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Cinderella
A traditional pantomime
Great family entertainment
for the School Holidays!
Written & Directed by Terri Woodfine
Assistant Director & Choreographer –
Jess Burke
Musical Director – Matt Pearson

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MUSICAL**
ON STAGE!
BASED ON A DISNEY CHANNEL ORIGINAL MOVIE
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20
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January 2015



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This is a casual position (approx 5 hours per week) so would suit a retired or semi retired person. We are reasonably flexible with the hours structure.

Experience with industrial machines would be of benefit.

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SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



The Spotlight Theatrical Company is seeking Expressions of Interest from accredited industry professionals for involvement in their ongoing youth program.

We are currently restructuring the program and are wishing to offer students a broader range of experience and professional development, whilst still encouraging creativity, creating confidence and building self esteem.

Please address all applications to

Youth Theatre 2015 mailbox@spotlighttheatre.com.au



NOTE TO YOUTH THEATRE PARENTS

PRE-ENROLMENTS FOR 2015 YOUTH THEATRE CLASSES CLOSE JAN 10.

Pre-enrolment forms for 2015 have been emailed to families. Pre-enrolling in a class for next year means that you secure a place in your preferred class and that you do not have to attend the Orientation Day in January. Invoices won't be sent out until next year. **You must forward Pre-enrolment forms to Spotlight by 10th January to secure your class placement.**

