

SPOTLIGHT

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Welcome to our February edition of Spotlight.

This edition includes:

- Miss Saigon coming to Canberra!
- Awards and nominations
- The final word on The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe
- And more...



Enjoy!

MISS SAIGON IS COMING TO CANBERRA!

This tragic love story will come to life in a Canberra Premiere production to be performed at the ANU Arts Centre in October this year. Phoenix Players and Supa Productions have joined forces to produce this show. With an artistic team comprising Director Kelda McManus, Musical Director, Andrea Clifford and Choreographer, Amy Fitzpatrick and a stunning score, this show is sure to excite potential cast and audiences alike.

Both companies will be combining their talents to bring *Miss Saigon* to a reality. As this show has not been performed in Canberra before, there will be an information evening for potential cast members prior to the auditions in March/April.

We are looking for talented singers, actors and dancers to portray American GIs, bargirls of Saigon, Broadway dancers and the people of Vietnam.

People interested in being a part of this show should check www.phoenixplayers.com.au and www.supaproductionsinc.com for details on the upcoming information evening and audition requirements, or email phoenix_players@yahoo.com.



AWARDS....

Canberra Critics Circle Award

Congratulations to Amy Fitzpatrick for winning the Canberra Critics Circle Award for "A Chorus Line". The citation reads:



Canberra Critics Circle Award 2008 for Dance presented to Amy Fitzpatrick for her cleverly devised choreography for the Phoenix Players production of *A Chorus Line*. Her choreography not only successfully approximated the original Michael Bennett style, but allowed the cast of largely non-dancers to succeed in capturing the very essence of the musical to convince their audience that they could conceivably have been candidates for selection as dancers in a Broadway show.

Presented at the 2008 ACT Arts Awards night, Canberra Museum and Gallery, December 9, 2008.

CAT Award Nominations

Phoenix Players have four nominations in the 2008 CAT Awards:

- **Best Original Work** - Andrew Hackwill and Jonathan Flack - For original music for *It Was That Way When I Got Here*
- **Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical** - Jane Kellett - As Francha Hollenbrackenhoffa, *It Was That Way When I Got Here*
- **Best Choreographer** – Amy Fitzpatrick – *A Chorus Line*
- **Best Musical Director** – Andrea Clifford – *A Chorus Line*

Congratulations to Andrew, Jonathan, Jane, Amy and Andrea and best of luck on the night!

CAT Award Gala Evening

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, (02) 6275 2700 or www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au.
Prices: Adults: \$45.00; Children under 15: \$30.00; Performers and nominees: \$38.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

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

Cameron Boxall	9	February
Margie Roser	12	February
Kirsten Byrne	15	February
Kirsten Haussmann	19	February
Tim Dal Cortivo	21	February
Kobi Cumberland	22	February
Dave Smith	22	February
Scott Byrne	26	February



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

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE – OUR FINAL WORD

Myles and I were delighted at the end result of a lot of hard work by a lot of wonderful, talented people. We kept wondering each performance if there was going to be any improvement in character or action that would enhance the show. We were never disappointed because we felt that all of our nagging had paid off and you were really performing. How I itched to be up there with you.

We thought that the show began fairly well, but we were blown away by the review, which made us certain that we had all done something of which we might be very proud.

We have to thank the committee for having faith in our ability to bring our vision to fruition, to thank the cast and crew for their magnificent, tireless efforts and the audiences, who spread the word about our show.

Our special thanks go to Ylaria and Max for putting their absolute best into their tasks and giving extra quality to the show. Max, a special thanks for your fabulous music makers.

We believe that we have left the bank in a slightly healthier position than when we started our venture, which is always good if you ever want to direct again.

Finally, thank you Myles for your prodigious effort in so many areas. I will have many wonderful memories of the show and I hope that you do as well. In fact, I hope that all of you who were involved have the best memories of your time in the magical world beyond the wardrobe door.

Graham Bauerle

PS Myles says the same as he said

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Don't forget to renew your membership, or join if you are new to Phoenix Players!

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>

A JOURNEY WITH GILBERT & SULLIVAN -- AUDITION INFORMATION

ACT Singers are holding auditions on 1 March for their production of *A Journey with Gilbert and Sullivan*, to be presented in June and July with direction by Phil Perman and musical direction by Michael Politi. They are looking for chorus, soloists and actor/singers. If you're interested, further information, and audition application forms, are available at www.actsingers.org.au.



THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA

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theatre in Canberra - information for local theatre goers

Click on this link to get all the info:

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

PHOENIX PLAYERS WOULD LIKE TO WISH
ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

