Official Newsletter of the

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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The Spotlight Theatrical Company ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2016.



The following Notice of Motion was proposed by the members present.

1. Proposed Amendment of Constitution

Moved Patricia Drew, Seconded Shirley King

that pursuant to s.29(2)(a) of the Collections Act 1966 the approval of the Chief Executive, Department of Justice & Attorney General be sought to amend the Constitution as follows:

Clause 12 (a) (ii) Four (4) Councillors

Clause 15. The Council shall meet not less frequently than once a month. The quorum shall be five (5).

Clause 17. (a) and (b) be deleted and Clause 17 be amended to read as follows:

17. Any member of the Council who is absent without sound reason from three consecutive meetings of the Council shall be deemed to have relinquished his office. Casual vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Council of the Vice President to Acting President should the Presidency fall vacant and of any member of the Company to be Acting Secretary, Acting Treasurer or Councillor as the case may be until the end of the Council term of office.

Clause 21 (b) be deleted and replaced with 21 (c).

Clause 22 to be amended as follows:

22. Fourteen days written notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given and seven days written notice of the special business requiring attention shall be given of Special General Meetings.

Clause 23 to be amended to read as follows:

23. The quorum at all general meetings of the Company shall be seventeen (17) Financial and Life Members. A simple majority shall be required before any motion shall be declared carried. The President, subject to a motion of dissent, shall decide upon any dispute as to the interpretation of the Constitution and the President shall decide any dispute as to the standing orders. Otherwise the rules of parliamentary debate shall apply.

2. Lodge with Department of Justice & Attorney General

The **Notice of Motion No. 1** being approved, Spotlight Theatrical Company's solicitors, Cronin Shearer Lawyers, will be instructed to write to the Chief Executive, Department of Justice & Attorney General, to apply for approval for the proposed amendment detailed in **Notice of Motion No.1** above.

Councillor Val Leftwich Councillor Dianne Morgan Councillor Matt Pearson Councillor Nathan Skaines Councillor Katie Steuart-Robins
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o53Jz SAyeU

This hilarious musical whodunit was a smash hit on Broadway where it received rave reviews. Loosely based on Charles Dickens' famous unfinished novel, it takes audience participation to new heights by letting them directly affect the play's outcome by voting for whomever they think murdered the unfortunate young Edwin Drood. Presented as a 'first night performance by The Music Hall Royale', a troupe of decidedly hammy Victorian actors, this affectionate recreation of a bygone theatrical age is certain to prove an enormous hit with everyone. The witty and tuneful score contains such numbers as "There You Are", "Moonfall", Perfect Strangers" and "Off To The Races".

And introducing the cast

Mr. Clive Paget (John Jasper) Mr. Chris Catherwood

Miss Alice Nutting (Edwin Drood) Miss Sally Wood

Miss Deirdre Peregrine (Rosa Bud) Miss Terri Woodfine

Miss Janet Conover (Helena Landless) Miss Stephanie Toft

Mr. Victor Grinstead (Neville Landless) Mr. Aiden Ossovani

Mr. Cedric Moncrieffe (Reverend Crisparkle) Mr. Nathan Skaines

Miss Angela Prysock (Princess Puffer) Miss Lee Patterson

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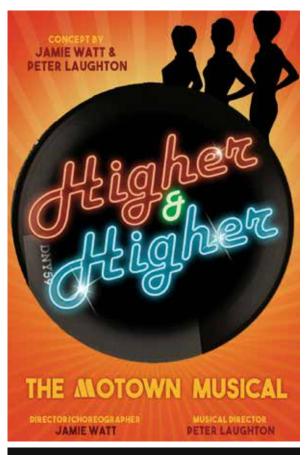
Miss Gwendolen Pynn (Horace) Miss Helena Gjone

Miss Violet Balfour (Beatrice) Miss Emilia Talbot

Miss Isabel Yearsley (Wendy) Miss Harmony Breen

Mr. James Throttle (Barkeep) Mr. Jordan Foster

Mr Florenzo Gill (Flo) Mr Clay Carlaw



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Stage Whispers Critic Roger McKenzie had this to say about Higher & Higher.

The Big Band sound has successfully been recreated for Spotlight's production of Higher & Higher.

Conceived, written, directed, choreographed and performed by Jamie Watt and his associates, this "jukebox" musical of 55 hit songs was non-stop entertainment. With a cast of four female singers, plus Jamie; four backing singers and 6 dancers, this high-energy production will be one to remember for a long time.

Musical Director and keyboard player Ben Murray ensured a cracking pace throughout the show and the dancers were hardly off stage. Well costumed, the production was a "Motown" Tsunami of hit after hit! Everyone had their talents showcased to advantage and the result was a credit to all concerned, though special mention must be made of first time lighting designer Kyle Fuz for a job well done.

Choreography was by Kellie Niebling and Lauren Wormald. This is one of those shows that has you singing all the way home.