Youth Theatre Orientation for New Students

Sunday 18th January

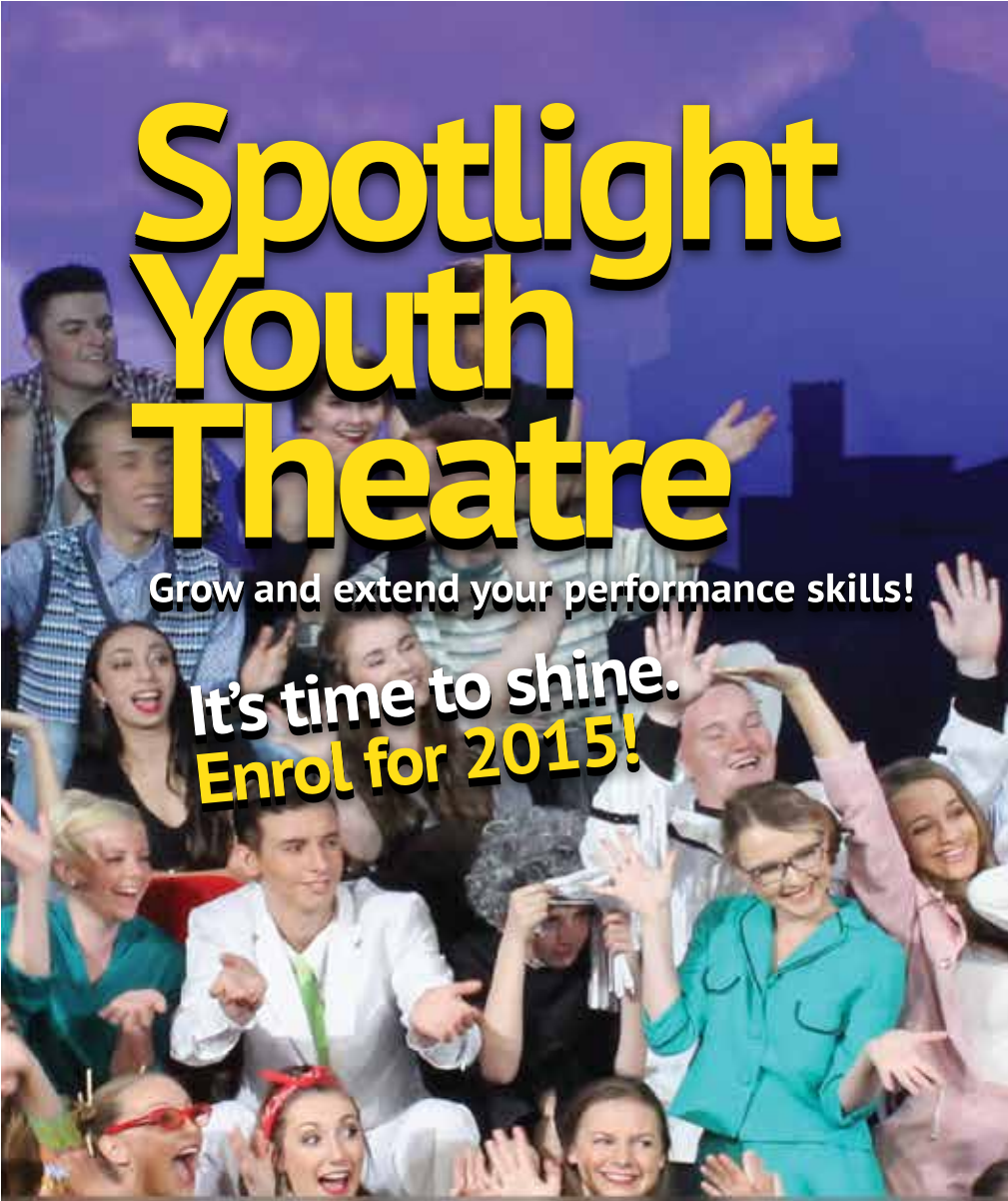
10am Main Theatre

The Spotlight Theatrical Company

Lea Vosti

Youth Theatre Administrator.

Spotlighter January 2015



Spotlight Youth Theatre

Grow and extend your performance skills!

It's time to shine.
Enrol for 2015!

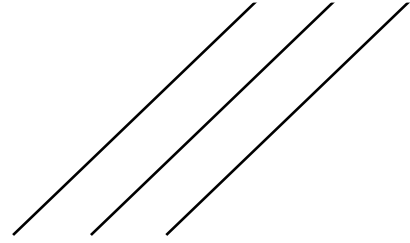
Spotlight Theatrical Company facilitates an amazing training environment for young people up to 18 years led by passionate and caring trained theatre teachers who draw on a wealth of industry experience.

Spotlight Youth Theatre is a special opportunity to be exposed to practical theatre experience in a functioning theatre. Develop broad skills that will last a lifetime and friendships to match!



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The Spotlight Theatrical Company **Youth Theatre**

07 5539 4255 youth@spotlighttheatre.com.au 185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa, 4217

12 December 2014

2015 Invitation for Youth Theatre Re-Enrolment.

Dear Spotlight Youth Theatre parents and guardians,

2014 has been an exciting year that has consistently showcased the incredible talents of our students in the Youth Theatre program, both within the course and in our Basement and Main Theatre shows!

It has also been remarkable seeing the growth of these talents from last year to this, especially with our students' and teachers' hard work being recognised by the Gold Coast Area Theatre Awards once again. But importantly, it's just been really wonderful seeing the personal development of our students in confidence, in their friendships and their abilities to collaborate with each other.

It doesn't stop though! Next year is shaping up to be our most significant yet in the Youth Theatre. We had to say farewell to long time teacher Peter Morrissey but we have invited Jess Papst to take over the Intermediate and Senior Drama classes and Terri Woodfine is stepping up to lead the Junior classes with a new assistant, Dana White.

We've also assigned a greater responsibility to Jess as 'Head Teacher' for the Youth Theatre. We established this role to support the growing needs of the program, to guide its development and set a curriculum that engages the changing dramatic interests of our kids. Jess' years of experience as a High School Drama teacher on top of her industry experience and rapport with the students make her an ideal person to give greater input into the structure of next years Youth program.

It's really exciting! There are new ideas for next year including adding some elements of musical theatre to the intermediate drama classes (rather than having to wait until high school), feature guest specialist teachers and special-topic training series as part of the traditional term, and, most exciting, we're gauging interest in adding a separate class to Youth Theatre for those who have graduated school—a young adult class for graduates to continue furthering their performance skills.

It gives me great pleasure to now invite you on behalf of Spotlight Theatrical Company to re-enrol for 2015 using the attached form. Please submit your enrolment, including any required class movements, before **11 January 2015** to secure your placements. We really look forward to having everyone back next year to experience the great things we have in store!

