Spelling Bee, Sweet Charity, and Ink and the Unknowns with HRTC. With Redcliffe Musical Theatre she worked as an Urchin in Little Shop of Horrors.

Hannah has also performed internationally with The Hong Kong Oratorio Society and touring to California Adventureland, Knotts Berry Farm and Disneyland.

Throughout her life, Hannah has completed various dance, drama and musical theatre exams, most notably having achieved a Diploma in Musical Theatre with Distinction (Trinity College of London), Distinction for Grade 8 Drama (Trinity College of London), Grade 1 Theatrical Examination (Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing), and Intermediate Ballet (Royal Academy of Dancing).

Hannah is a passionate teacher and loves working with children and watching them grow into strong, confident performers.

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If you have more than one child attending classes, every child after the first enrolment will receive \$10:00 discount.

CONTACT: Youth Theatre Administrator, VAL LEFTWICH ph: 0452 501 941 email: val@leftwich.com.au **ARE YOU A FINANCIAL SPOTLIGHT MEMBER?**

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http://spotlighttheatre.com.au/ Membership/membership_form_2013.pdf

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PPPIN

WHEN PIPPIN CHOOSES THE ORDINARY. HE BECOMES EXTREDING RDINARY!



CLAY ENGLISH – Leading Player

Spotlight Patrons who saw *Pippin* at our Theatre agreed it was not an ORDINARY show but *was indeed* EXTRAORDINARY.

CONGRATULATIONS to all involved and Thank You Director Trent Ivett, Creative & Production Teams and Cast Members.

Throughout rehearsals comments from Cast Members were very positive and exciting and it seems they gained much insight, joy and inspiration from the experience of being part of such an Extraordinary Musical at The Spotlight Theatre!

CLAY ENGLISH - *LEADING PLAYER* had this to say just prior to Closing Night:

"Admittedly I knew nothing about **PIPPIN** before I auditioned, but never has a role been more thrilling, more exciting and more impacting on my life. I thank each and every one of you who've supported this production in what ever capacity that may have been. Thanks to Trent and the creative team for taking a chance on me and thanks to the cast for allowing me to be your **Leading Player** - none of what I do is possible without you. Here's to the Glory and Simple Joys of closing night."

GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

We are now in full swing with our first season concert.

We have completed shows at Sandbrook Nursing Home at Treetops, Golden Age at Southport and Tall Trees at Banora Point. We have four shows remaining for the month of March.

We are now in the process of selecting new numbers and costumes for our second season, which will begin on the 2nd of August, with rehearsals every Wednesday.

I have included photos of Trish Sam, Kerry and myself, in *Step In Time*, Sam and Kerry and myself in *In The Mood*. Some other numbers for this season include *Argentina*, *I Will Remember Vienna* and *Wonderful Day Like Today* to name just a few.



Now back to the boards.

Noni Buckland Golden Girls Liaison





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March 20th was World Theatre for Children and Young People Day

Some of you might be thinking, "Oh lord, why do we need a day to celebrate actors being silly, wearing bright colors and singing obnoxiously at squirming kiddos and bored parents?" But if you think that's what **Theatre for Young People** is, you're missing out on truly powerful, hilarious, bold, engaging, surprising theatre that might just save the world.

Around the world artists are creating a new stripe of **Theatre for Young People** that combines the elegance of dance, the innovation of devised theatre, the freshness of new plays, the magnetism of puppetry and the inciting energy of new musicals. Kids have access to more and more mature theatrical visions premiering all over the world.



These plays range from re-imagined fairy tales and adaptations

of favorite books to brand-new plays and electric new musicals about everything from physics to bullying to the American Civil War.

But how could theatre, especially theatre for young people, really matter in a world as fraught and disparity-scattered as ours?

Not to sound overly grand (too late), but so much of the toxicity in this world comes from a collective draining of empathy. We don't understand each other, and we don't want to. But theatre invites us — no,



forces us — to empathize.

