

SPOTLIGHT

NEWSLETTER OF PHOENIX PLAYERS

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Welcome to our December edition of Spotlight.

This edition includes:

- Reminder about the Phoenix Players Christmas Party
- Get your tickets to The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
- Seeking expressions of interest for 2009 Phoenix Rising
- Information on the nominations party for the CAT Awards
- And much more!



PHOENIX PLAYERS CHRISTMAS PARTY - REMINDER

Phoenix Players will have their Christmas Party on Thursday 4 December at 7:30pm at **My's Restaurant**, 13 Whitney Place, Weston.

We have arranged a special deal – a \$20 banquet (with free dessert!). The food is Vietnamese, and the place has rave reviews on yourrestaurants.com.au!

We will have our usual secret Santa – just bring a unisex present to the value of about \$10 to put in Santa's sack...

We would love to see you all there!

Please RSVP by Wednesday 3 December to gaby.schmid@finance.gov.au



PHOENIXPLAYERS Committee would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and festive season.

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Don't forget to get your tickets for this well known, entertaining show. A wonderful activity for the school holidays, especially with the great deals available! And as a Phoenix Players' member you can buy tickets for the member price.

At Theatre 3, Ellery Cres ACTON from 9 –24 January 2009.

Bookings 6257 1950

SPECIAL OFFERS

Adult tickets at children's prices for Wed & Thu matinees at 11.00am. There are also special discounts for large groups of children—ask at the booking office.

A great Christmas gift idea for the family.

SHOW TIMES

Friday 9th Jan – 7.30pm (evening)
Saturday 10th Jan – 1.30pm (matinee)
Saturday 10th Jan – 7.30pm (evening)
Wednesday 14th January – 11.00am (matinee only)
Thursday 15th January – 11.00am (matinee only)
Friday 16th January – 7.30pm (evening)
Saturday 17th January – 1.30pm (matinee)
Saturday 17th January – 7.30pm (evening)
Wednesday 21st January – 11.00am (matinee only)
Thursday 22nd January – 11.00am (matinee only)
Friday 23rd January – 7.30pm (evening)
Saturday 24th January – 1.30pm (matinee)
Saturday 24th January – 7.30pm (evening)

HELP WANTED

If you are interested in helping **backstage** for this show, please contact Myles Leon on mysama965@optusnet.com.au.

We are also looking for front of house volunteers – you can see the show for free! Contact Pam McManus on the number at the top of the newsletter or on pamelamcmanus@bigpond.com if you can help out.

Production Team

Co-Directors: Myles Leon/Graham Bauerle
Musical Director: Max Gambale
Choreographer: Ylaria Rogers

PHOENIX RISING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – 2009

Phoenix Players is seeking expressions of interest for our Phoenix Rising Program in 2009.

The program is designed to assist new directors or playwrights with original works, and other first timers, to get an opportunity in the theatre world. For more information or to send in your proposal, please email phoenix_players@yahoo.com.au. Proposals can also be sent to the mailing address at the top of this newsletter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Congratulations and happy birthday to our members who celebrate their birthdays in December and January:



Craig Francis	1	December	Megan Field	2	January
Robyn Page	7	December	Brittany Scrivener	4	January
Donald Harvey	9	December	Alyce Nesbitt	5	January
Mariana Davila	20	December	Mark Pitkin	6	January
Michael Heming	27	December	Kirsten Duncan	7	January
			Rodwell Faulkner	9	January
			Andrew Hackwill	10	January
			Bozana Krsteska	11	January
			Chris Donohue	12	January
			(Lady) Fleur Wimborne	13	January
			Christina Philipp	15	January
			Matthew Hardy	17	January
			Claire Bailey	18	January
			Jenny Thomson	19	January
			Amy Moon	20	January
			Ylaria Rogers	21	January
			Lainie Hart	22	January
			Anne Timperley	23	January
			Nola Russell	25	January
			Dennis Bittisnich	27	January
			Jordan Kelly	27	January



Have a fantastic birthday!

Note: If you have any objections to having your birthday published in the newsletter, please email the editor a few months before your birthday on gaby.schmid@finance.gov.au

COSTUMES – THANK YOU

Thanks to those of you who helped hang up the costumes at our storage shed. It is always hard to get anyone to volunteer for these things, and we see the same generous people time after time. We really do appreciate it when you take a couple of hours out of your busy days to help with these sorts of things. THANK YOU!



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Don't forget to renew your membership, or join if you are new to Phoenix Players! All memberships (except if you joined during A Chorus Line or the One Act Play) expired on the date of the AGM.

Everyone in a Phoenix show needs to be a member to be covered by insurance. And there are also some other great benefits such as regular updates via Spotlight and tickets to Phoenix shows at member prices. So send in your membership form now! The membership application/renewal form can be found on our website at <http://www.phoenixplayers.com.au/images/membershipform.pdf>

CAT AWARD NOMINATIONS PARTY

The **Nominations** for the **2008 TELSTRA COUNTRYWIDE CAT AWARDS** will be announced at Teatro Vivaldi (ANU Arts Centre Complex) at a party on **MONDAY 15th DECEMBER 2008** from 5.30pm.



The cost will be: adult \$20.00 per head; school children \$15.00 per head with monies taken at the door.

RSVP: For catering purposes, please RSVP to Coralie Wood on 62810250 or email cfw@ozemail.com.au

All nominations will be announced and we hope that everyone will come and join in the pre-Xmas drinks.

Nominations will be advised on www.catawards.com.au website and other websites asap after the 16th December.

The TELSTRA COUNTRYWIDE CAT AWARDS 2008 gala evening will be held on Saturday 21st February 2009 at The Canberra Theatre

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE CANBERRA THEATRE. Phone 62752700 or online www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au and we suggest you get in early this year!

THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA

Click on this link to get all the info:
<http://www.canberralllocaltheatre.info/>

canberralllocaltheatre.info

theatre in Canberra - information for local theatre goers

FOOTNOTES...

The cast of Phoenix Players entry in this year's Canberra Festival of One Act Plays, the play "Thirty Minutes to Charlie".



From left, Judy Satrapa; Sean Ladlow; Melita Caulfield; and Michael Heming.

Other photos from the festival are now on the website:

http://www.canberraplayfest.com.au/content_photos_2008.asp