Isaac Moody

President, The Spotlight Theatrical Company



DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY 2015



SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE ENROLMENT FORM

2015

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

AGE: _____ SCHOOL GRADE THIS YEAR : _____

RETURNING STUDENT ☐ NEW STUDENT ☐

NAME OF PARENT/ GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____ P/CODE _____

CONTACT PHONE NO _____ EMAIL _____

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CLASS SELECTION:

(Please select class with choice of day/time by placing a 1 under first preference and a 2 under second preference)

Junior Drama \$160.00 per term	Saturday 1.30-3.00pm	Saturday 3.00-4.30pm	

Intermediate Drama \$160.00 per term	Saturday 9.00-10.30am	Saturday 10.30-12.00pm	Saturday 12.00-1.30pm

Senior Drama \$175.00 per term	Monday 4.00-5.30pm	Wednesday 4.00-5.30	Wednesday 5.30-7pm

High School Music \$200.00 per term	Monday 5.30-7.00pm	Tuesday 4.00-6.00pm	Tuesday 6.00-8.00pm

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FEES TO BE PAID: \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP: \$ _____ \$5 Under 18 yrs- \$10 over 18 yrs

COMMENTS: _____



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ESTHER SHARES TOP AWARD

Spotlight's long time volunteer Esther Esler shared the top award at the sixth annual **GOLD COAST AREA THEATRE AWARDS** for her many years of service as the face of Spotlight and her outstanding record of Programme and Raffle Ticket sales. Esther has also assisted in the costume dept. Esther shares the award with Marie Cauldwell who has been the Ballina Players Pianist for over 40 years.

Another aspect that links these two "Treasures": both Ballina and Spotlight are celebrating their 60th Anniversary – what a way to kick off the festivities!

Other Spotlight winners were:

MICHAEL SUTTON – Best Lighting Design – **SWEENEY TODD**,

MATT PEARSON – Best Vocal Director – **SWEENEY TODD**,

HEIDI ENCHELMAIER – Best Supporting Actress in a Musical – **NEXT TO NORMAL**,

ARLIE McCORMICK – Best Actress in a Musical – **NEXT TO NORMAL**

STEPHEN HIRST – Best Actor in a Musical – **NEXT TO NORMAL**,

shared with

LIONEL THEUNISSEN – Best Actor in A Musical – **SWEENEY TODD**,

Contributed by Roger McKenzie



Members of Spotlight wish Brydie Hannabach a speedy

recovery - our thoughts and prayers are with you Brydie.

Until recently Brydie could be seen working diligently in the green and sewing rooms. For many, many years she has been Tony's sidekick and helping hand.

She is an accomplished actress, cutter, seamstress, photographer and prop maker and is always there to lend a helping hand.

Brydie has recently undergone a double lung transplant and we all hope that everything goes well for her and that she will be back with us in the near future.

Best wishes Brydie, from all of us at Spotlight – we miss your lovely smile and sense of humour.



Kirsty Sinclair, daughter of former Spotlight Councillor, Lorraine Sinclair has undergone serious surgical procedures.

Our thoughts and prayers are for Kirsty and her lovely twin daughters, Eadie and Darcie; and mother Lorraine. Best wishes from all your friends at Spotlight, we pray all goes well for you at this concerning time.

Kirsty with Tony in La Cage Aux Folles.





DATE CLAIMERS

January 14th

Wizard of Oz – Dorothy and Munchkins

February 8th

Wizard of Oz – Roles and Ensemble

April 12th


Dreamland


May 3rd

Legally Blonde

July 19th

The Mystery of Edwin Drood




 The Spotlight Theatrical Company
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La Traviata

MUSIC
 BY GIUSEPPE VERDI
 ARRANGEMENT
 BY DONNIE MACKAY
 ENGLISH TRANSLATION
 BY ANTHONY GEE
 DIRECTED BY ISAAC MOODY & MELANIE SMART
 CONDUCTOR – MATTHEW PEARSON

BASEMENT THEATRE
 10-24 APRIL 2015

DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR HOLIDAY SEASON, RESULTS OF LA TRAVIATA AUDITIONS HELD ON THE 21ST DECEMBER WILL BE POSTED IN THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF THE SPOTLIGHTER.

You've seen Moulin Rouge, now hear the original! This romantic masterpiece tells the story of Violetta (a French Courtesan) who is forced to sacrifice the man she loves (Alfredo) to save his family's reputation.

Themes of social expectation, hypocrisy, sacrifice, love and death are beautifully painted in this passionate piece.

This Spotlight Theatre production will be set in the 1920's and will be sung in English with live musicians.


 Diamond Anniversary

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It's panto time again (oh yes it is!) as Spotlight Theatre is presenting a magical, traditional family pantomime for the festive season.

