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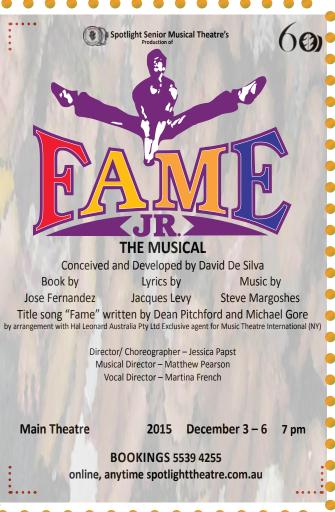
Diamond Anniversary



Spotlight Theatre 60th Anniversary Raffle TOTAL VALUE \$6.000

WILL BE DRAWN SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2015
AT THE VOLUNTEERS' PARTY
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A TICKET. CLOSES 11TH DEC.













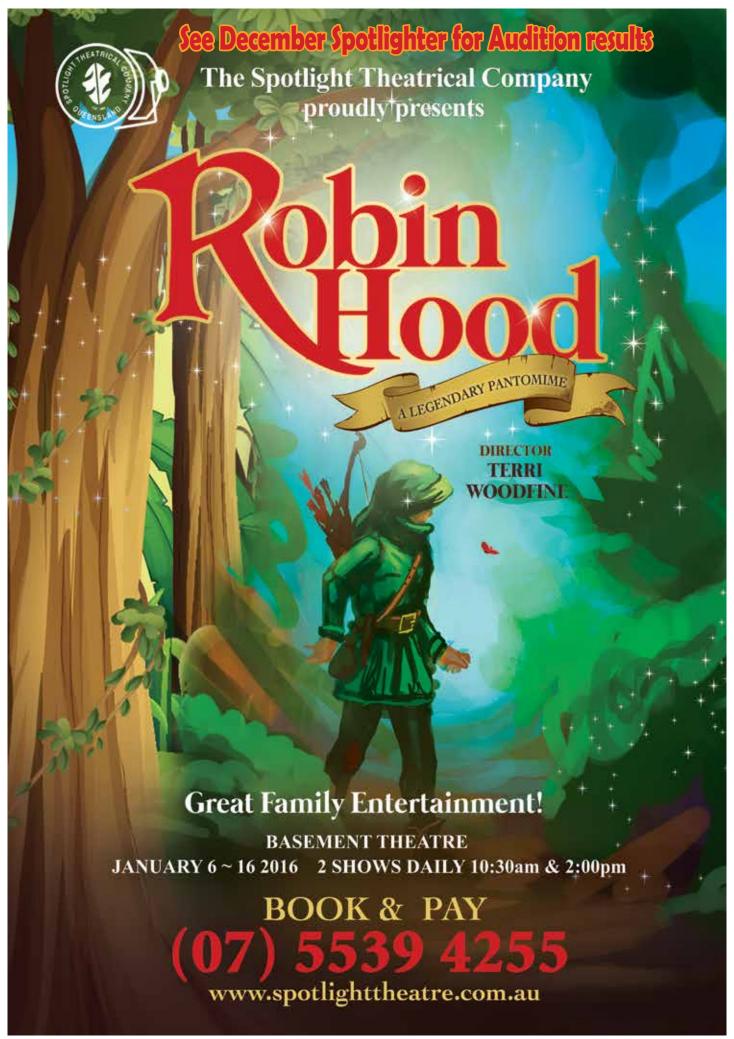
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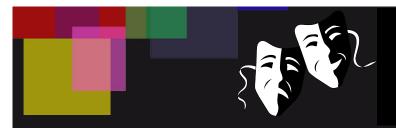
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PLUS MUCH MORE !!

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!**







JESSICA PAPST (Head Teacher)
TERRI WOODFINE (Teacher)
DANA WHITE (Assistant Teacher)
VAL LEFTWICH (YT Administrator)
MARTINA FRENCH / VAL LEFTWICH (YT Liaison)

YOUTH THEATRE - ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015

At the time of writing this the Junior Classes have performed their production, *The "Other" Other Tale of the Three Little Pigs*, and what a wonderful performance it was. Many thanks to Terri our Junior Teacher and Dana for the time and effort they put in to making this show the success it was. Thanks also to the parents for getting your children to the theatre on time for the many extra practices that we had.

