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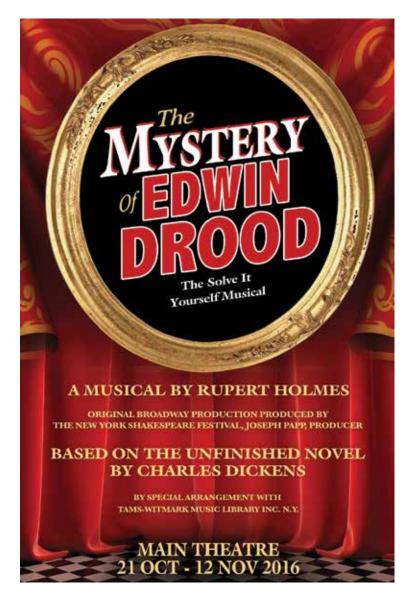
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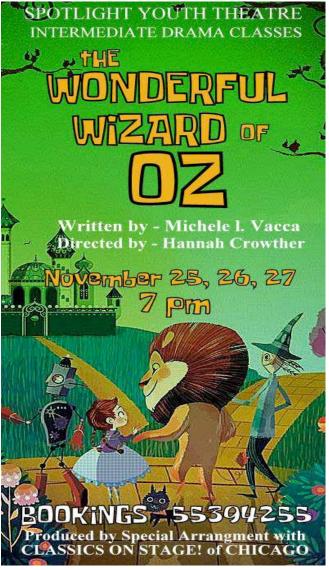
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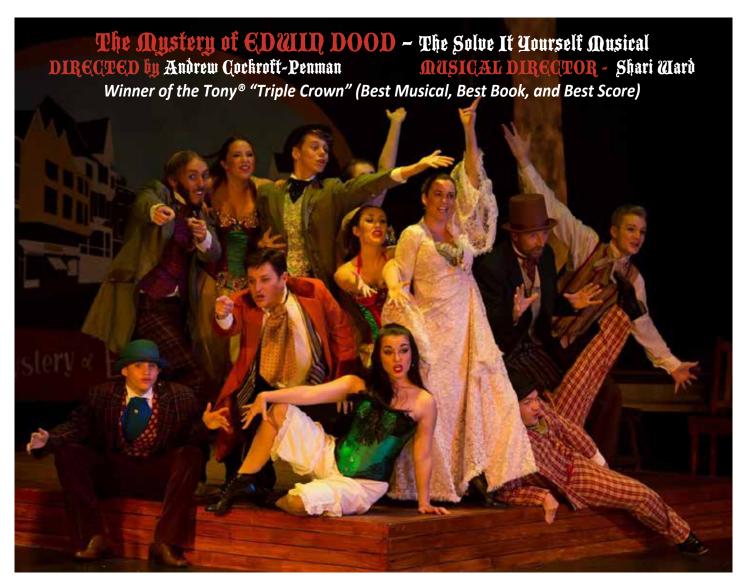












As the Company of 'The Music Hall Royale' attempt their boldest production to date- 'The Mystery of Edwin Drood', they stumble upon one small problem. Charle Dickens died before completing his masterwork. Undaunted, they ask the audience to vote on which suspect is the most likely villain and then conclude the show accordingly! ... Here's a few sneaky images from Steve Woodfine - Nanga Mai Photography.



#### **REVIEWED by Roger McKenzie for Stage Whispers!**

This "Solve It Yourself" Musical is a piece that requires an "all star" cast and Director Andrew Cockcroft-Penman, Musical Director Shari Ward and Choreographers Jamie Watt, Clay English and Ebony Rose have assembled one of the best.

The title role is a "trouser" part beautifully played by Sally Wood. Her cohorts in this dastardly mystery: Chris Catherwood – John Jasper; Terri Woodfine – Rosa Budd; Andrew Cockcroft-Penman – Chairman and Lee Patterson as Princess Puffer were all individually and collectively evil! The supporting artists (equally unsavoury) added their devious goings on to the Mystery with élan. Hardly offstage from pre-show to curtain call, they all worked hard to cast aspersions and confuse the audience.