Bill English of San Francisco's SF Playhouse says, "theatre is like a gym for empathy. It's where we can go to build up the muscles of compassion, to practice listening and understanding and engaging with people that are not just like ourselves. We practice sitting down, paying attention and learning from other people's actions. We practice caring."

Kids need this kind of practice even more than adults do. This is going to be their planet and they've got more time to apply that empathy and make a difference.

Why not take your child to the theatre to do just that.

In fact "Take A Child to the Theatre Today" is the campaign theme of The International Association of Theatres for Young Audiences for the next three years. If you take a child to the theatre, not only will they practice empathy, they might also laugh uproariously, or come home singing about science, or want to know more about history, or tell you what happened at school today, or spend all dinner discussing music, or learn how to handle conflict, or start becoming future patrons of the arts.

Take a child to the theatre. Take them all the time. And don't "sit back, relax, and enjoy the show." Lean forward, engage and start changing the world for the better.

By chance, auditions for 'A Lad 'n' His Lamp' were



also on the 20th March with many young (and young at heart) hopefuls strutting their stuff for Director Alex Breen and his team. The casting will be announced in the next edition or check in on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/SpotlightTheatricalCompany/



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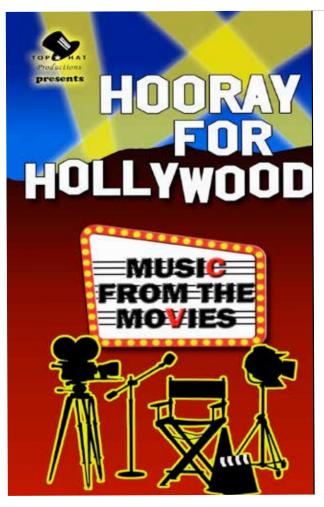
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HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD! (Music from the Movies!)

Season: Thurs-Sat 31 March-17 April DIRECTOR: Kate Peters

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From the people who brought you HATS The Musical, RUTHLESS The Musical, ISN'T IT ROMANTIC? IN THE MOOD (The 1940s Big Band Show), IN THE MOOD - AGAIN! (The Golden Age of Radio Show) and LET'S MISBEHAVE (The 1920S Jazz Age Party)

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SEASON: Thursday/Friday/Saturday 31st March, 1-2 April at 7.30pm Thursday/Friday/Saturday 7-9 April at 7.30pm Thursday/Friday/Saturday 14-16 April at 7.30pm Sunday 3, 10, 17th April at 4.00pm. BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN ON 5539 4255



Higher Higher Higher

> DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER Jamie Watt

Peter Laughton

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MUSIC DIRECTOR Ben Murray ASSOCIATE CHOREOGRAPHERS Kellie Niebling & Lauren Wormald

The Creative Team are searching for a **high energy, diverse** community theatre cast covering full vocal and dance ranges to perform in this exciting, entirely new musical experience.

The production will feature an explosive live band who will rock their way through over **50** classic songs that span the Motown and disco era, including *'River Deep, Mountain High', 'Heatwave', 'Walk Away Renee', 'Hot Stuff', 'September'* and many more!

Please prepare TWO songs, one up-tempo one ballad that fit the Motown era and show full vocal range and dynamic. VERSE AND CHORUS ONLY PLEASE. Accepted musical accompaniment will be on CD, iPHONE, MP3 or USB.

NO ACAPELLA AUDITIONS (without backing) WILL BE ACCEPTED

Auditions are by appointment only. An individual audition time will be allocated.

REHEARSALS COMMENCE 22nd MAY 2016 and will be scheduled Sunday —Thursday (not all roles required all days)

AUDITION DATES: SUNDAY 15th MAY

DANCE AUDITION 9am — 10am

MOVEMENT AUDITION (For those auditioning for singing/vocal backing Roles) 10am — 11am Spotlight Main Stage Theatre

(Please note that dance/movement audition is **compulsory** for all auditionees)

Please arrive in appropriate clothing and footwear (jazz shoes), bring a towel, water and deodorant.