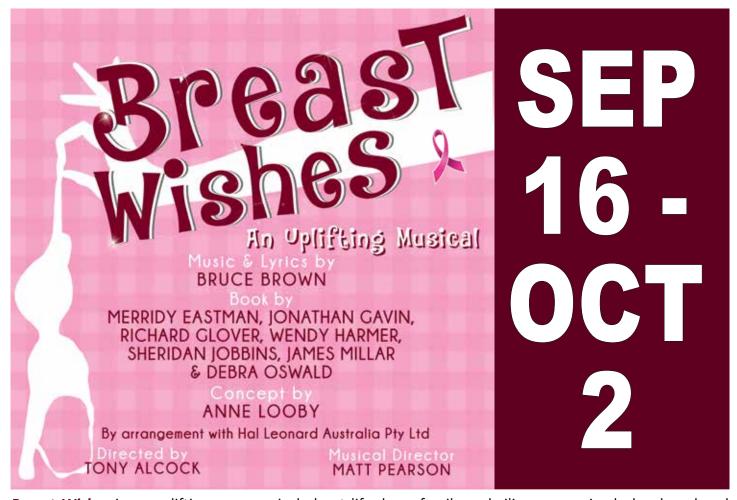
Roger McKenzie

Photos by Steve Woodfine









Breast Wishes is an uplifting new musical about life, love, family and silicon, conceived, developed and produced by Anne Looby, Australian actress, director and producer.

In January 2005, Anne's younger sister, Amanda, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Wanting to help her in a meaningful way, Anne began work on a show to raise awareness and funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. From the beginning the show has engendered tremendous goodwill, with extensive workshops including the advice and talent of people such as Queenie van de Zandt, Annie McCubbin and others; the ultimate outcome is **Breast Wishes**.

The project was developed over a period of three years with the help of an array of artists including Wendy Harmer, Richard Glover, Debra Oswald and Sheridan Jobbins, to name but a few. *Breast Wishes* toured nationally in 2009 and 2011, and was seen by over 20,000 people in 50 regional centres throughout Australia.

Four women, a fumbling boyfriend, a well meaning husband, a bra-fitter who's seen it all and show stopping numbers will take you on a witty and heart-warming journey through laughter to triumph.

Are you curious about **Breast Wishes An Uplifting Musical**, then visit **The Spotlight Theatrical Company from 16th September to 2nd October.** You'll be inspired by this journey.

Visit YouTube.com

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GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

We are now performing our second season show. We have completed shows at Bavia House, Moana Park, and Magnolia Aged Care at Upper Coomera. We have 17 more shows before the end of the year.

We have some great new numbers including the *Ascot Gavotte*, *Swan Lake*, *Clowns* and much more. In November we change some of the numbers to include Christmas songs.

I have included photos of our clown number with Kerry, Trish, Phyllis, myself and Sam and the swan lake number with Sam, Kerry Maz and Trish.

If you can sing and dance, play a musical instrument or other talent, have time to devote to our group and love to perform then please contact Kerry on 0490 157 512.

Now back to the boards.



Noni Buckland Golden Girls Liaison



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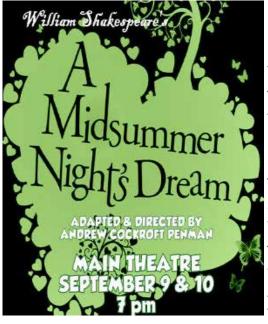
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Its almost term 4 and I cannot believe how fast the time has flown. New students in January are now part of the Spotlight Youth programme and everyone is happy with their progress, I am sure they are enjoying the experience.

The Junior School end of year production has been decided upon, they are rehearsing now. They are really excited, Terri certainly has her hands full with 50 students in total, she is of course assisted by Hannah.

The Intermediate production has not been decided upon yet but should be out within the next few weeks. I know Hannah cannot wait to get started.

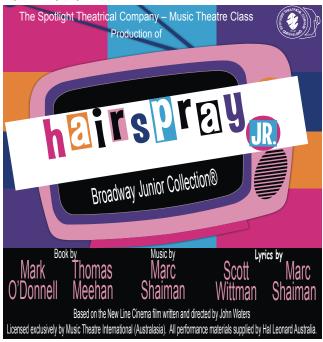
The Senior Drama production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is well into rehearsals with the opening night being the 9th September. Andrew is extremely proud of the way the students have reacted to this wonderful Shakespeare play.

The Music Theatre production this year will be *Hairspray Jnr.* A few weeks ago Jonathan taught his classes to work on auditions on a general basis. During this time the students auditioned for voice and dance for the production. He was assisted by Martina and Jacy with Matt giving musical advice.

All classes at Spotlight are now closed and I have a waiting list for 2017.

Fees have been increased for 2017. This has not been done for a number of years and although we do not like to put up the cost of the classes, we needed to do this to financially sustain the experienced teaching staff that we have.

Jess Papst took time out from her *Carol King show* and returned to the theatre for a day, creating a workshop for our Senior students. This was well attended and everyone had a great time.



I have a couple of people to thank for the smooth running of the Youth Theatre. Kay Hawker is such a help

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to me, we get together once a month and go through our lists and payments. Tony is always there for me. His experience at the theatre is invaluable.