One pitfall in an otherwise great production was bad diction. When the lyrics are an essential part of the play (as in Gilbert

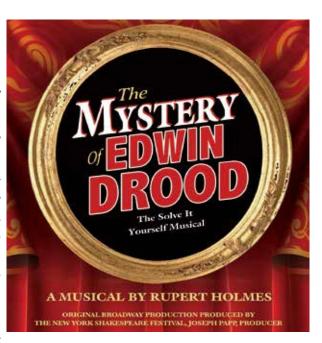
and Sullivan) one was often left perplexed trying to follow the plot because of poor delivery of the 'musical patter'.

With a great one-scene set and bright, colourful costumes; the Mystery unfolded with a feeling of showmanship flowing across the footlights.

It was interesting to see the younger members of the ensemble performing like seasoned troopers.

#### Roger McKenzie









Val Leftwich - Youth Theatre Administrator and Committee Member

The Junior production of *The Tale of the Teeth Thief* took place last weekend and it was a great success. Terri, Hannah and I were so proud of all the students, they really behaved so well and remembered most of their lines. I have made a video of each class and will make the DVD available to the parents shortly. The cost will be \$10.00 and the profits will go into the "Sponsor a Chair Fund".

The next production is the Intermediate class and they are performing **The Wizard of Oz**. There are three classes performing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday commencing on the 25th November.

The Music Theatre classes will be performing *Hairspray Jnr* on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th December. Tickets are on sale on line so make sure you purchase soon, as we do expect the house to be full each day. It is a great musical.

At the end of November I will be sending out to each current student an email with an enrolment form for 2017 attached. Current students have

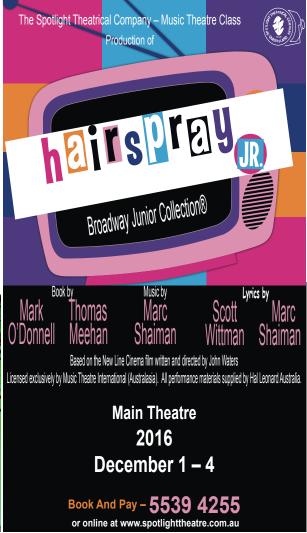
a position in their class next

year if they want to continue with Spotlight, but I do have a waiting list for each class. I do not need payment in November but I would like a commitment.

I would just like to thank Tony our Artistic Director, for his constant work on the theatre costumes. The Juniors were so beautiful in their fairy dresses and elf costumes. I know it was a big ask to get him to help with these costumes as he was working on *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* costumes which are just beautiful.

Valerie Leftwich – Administrator Youth Theatre
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#### Can We Record Our Show?

This is one of those questions that come up all the time. In fact, it is in almost all cases, illegal to record a production. Tams-Witmark and MTI forbid any reproduction:

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There is similar language in the Tams-Witmark agreement. Samuel French offers you the ability to apply for recording/reproduction rights, but it is rare an agent will agree to that recording. Dramatists Play Service outright says you may not record the production. There are no exceptions for archival work. There are usually small exceptions for recordings to be used in advertising. But even that is normally severely limited. Disney (because of the family nature of their Company) usually offer a video license "so that those involved in the production can share it with their families." I say usually because this licensing has to be applied for and isn't always approved.

I have never known where the "archival exception" came into play. It seems to me to be an urban legend. Many theatres do this. In the vast majority of cases, it is simply not legal.

The issue here is that the publisher only controls the rights to the live stage performance. All other rights are still held by the author's agent (noted on the copyright page.) Even if the right's holder sympathizes with your reasons for taping, the way the copyright law is written, there is no wiggle room. The law does not differentiate between a tape used for archival purposes or one being sold in the lobby as a keepsake.

Playwrights are protective of their work and do not want a production to be shown that does not reflect their intent. This would have the potential to diminish the work.