The students had a wonderful time and took their roles very seriously. They were all a pleasure to work with.

Alice in Wonderland is our next show for the Intermediate Drama Classes on the 27th – 29th November. This is followed very quickly by **Fame Jnr – The Musical** on the 3rd – 6th December, for the Senior Musical Theatre Classes. Both of these shows are directed by our Senior teacher, Jessica Papst with Matthew Pearson – Musical Director and Martina French – Vocal Director for **Fame**.

Both of these shows will be a wonderful experience for our students who are working really hard to make them a success.

We are fast approaching the end of the year for our classes and we hope to see our current students back in the New Year. **Orientation Day is the 23rd January at 10.00 a.m.** in the main theatre. Students who are already in a class will shortly be sent an email asking for their preferences for the classes in 2016, I would ask that you complete this information as soon as possible as we have quite a large waiting list for new students.

The organizers of the Youth Theatre at Spotlight wish you all a very *Happy Christmas* and a wonderful *New Year*.

Valerie Leftwich - Youth Theatre Administrator

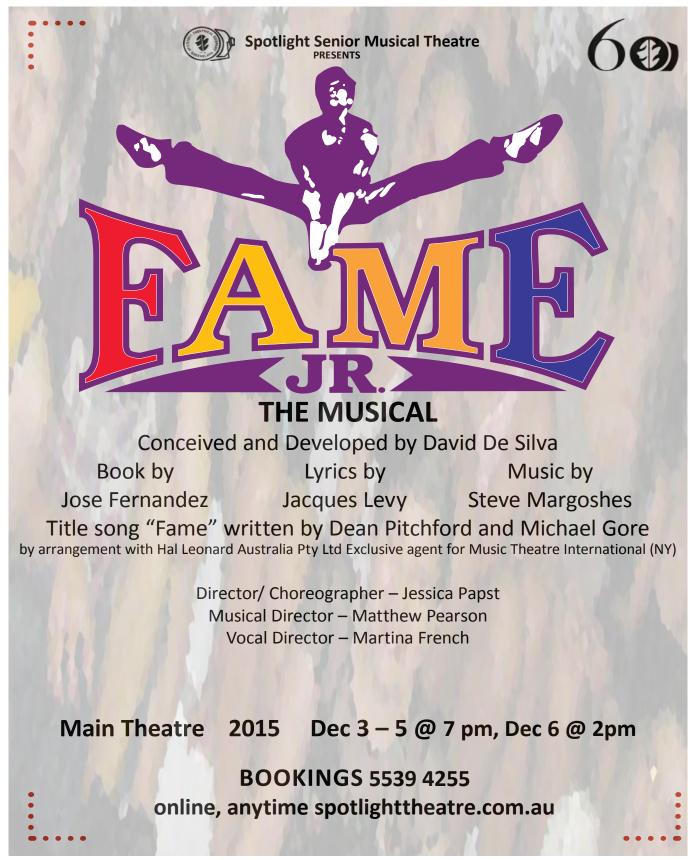
YOUTH THEATRE ORIENTATION DAY 2016

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

FOR INFORMATION contact Youth Theatre Administrator 0452 501 941 – val@leftwich.com.au

PLEASE NOTE: ALL TEACHERS, VOLUNTEERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS and EMPLOYEES MUST HAVE A CURRENT BLUE CARD IF WORKING WITH CHILDREN OR UNDERTAKING CHILD RELATED ACTIVITIES. THIS IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. PLEASE CHECK WITH ADMINISTRATION TO SEE IF YOUR BLUE CARD IS CURRENT.

FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM www.bluecard.qld.gov.au



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

Set during the last years of New York City's celebrated High School for the Performing Arts on 46th Street (1980-1984), *FAME JR*. is the bittersweet but ultimately inspiring story of a diverse group of students as they commit to four years of gruelling artistic and academic work. With candour, humour and insight, the show explores the issues that confront many young people today.

With its topical subject manner, 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.



Spotlight Youth Theatre Intermediate Drama Directed by Jessica Papst

Rehearsal photos by Steve Woodfine



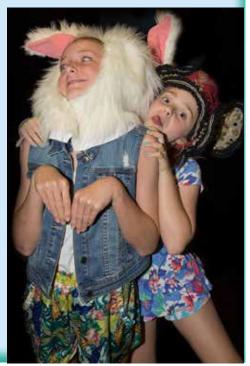












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MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2016 ARE NOW DUE

The form is below or can be downloaded from:

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



Our Welcome form for NEW and renewing MEMBERSHIP

(Calendar year Jan 1 to Dec 31)

- Where talent, skills and interests merge

What sort of involvement are you seeking?

	Received
I/we wish to apply for:	Received
NEW membership (adult) \$10	Entered in database
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RENEWAL (Youth U 18yrs) \$5	
I would also like to be listed as a	
HAT and/or PET	Year of membership
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The Spotlight Theatrical Co is among the leading amateur Theatrical producers in Australia. It caters for adult and youth theatre and especially popular Music Theatre. It is well equipped and complies with all Fire, Workplace Health and Safety requirements. But to do this it needs **VOLUNTEERS** aplenty to service its **Audience membership** & patrons.

You may also choose to volunteer flexible time as a -

SPOTLIGHT 'PET'

PET denotes PRODUCTION ENHANCEMENT TEAM and includes, for example, backstage crew, scenery design, art and or construction, property making or acquiring, costume design and or construction, sound or lighting design or operation, makeup and hair, and photography.

or a

SPOTLIGHT 'HAT'

HAT denotes HOSPITALITY
ASSISTANCE TEAM. You can choose to be welcoming Front of House and or Bar assistance during scheduled performances.

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Spotlight Theatre Complex comprises of two highly equipped theatres, Green room, a costume-hire & retail outlet, 'Youth Theatre' facilities, bookings centre, store-rooms and workshop facility. On-premises limited parking.

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PO Box 8074 GCMC Q. 9726 or visit

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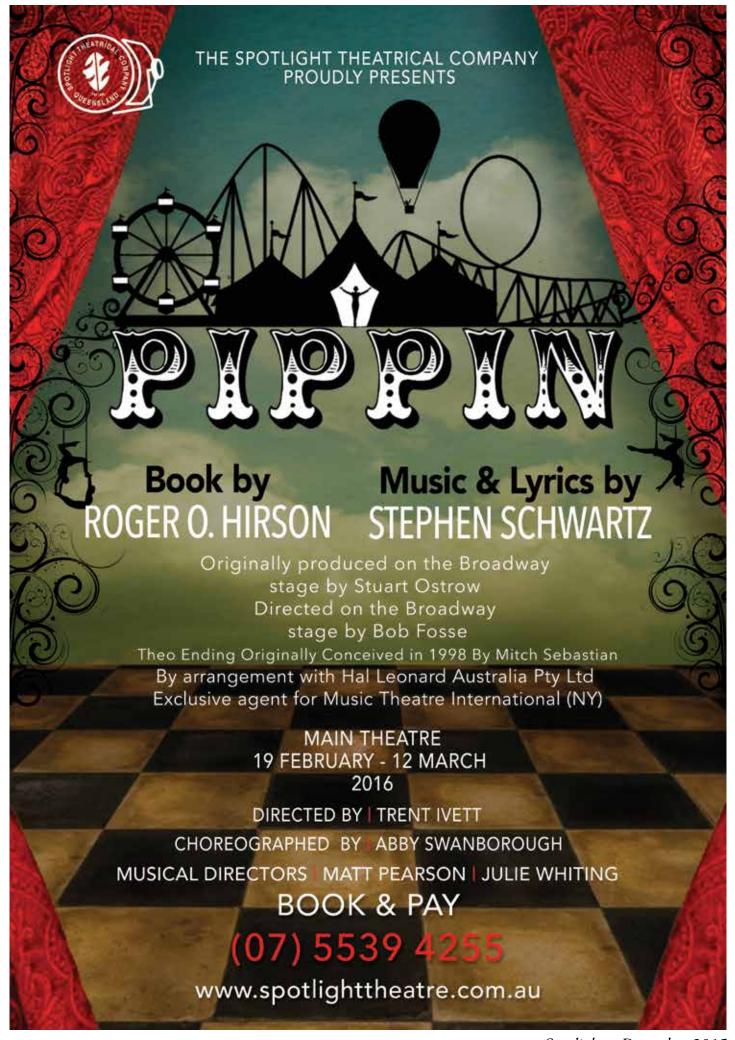
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Some indemnity when working in or on a Production