> Valerie Leftwich – Administrator Youth Theatre Programme

The Spotlight Theatrical Company Gold Coast Theatre Alliance – Delegate Report to Annual General Meeting 16 August 2016

Erica Graham and Joel Beskin represent Spotlight Theatre at the Gold Coast Theatre Alliance Inc.

Spotlight Theatre is proud to be a founding member of the Alliance.

The Gold Coast Theatre Alliance is a voluntary association for and by established Theatres and Performing arts groups on the Gold Coast and surrounding region. For twenty years it has been (and still is) operated by delegates from those member companies and meets five or six times a year. Its volunteer Executive officers are elected at each AGM. No-one is remunerated. Current President is **Ms. Deborah Leigh-Russell.**

The Alliance congratulates Spotlight Theatre on the adoption of its new motto and advises that the Alliance has also had a modern makeover of its own delegate approved motto. It now proclaims: "The Gold Coast Theatre ALLIANCE Inc. Promotes, engages and supports the diverse Regional Live Performing Arts Community."

The Alliance operates on a modest annual subscription and a small charge for inclusion of theatrical and other performance events in a twice-yearly printed Directory. The Directories are extremely popular with the public and are snapped up by incomers at the Gold Coast Airport and are eagerly consumed at the Arts Centre Gold Coast and all Gold Coast Branch Libraries. Your Alliance is under financial pressure to continue this service and acknowledges a small grant from Gold Coast City Council. The Alliance asks that all theatres mutually make this publication easily accessible to all theatregoers on behalf of <u>all</u> live theatre venues.

A vital sign for any community activity is *visibility*. To that end, the Alliance, without grants but with some modest targeted contributions from members, has experimented with mounting an Emerging Talent Quest, named 'BREAKALEG' in conjunction with the Alliance's end-of-year LAUNCH of the forward program and Celebration of the year's achievements in December

Your Committee is reminded of the Alliance's now established HERO awards for behind the scenes workers who keep your organisation going. All member companies are urged to <u>nominate one</u>, two or more of those <u>worthy 'Hero' workers</u>. Don't leave it until the last minute.

Ongoing publicity is still provided for all Alliance Member Companies via two constantly updated Websites, Facebook and Twitter, as well as a monthly e-mailout of all Shows and auditions for the coming month

Help the Theatre Alliance to help you.





Joel Beskin's 'Theatre Roundup'

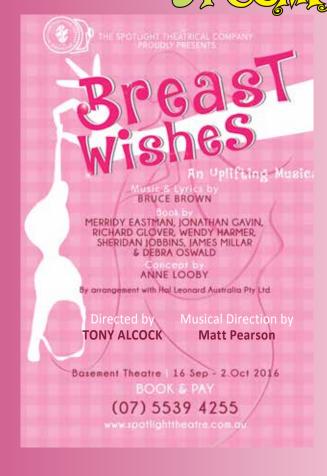
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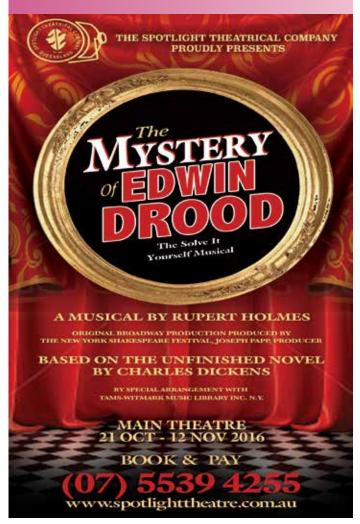
Kate Peter's 'Showbiz Buzz'

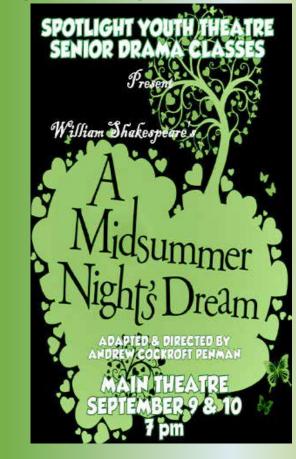
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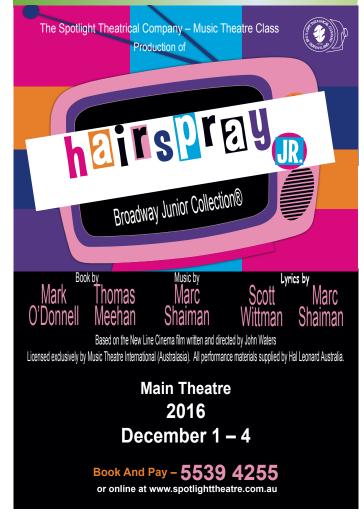
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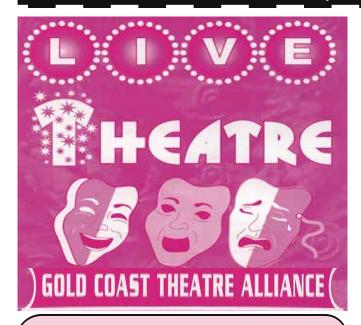
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Spotlighter Deadline – 19th of each month

Please forward articles and pics to shirley@spotlighttheatre.com.au



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



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