YouTube is filled with this stuff. And as an artist it makes me quite sad to see people hurt other artists. Many of these artists will one day be actively and angrily trying to keep their work under their control. Use of their image, work as actors, vocal work, will all be sources of income for them and will also be being used illegally.

"Is it legal?" No, it isn't (in the VAST majority of cases.)

Tony Alcock.

Youth Theatre Junior Drama classes recently presented

#### THE TALE OF THE TEETH THIEF

Written and directed by Teacher Terri Woodfine Posed pics by Administrator Val Leftwich.

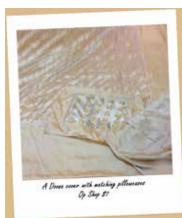
If you would like to see performance photos of *The Tale of the Teeth Thief,* Photographer Steve Woodfine has provided the following link.

Please visit:

https://www.facebook.com/nanga.mai. photography/photos/?tab=album&album\_ id=123335367337379

## Are you looking for a way to connect with your community theatre but have no aspirations to being on stage?

Why not try hanging out with our very creative costume team? All you really need are a few basic sewing skills and a little imagination. Some shows are more about sourcing or recreating vintage clothing, like 'Saturday Night Fever' & '9 to 5- the musical'. Other shows require creating costumes for a fantasy or historic world like 'Rapunzel' and 'The Mystery of Edwin Drood'. Costuming all the bustles and bows to recreate Victorian Music Hall performers was indeed merry madness and sourcing the exotic materials was a whirlwind of op shopping. Interested? We would certainly be happy to welcome you aboard, come and learn some new skills or maybe even teach us a thing or two.







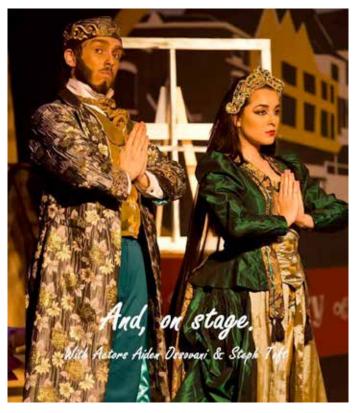






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#### **AUDITIONS: BOYBAND THE MUSICAL 11th DECEMBER**

## SEASON 24 MAY - 9 APRIL DIRECTED BY KATIE STEUART-ROBINS MUSICAL DIRECTOR MATT PEARSON

#### **SYNOPSIS**

**BoyBand** is a topical, lighthearted, pop musical that charts the turbulent rise to fame of a fictitious band — *Freedom*.

During a live performance at Wembley, when the band's future looks bleak in the midst of rising reports of drugs, drink and public brawls, five young stars take us back to the beginning to reveal the gritty truth behind the music business.

Manufactured by the corrupt Wayland, they have little independence and must retain a wholesome image for their teenage fans who buy their albums and make their manager money. However, what starts out as fun — female adoration, photo shoots, stays in hotels — quickly becomes tiresome and tensions arise between *Freedom's* lead singer, Sean, and their singer/songwriter, Danny.

As the band begins to self-destruct, Wayland discovers that one member is gay, another has a child and another a drug habit. Only fast thinking can keep the band together.

#### **CAST REQUIREMENTS:**

We are looking for 5 main men (ages 16-24),

our Jay, Sean, Adam, Danny and Matt to give us all the 90's nostalgic feels of the boyband era. Think Five, NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, New Kids on the Block, Westlife and Hanson just to name a few.

You will need to prepare a 90 sec – 2 min boyband or boyband style song and you must provide a backing track as no pianist will be available.