Left: Fairy Godmother - Tess Burke and Boots the Cat – Zoe Richard

Starring a fabulous Fairy Godmother, The Baroness and her identical twin daughters, (the sensational Ugly Sisters), a sweet Cinders, reluctant Prince Louis, a pumpkin coach and a happy-ever-after ending **CINDERELLA** is great fun for everyone, full of fun and sparkle, with more than a sprinkling of pantomime magic.

Cinderella lives with the Baroness, and her 2 two rude and greedy stepsisters. They have turned Cinderella's world upside down and make everything rather unpleasant.

Luckily Cinders is helped by her friend, the ever-reliable Boots the cat and watched over by her Fairy Godmother. But with a glamorous ball on the horizon and a chance to meet the handsome Prince Louis, are Cinderella's fortunes about to change?

And will losing her glass slipper prevent her getting home by midnight?

In the best of panto traditions there are lots of topical jokes, comic antics, bright lively music, dazzling costumes and of course, plenty of opportunities for the audience to get involved and join the fun. **CINDERELLA** is a magical, musical treat that sparkles for young and old. It is the perfect way to celebrate the festive season.

Spotlighter January 2015

60 The Spotlight Theatrical Company
Proudly Presents

Cinderella

The Pantomime

Great Family Entertainment!

DIRECTED BY
TERRI WOODFINE

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER
TESS BURKE

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
MATT PEARSON

BASEMENT THEATRE
7 – 17 JANUARY | 2015

Sessions
10.30 am & 2.00pm



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Spotlight's 60th Anniversary Broadway Raffle

To be held over the next twelve months to raise money
for the maintenance and upgrading of our theatre.

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Got a business? Can you help sell tickets? Please call Erica 0433 133 163

(Management and organising committees and any persons residing at the same address are not eligible to enter.)



Spotlight Theatrical Company
*Invites You to Our
Diamond Anniversary
Gala Event*



Celebrating 60 Years!

*Southport Yacht Club
Saturday May 2, 2015
7:00pm - 11:00pm*

Cost: \$37 includes welcome drink, canapés and entertainment

Dress: Cocktail (or in show theme)

Bookings essential. Numbers are strictly limited

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PRODUCTION OF**

Disney

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BASED ON A DISNEY CHANNEL ORIGINAL MOVIE

DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER CLAY ENGLISH

MUSICAL DIRECTOR LIAM CRUZ

**MAIN THEATRE 2015
FEB 20 - MAR 14**



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2015 Main Theatre / Basement - Ticket Prices

Opening Night	\$35.00	Member	\$25.00
Adult	\$32.00	Child (Under 16)	\$20.00
Concession	\$27.00	Pantomime	\$16.00

Group Bookings

Group 10-19	\$29.00
Group 20+	\$26.00

Prices are for Spotlight productions only
Other events may have different price structures.

2015 Playbill

Cinderella – A traditional pantomime	Basement	7 - 17 Jan
Youth Orientation	Main	18 Jan
Disney High School Musical	Main	20 Feb - 14 Mar
La Traviata	Basement	10 - 24 Apr
Diamond Anniversary Gala Event	SYC*	2 May
The Wizard of Oz	Main	15 May - 6 Jun
Senior Music Theatre Showcase	Main	12 - 13 Jun
Dreamland (a contemporary pantomime)	Basement	1 - 11 Jul
Spotlight Golden Girls Concert	Basement	22 Jul
Legally Blonde	Main	31 Jul - 22 Aug
Senior Drama	Main	3 - 5 Sep
Cocktails with Noel and Gertie**	Basement	17 Sep - 4 Oct
Junior Drama	Basement	16 - 18 Oct
The Mystery of Edwin Drood	Main	23 Oct - 14 Nov
Intermediate Drama	Basement	27 - 29 Nov
Senior Music Theatre	Main	3 - 6 Dec

*Southport Yacht Club

** Cocktails with Noel and Gertie is a Top Hot Production

Member Fee Structure

Adults	Children (16 years and under)
\$10.00	\$5.00



GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

Our Christmas season is speeding along merrily. We are very busy running around from place to place but with the warmer weather upon us, it is much harder to have a costume quick change.

As we draw towards the end of the year we are already planning some new numbers to learn while we have a well earned Christmas break. We have more than thirty five shows booked for next year so far, and will need all hands on deck when we resume at the end of January, 2015.

