

# SPOTLIGHT

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Welcome to our February/March edition of Spotlight. This issue contains:

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### 2009 ACTEWAGL CAT AWARDS

The 2009 ACTEWAGL CAT Awards were held on Saturday 20 February 2010 at the Canberra Theatre. It was a spectacular evening, hosted by Tim Ferguson and Hayden Miller. We are very pleased to advise that *Miss Saigon* (produced by Phoenix Players and Supa Productions) won two awards:



- Technical Achievement  
**James McPherson**  
For Sound Design
- Teatro Vivaldi Restaurant Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical  
**Jacinta Le** (as Kim)

Congratulations to the winners and to all involved in this wonderful production. Thank you also to Kelda, Judy, Jennie and Garrick for coordinating the cast for the *Miss Saigon* number which was presented at the Awards evening. Well done to those involved!

### HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY

We would still like to hear from our members on ways that we can celebrate our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday. We have a sub-committee (drawn from the committee) planning our celebrations, so please send your ideas to them (please put "21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebrations" in the subject line of the email) at [phoenix\\_players@yahoo.com.au](mailto:phoenix_players@yahoo.com.au) and stay tuned...



## UPDATE: AUDITIONS - ARISTOCATS AND CINDERELLA

These shows will be presented under the Phoenix Rising banner in the July 2010 school holidays at the Tim Murray Theatre at the Canberra Grammar School.

Auditions will be held on the weekend of **20-21 March**. More information on characters and the audition process is available on our [website](#). Please call 6227 5817 to book an audition time (please phone after 6pm Mon-Fri and between 10am and 5pm on Sat/Sun).

Note that all the roles must be played by actors **aged 18 years or under**.

### Cinderella Roles:

Role	Description	Age range*	Vocal range
<b>Cinderella</b>	Sings <i>A Dream Is A Wish Your Heart Makes</i> (solo). Also needs to be able to do at least a basic waltz.	15-18	Sop/ Alto
<b>Stepsisters (Anastasia &amp; Drizella)</b>	Acting roles. Must be able to act mean and speak with a whine. Also need to be forceful when fighting- pushing and shoving. Very catty.	15-18	
<b>Step Mother</b>	Acting role. Underhandedly mean. Needs to walk and act like a proper lady, but have a cruel look in her eye and a mean undertone.	15-18	
<b>Fairy Godmother</b>	Sings <i>Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo</i> (some solo lines, rest with chorus). Needs to act caring and sweet. A tiny bit ditzy as well.	15-18	Sop/ Alto
<b>Grand Duke</b>	A proper gentleman, who is able to act/look very worried.	15-18	
<b>Prince</b>	Bored at times, charming at others, able to command attention.	15-18	
<b>King</b>	Very enthusiastic, but not too bright.	15-18	
<b>Herald</b>	Announces with great enthusiasm and volume.	15-18	
<b>Jaq</b>	Some solo singing and speaking lines. – Smart, hates how Cinderella is treated.	5-14	Tenor /Alto /Sop
<b>Gus</b>	Some solo singing and speaking lines. – Not very bright, but very sweet.	5-14	Tenor /Alto
<b>Perla/ Suzy, Luke/Lucy</b>	Singing and/or speaking lines – all care for Cinderella.	5-14	Sop
<b>Mice</b>	Can be either boys or girls. Sing <i>Work Song</i> and <i>A Dream...</i> , as a group. There are also approximately 3 other non-speaking mice.	5-14	All
<b>Narrators x 4, Town Criers x 4</b>	Must be able to speak with volume and expression.	5-18	All
<b>Villagers, Magic Dancers, horses, footman, Ball dancers, birds, dancing pumpkin etc</b>		5-18	All
<b>Chorus</b>	Made up from other speaking/acting/dancing/singing roles	5-18	All

\* guideline only - younger children (minimum age of 5 years) or older children (up to maximum age of 18 years) may be considered.