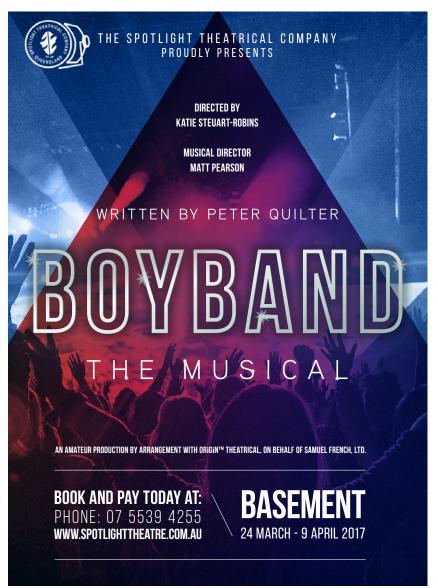
Additional roles (2 male, 3 female – multi age and multi characters) are non-singing roles and will be doing cold reads from the script on the day.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- \* PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE AND COMFORTABLE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. (NO BARE FEET WILL BE ALLOWED.)
- \* NO MOBILE PHONES IN THE AUDITION ROOM PLEASE! YOU MAY SWITCH IT OFF OR HAVE IT ON SILENT.
- \* NO PHOTOGRAPHY ON ANY MEDIUM WILL BE ALLOWED (APART FROM THAT THAT WILL BE USED FOR CASTING PURPOSES BY THE CREATIVE TEAM)
- \* PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR YOUR AUDITION, IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE LATE, OR SIMPLY CAN'T MAKE IT OR JUST DECIDE NOT TO AUDITION, PLEASE ADVISE US SO WE ARE NOT HOLDING UP OTHER AUDITIONEES WAITING FOR YOU.

#### For more information contact:

Director: Katie Steuart-Robins, e: kgrace091@gmail.com - Musical Director: Matt Pearson, e: mattp190391@gmail.com Or to register for an audition please email: mailbox@spotlighttheatre.com.au





From: Noni Buckland Golden Girls Liaison This month we have completed shows at Villa De La Salle at Southport, Melody Park at Gilston and Woodlands Lodge at Arundel. We have fourteen shows to perform before the end of our season in December. We are currently working on our Christmas numbers to be included from mid November to December. Some of our Christmas numbers include *Grandma Got Runover By a Reindeer, Rocking around the Christmas Tree, All I want for Christmas is You, Silver Bells, Mary's Boychild* to name just a few.

I have included a photo of Kerry Simpson and myself in *Sadie the Cleaning Lady* and Marilyn Culell in her Marlene Dietrich number. If you can sing and dance and love to perform and have time to devote to our group, then please contact Kerry on 0490 157 512. Now back to the boards.

Noni





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#### MEET PRESIDENT DUNCAN SIMS 2016–17



Duncan has recently returned to the Gold Coast with his lovely wife, Lorrae to take on the role as President of The Spotlight Theatrical Company once again. He was previously President of Spotlight for 6 years from 2006.

Heavily involved with Football Queensland, Cairns (for nearly 5 years), FNQ Football, Gold Coast Soccer, G-Netech in the past, he was educated at King Edward VI School, Southampton UK. His skills are numerous.

For our Company, in his 6 year term before work commitments took him north, he managed Volunteers to run the busiest community theatre on the Gold Coast. Provided management and financial skills to maintain the theatre. He also oversaw Production management, sponsorship and grant applications. Duncan promoted the theatre to the wider community and represented them at functions.

If you are at the theatre and see Duncan, please make yourself known and say Hello!.