Our recent shows have been at Anglican Church Isle of Capri, Lady Small Haven, Abri, Ozcare, Woodlands Lodge and Arcare Helensvale.

Now back to the boards.



Margaret – Christmas in Killarney

*NONI BUCKLAND
GOLDEN GIRLS LIASON*



Phyllis – The Christmas Song



Anne in White Christmas



volunteers needed

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Spotlight Executive & Councillors hosted a 'Thank You Party' for all the hardworking volunteers who gave support throughout the year. Guests enjoyed the sumptuous, healthy food, prepared by Committee members with much comment on Lisa Stanley's delicious shortbread. President Isaac Moody, presented a lovely trophy to Shirley King for her valued contribution to Spotlight for the



past 35 years. Shirley has resigned from the Spotlight Council, but will continue as editor of the Newsletter and other duties she performs from time to time.

URBANARCHY – Directed & Choreographed by JESS PAPST, MD – MATT PEARSON, Vocal Direction - MARTINA FRENCH. Congratulations to YT Music Theatre students and the team that brought this production to a very appreciative audience. A mammoth production and all aspects wonderfully presented. A credit to all. You must be very proud.



Rounding out an excellent year in Senior Musical Theatre, the musical production **URBANARCHY** played to full houses in the first weekend of December. The students, once again, produced outstanding and consistent work that resembled that of performers much older and more experienced than they. The Senior students are genuinely a joy to teach. Each audience, as they tend to do, responded differently to the stories of greed, family, power and love. But across all four performances our audiences came away commenting on the talent of the young performers, the interesting storyline and that they were coming back again! They were simply lovely!

I'd like to thank Matt, Martina and Tony in particular for their support during the last few weeks of rehearsal (as well as throughout the year) and the crew we were privileged to have in Butch, Stretch, Nick, Sean, Brady, Terri and a group of Spotlight volunteers who worked everything from Bar, Front of House to Dressers, Dome Operators and selling programs. I would also like to thank the individual students who stepped up and took care of other parts of the production this year - which has provided them with invaluable industry experience on their own production - in the ridiculous talents of Aiden Ossovani, Alex Breen, Dom Bradley, Niamh Bourke, Chyna Hovi-Travis, Joshua Brandon, Mikaela Kimberley, Liesel Lawler, Jess Johnston, Zoe Richards and many, many more.

Each of this year's performers are individually very special kids. They will always hold a special place in my heart and this show was a joy to put together.

Thanks for a wonderful year, please come and see more of their work in 2015. These talented young performers deserve huge audiences as we build a very real sense of "community" for their future.

Have a wonderful Christmas break!

Jess

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Tune in to 4CRB 89.3FM between 2.35pm and 3pm
for Community Theatre News*

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future productions (and performers) on the Gold Coast!*

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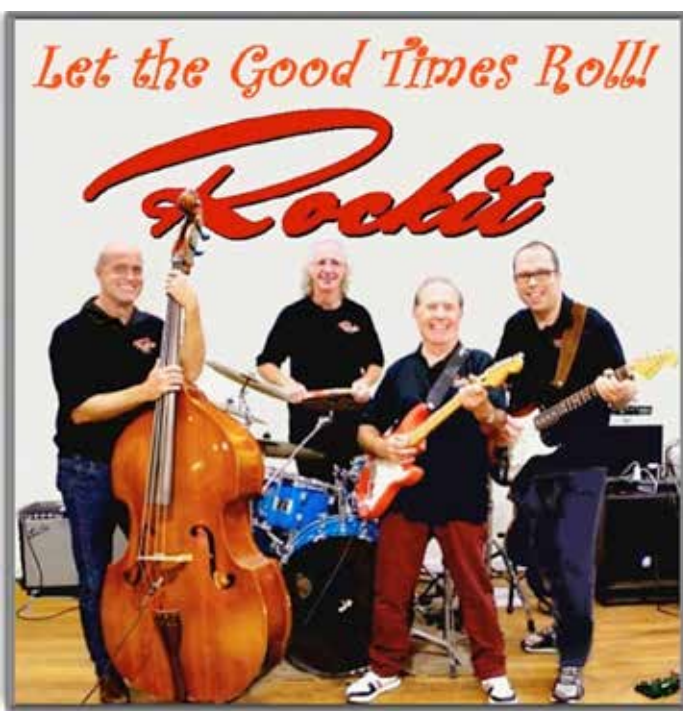


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