VOCAL AUDITIONS 12pm onwards in allotted appointments

CALLBACKS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 17th MAY IF REQUIRED

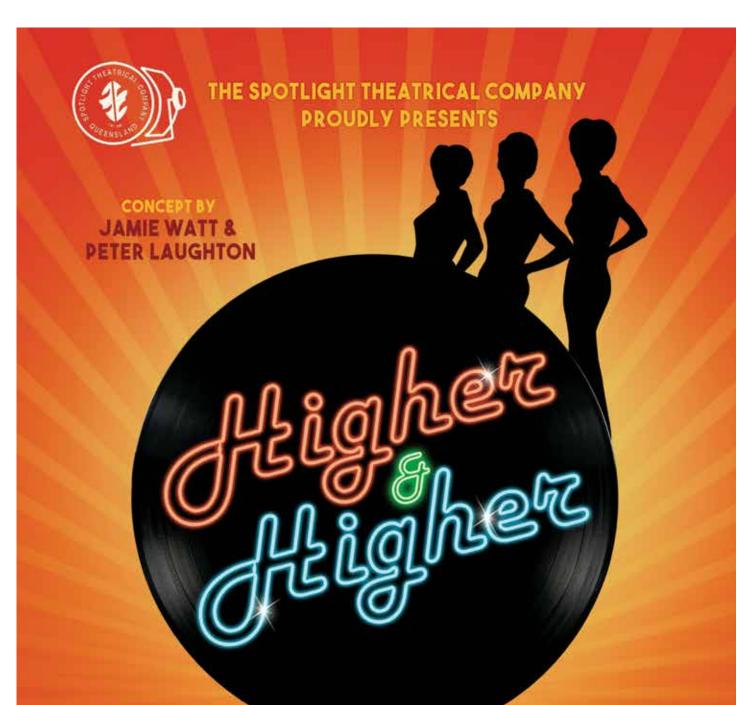
SEASON OPENS 12th AUGUST 2016

Season Dates:

Previews 10, 11 August Evening Shows: 12,13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 August 1, 2, 3 September Matinees: 21, 28 August

To Register for an audition and/or further information:

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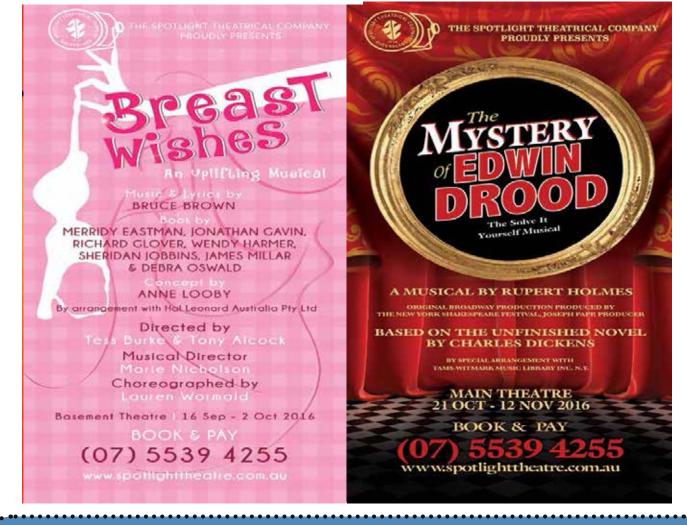
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Theatre Alliance Secretary: theatrealliance@qld.chariot.net.au



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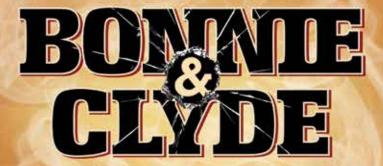
Kate Peter's 'Showbiz Buzz'

will air on the same station at 2.15pm Friday afternoons.





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