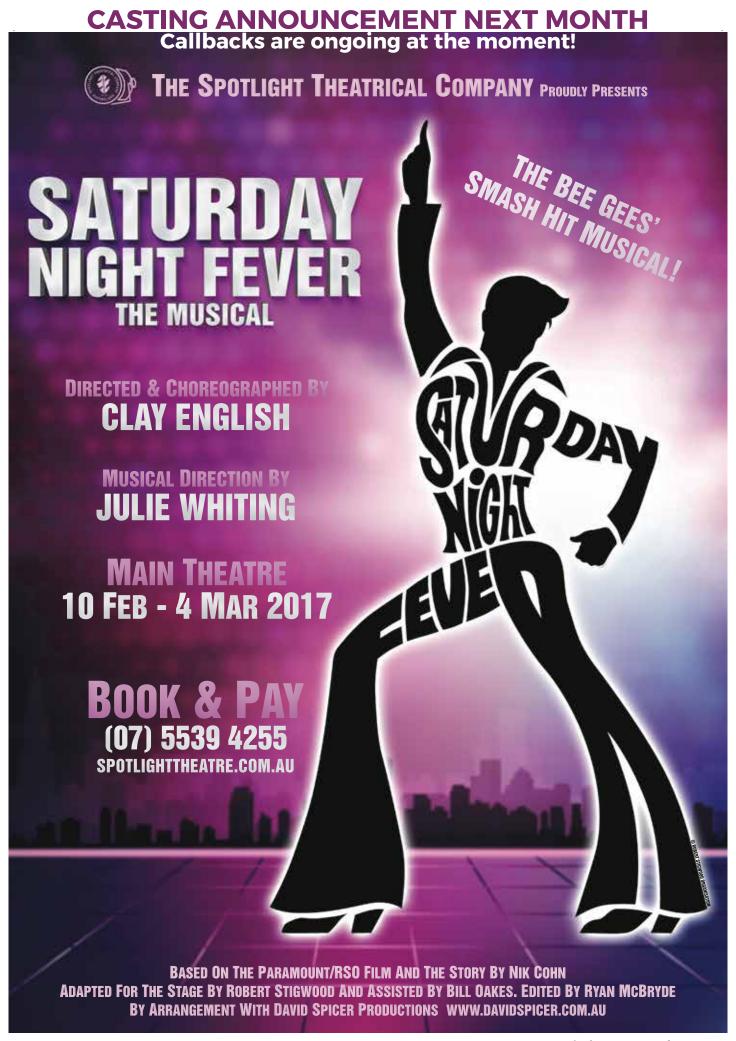




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Prince Anton - Aiden Ossovani

Gothal - Andrew Cockroft-Penman

Blue Fairies - Ioel Underwood and Alex Breen

**Charles** - Nathan French

Nvx - James Greenwood

Nox - Wesley Neale

King Oswald - Savannah

*Tabby* – Emma Leese

**Ensemble** 

- Tahlia and Shania Gibson

- Tymyka Wines

- Josh Brandon

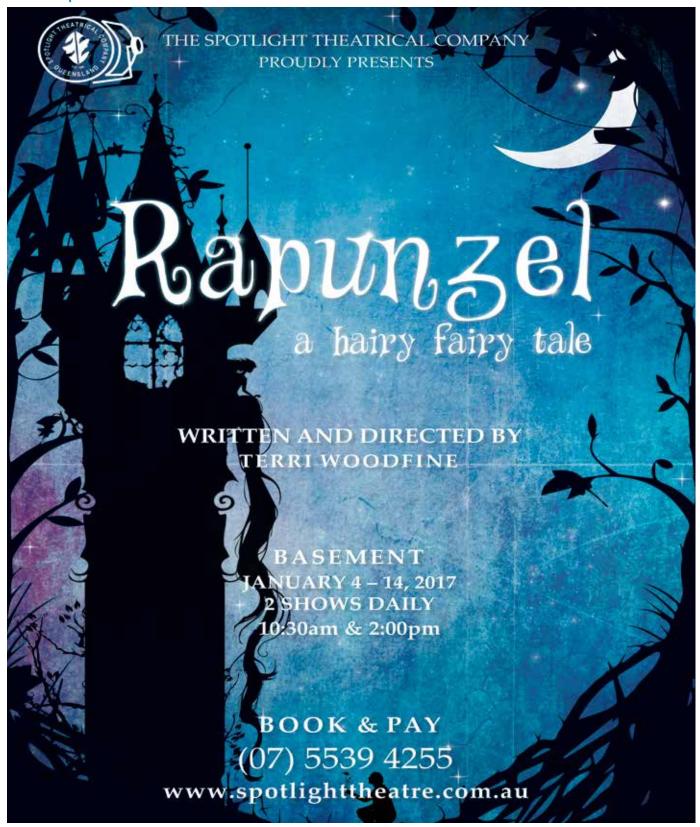
- Patrick Phillips

- Lucinda Murrey

- Jenna

- Olivia

- Will



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