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PIPPIN is a hit musical full of sizzling choreography, wondrous feats and soaring songs from Stephen Schwartz - the composer of **WICKED**, **GODSPELL**, **PRINCE OF EGYPT** and **ENCHANTED**.

What does it mean to live an extraordinary life? This is the question that drives Pippin through the adventures of war, sex, politics and love. Full of dance, passion, and Schwartz's iconic music (including *Corner of the Sky, Magic to Do, Glory* and *Extraordinary*), *PIPPIN* is the ultimate theatrical experience that will leave audiences debating what boundaries are crossed for love.

The musical **PIPPIN** tells the story of a young man at a crossroads in his life. Does he follow in the footsteps of his father, one of the most powerful men in the world? Or does he strike out on his own, to find his own 'corner of the sky?'. **PIPPIN** is a play within a play. The story is told by a travelling troupe of actors, acrobats and clowns (called 'Players'), directed by the mysterious Leading Player. Like a circus or vaudeville act, the Players both act out the roles of the story and speak directly to the audience. While the Players strive to steer Pippin towards the perfect, theatrically tragic end of his story, Pippin begins to discover what it truly means to be extraordinary in our world.

Join us... for a magical, unforgettable new PIPPIN.

INTRODUCING THE CAST

PIPPIN - JOHN DAVIDSON

LEADING PLAYER - CLAY ENGLISH

CHARLES – NATHAN SKAINES

FASTRADA - FARRYN DAVIES

LEWIS - ANDREW COCKROFT-PENMAN

CATHERINE - HARMONY BREEN

THEO - HENRY ROBERTS

THE PLAYERS – JAY AHRENS, NIAMH BOURKE, CLAY CARLAW, STEPHANIE COVINO, JORDAN FOSTER, KATIE GRACE, PHOEBE HORN, BREEANA LAVIN, TAYLAH LOUISE, ISABELLA MOORE, KELLIE NIEBLING, BILLY NOETEL, ZIARA SACCO, EBONY ROSE SMITH, STEPHANIE TOFT.



PIPPIN

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Trent has been a High School Drama teacher in Queensland for the last 16 years, coordinating the Creative Arts Excellence program at Palm Beach Currumbin State High. He has directed a number of award-winning High School stage and screen productions, ranging from absurd satirical comedies with casts of less than 5, (including a "Best Play" winning production in the Senior section of the Gold Coast Drama Festival) to mainstage musical theatre productions with casts of over 200, (including Little Shop of Horrors, nominated for Best Musical – Youth/School production at the 2014 Gold Coast Area Theatre Awards). This year, Trent decided to take a year off his Drama teaching to focus on personal projects – one of which being his first foray into competition short film making, which saw his first 2 films shortlisted for the ill-fated 2015 Tropfest Film Festival, and the other being his first production with Spotlight Theatre Company.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dark, sexy funny. These are the 3 words in the vision that the director, Trent Ivett, will endeavour to bring to the stage in this production of **PIPPIN**.

PIPPIN is unlike any show you would have seen but, paradoxically, would remind you of many others at the very same time.