## Aristocat Roles:

Role	Description	Age range*
<b>Aristocats:</b>		
- <b>Duchess</b>	Mother of three kittens. Glamorous. Upper class. Solo singing.	14-18
- <b>Toulouse</b>	One of Duchesses Kittens. Thinks he is very cool and tough. Solo and group singing.	9-15
- <b>Marie</b>	One of Duchesses kittens, very girly. Always trying to look refined and graceful. Likes getting Berlioz in trouble.**	9-15
- <b>Berlioz</b>	One of Duchesses kittens, picks fights with his sister a lot, She nearly always wins.**	9-15
<b>Thomas O'Malley</b>	An alley cat. Smooth Talking, Confident and sure of himself. Solo singing.	14-18
<b>Scat Cat</b>	An Alley Cat. He is one very cool and laid back cat. The leader of the Alley Cats. Solo singing.	14-18
<b>Wacky Cat</b>	An Alley Cat. Wacky says it all. This cat is outrageous. One of Scat Cats Gang.**	7-15
<b>Mad Cat</b>	An Alley Cat. This is one crazy cat. One of Scat Cats Gang.**	7-15
<b>Hep Cat</b>	An Alley Cat. He knows what's going on and is probably the sanest of Scat Cats gang.**	7-15
<b>Slick Cat</b>	An Alley Cat. Knows what's happening but might not always let on.**	7-15
<b>Madame</b>	Owner of the Aristocats. Refined and Upperclass. Singing role.	14-18
<b>Edgar</b>	The Butler, the bad guy. Is allergic to cats and tries to get rid of the Aristocats. Solo singing.	14-18
<b>Roquefort</b>	A House Mouse, loves the Aristocats. Terrified of Alley Cats. Singing role.	7-11
<b>Napoleon</b>	A Country Dog. Leader of the Dogs. Military leader type. **	12-18
<b>Lafayette</b>	A Country Dog. Doesn't understand what's going on but is smart without realizing it. **	7-15
<b>Vichy</b>	A Country Dog. Follows Napoleon. Well spoken. An army recruit **	7-15
<b>Ssoise</b>	A Country Dog. Follows Napoleon. Well spoken. An army recruit.**	7-15
<b>Abigail Gabble</b>	A Goose. Amelia's twin sister. Very silly and lively. Duet singing.	9-15
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Various extra parts: We will also be looking for a group of small Kittens and other animals of varying ages		

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\*\* Group singing

## THANK YOU TO STRATHNAIRN

The Phoenix Committee recently presented Strathnairn Arts Association with a gift of thanks for the assistance Phoenix has received from them over many many years of use of the Woolshed. You might be interested to know that the Woolshed is being restored by Arts ACT and will be used to house a couple of workrooms together with a Community Arts Workshop area. We will let you know when it is completed in case you would like to visit.

## ON THE BOARD

Congratulations to Graham Bauerle, our Vice President, who has been elected to the Inaugural Board of the Belconnen Arts Centre. The Committee felt it would be a good idea to have a presence in the Arts Hub in Belconnen.

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## WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

Let us know what is happening with you – it's always fun to know what our friends in theatre are up to around town. Just send your information to the Phoenix Players email address or direct to the editor (info on front page).

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## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE...

We are always interested in hearing what shows our members would like to see us produce, or be in, or be part of the artistic team for, so if you have any suggestions, please send them through to our email [phoenix\\_players@yahoo.com.au](mailto:phoenix_players@yahoo.com.au) so that we can take them into consideration when planning our future seasons.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Congratulations and happy birthday to our members (and special guests) who celebrated their birthdays in February and March:

Kevin Ching	3	February	<b>Aquarius</b>  (January 20 – February 18)	
Cameron Boxall	9	February	Your element: Air	
Jacinta Le	17	February	Your ruling planets: Uranus	
Kirsten Haussmann	19	February	Symbol: The Water Bearer	
Kobi Cumberland	22	February	Your stone: Amethyst	
Dave Smith	22	February	Life Pursuit: To understand life's mysteries	
Zoe Milton	1	March	Vibration: High frequency	
Liza Milligan	2	March	Aquarian's Secret Desire: To be unique and original	
Oliver Baudert	21	March	<b>Pisces</b>  (February 19 – March 20)	
Ewan Harwood	21	March	Your element: Water	
Steve Galinec	23	March	Your ruling planets: Neptune	
Cindy Louise Wills	23	March	Symbol: The Fish	
Gaby Schmid	29	March	Your stone: Bloodstone	
			Life Pursuit: To avoid feeling alone and instead feel connected to others and the world at large	

realities.

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](mailto:gaby.schmid@finance.gov.au)

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## THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA

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Click on this link to get all the info:

<http://www.canberralocaltheatre.info/>

### Some Highlights...

Canberra Philharmonic presents **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** from 4 - 20 March at Erindale Theatre, McBryde Cres, Wanniasa. Bookings: 6257 1950 or [www.philo.org.au/ticketing](http://www.philo.org.au/ticketing)

Canberra Repertory presents Alan Ayckbourn's **Flatspin** from 5 - 20 March at Theatre 3, Cnr Repertory Lane & Ellery Cres, Acton. Bookings: 6257 1950, or [www.patronbase.com/ CRS](http://www.patronbase.com/CRS)

Canberra Repertory presents **Moon Over Buffalo** from 30 April - 15 May at Theatre 3, Cnr Repertory Lane & Ellery Cres, Acton. Bookings: 6257 1950, or [www.patronbase.com/ CRS](http://www.patronbase.com/CRS)

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