Written by Stephen Schwartz and originally directed and choreographed by the legendary Bob Fosse, it takes the classic Faustian tale familiar in Macbeth and countless other stage shows and presents it in a hybridised, eclectic cauldron of pantomime, physical theatre, gorgeous music and dark, edgy theatricality. In fact, its exploitation of theatricality is crucial to its themes and message.

Using the theatre and their play as an allegory for our desire to live a life extraordinary, it presents us with a band of transient, peculiar players, led by the charismatic but unnerving Leading Player, whose all-style-no-substance approach to their "act", seduces the masses and tempts them to "join us!"

Along the way, Schwartz's music mesmerises, delights, disturbs and titillates – as do the players – until the hero (Pippin) must make the choice between immediate glory, and a long life "ordinary". His dilemma mirrors that of each and every one of us at some stage in our lives, and the interactivity and spectacle of the show mean that the audience follow Pippin on his journey for self-fulfilment and question their own values too. And isn't that what great theatre is all about? Holding up that metaphorical mirror for us to see ourselves?

It is a show that will surely have you talking about it long after you leave and still singing along to that wonderful Schwartz score for even longer. And we present it to you with an ensemble cast buzzing with the creativity, energy and theatricality that is needed to do a show like this justice.

hings are starting to heat up again, not only the weather but our busiest time of the year, Christmas. We have finished rehearsals for the year and have

GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

twelve Christmas shows to perform. Our final show of the year is on the 17th December after which we will have a well earned break, returning in late January, 2016.

Since the last newsletter we have performed at the following venues, St Andrews Lutheran Tallebudgera, Ozcare Burleigh Heads, Mudgeeraba Nursing Home and Hillview House Merrimac.

I have included photos of Kerry, Sam and myself in *Rusty Holden Ute*; Group photo of *I need a Little Christmas*, myself as the *Happiest Christmas Tree* and Anne in *A Cold in the Node for Christmas*.

Now back to the boards and Merry Christmas everyone.

Noni Buckland Golden Girls Liaison











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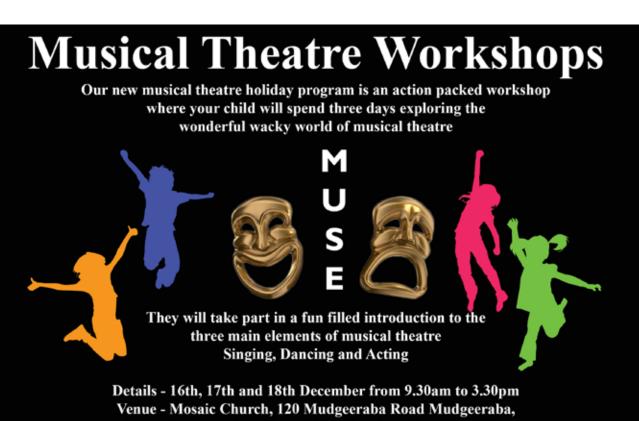
The Raffle team are getting very excited as the final tickets are being sold on time for the December 12 draw!

The winner will be notified by phone or email and posted on the Spotlight Webpage on Monday 14.

Fingers crossed ... it could be YOU ... That is of course, IF you have bought a ticket! Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the Alliance Artsfest ... From 9 until 5, so if you're coming and don't have your ticket yet ... be sure to visit our stall.

THREE WONDERFUL PRIZES!! Closes Dec 11th, Drawn Dec 12th.





Ages - six upwards Cost - \$180 Teacher - Terri Woodfine Call 0411 025 960 to book your place

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spotlighters - can you help ?

We need some Volunteers and it will be fun!



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 9.00am and 5.00pm. 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 and Selling our 60th Anniversary BROADWAY Raffle Tickets which will be drawn the following Saturday.

The **EVENING SESSION**, commencing at 7.00pm, 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.

Contact Admin. 07 5539 4255 or Helen Maden 07 5594 2882 e: hpmaden2@gmail.com if you can help.





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 and

Kate Peter's 'Showbiz Buzz'

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