

SPOTLIGHT

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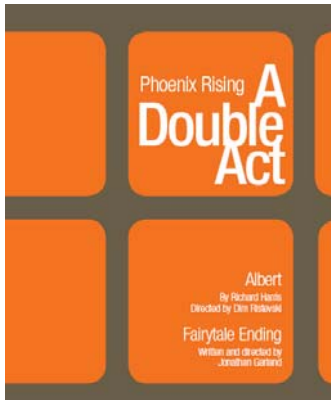
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Welcome to our July edition of Spotlight.

This edition provides information on Eurobeat ticket sales, Tom Sawyer auditions, the next shed clean-up and much more...

Enjoy!



PHOENIX RISING – A DOUBLE ACT

The inaugural Phoenix Rising production, A Double Act, was a resounding success! CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved in the production - well done!

We attracted quite large audiences for each of the 5 shows, with closing night very close to a full house. Obviously word had gotten around that this show was not to be missed.

The Canberra Times also reviewed the show, with a great review printed in the paper on the Monday after closing. An extract of the review is below.

“A Double Act is a worthy inaugural initiative by the well-established Phoenix Players to provide opportunities for emerging artists, including writers and directors, to develop their skills and present their work to an audience. What has emerged are two tightly directed and entertaining one-act plays that demonstrate the promising talent that exists in Canberra.”

“... a commendable and enjoyable showcase of emerging talent.”

The committee is always interested in receiving proposals from new directors, playwrights with original works, and other first timers, to take part in the Phoenix Rising program. Please send your proposals to the mail address at the top of this newsletter, or via email to phoenix_players@yahoo.com.au.



I've heard a rumour that the cast members in Eurobeat are having a great time at rehearsals with lots of uncontrollable laughter – a very funny show by all accounts.

So make sure you don't miss it and get your tickets early... Bookings for Eurobeat open at the Street on Monday 23 July. Get a group together and vote for your favourite country. Tickets \$33 adult, \$31 member/group, \$28 concession and \$23 child.

If you are a Phoenix Member and would like to volunteer your services for ushering or selling programs, please contact Amy Moon on 6274 2925 or email on amycmoon@gmail.com.

Correction to June item:
The Programme/Poster Design for Eurobeat is being done by Kate Gosnell of Designanytime

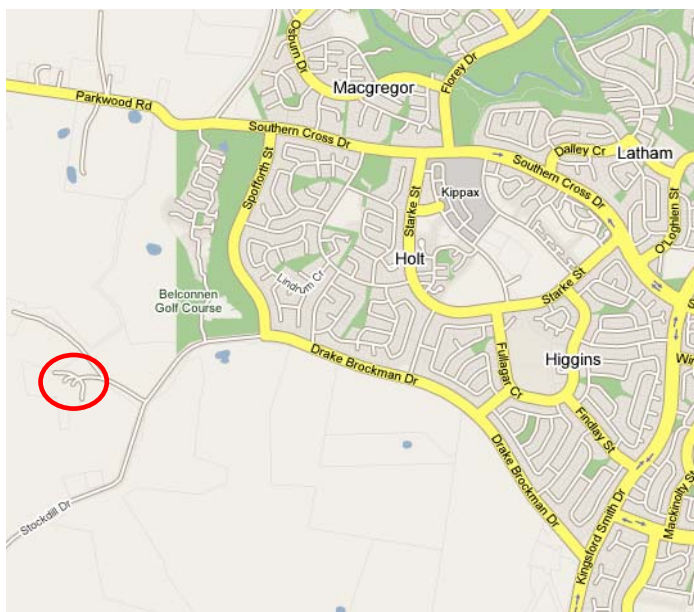
EUROBEAT: 24 August to 8 September 2007 at the Street Two

SHED CLEAN-UP – THIS SUNDAY, 22 JULY AT 10AM

The last cleanup at the Phoenix Players shed at Strathnairn in April made a good head start in getting the place more organised and getting rid of all the old stuff which can no longer be used.

So please help us if you are available on **Sunday 22 July from 10am** – there are jobs for all sorts of skill levels and strengths... as well as the heavy stuff, we need to sort out the wardrobe and props areas, so no matter what your capacity I'm sure we can find something for you to do.

We would really appreciate any time you can spare to assist us in doing this necessary job. If you have some time to help out please call Myles Leon on 62943686 or 0434 444 352 or email him at mysama1@iprimus.com.au. Or just turn up!



The shed is located at Strathnairn (see red circle on map below)

From Kingsford Smith Drive, turn west down Drake Brockman Drive until the roundabout - go through the roundabout, the name of the road changes to Stockdill Drive – continue past Golf Course on right – you will come to a sign on the right hand side a little further on with the name "Strathnairn" - turn right onto this dirt road - follow it for a couple of minutes until you come to the Strathnairn Homestead - drive right around behind the house until you come to a wide metal gate - go through the gate - remember to shut the gate properly - and continue up the hill until you come to an old Woolshed. And you're there!!

UPCOMING AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Phoenix Players Inc will be held towards the end of September. Further details will be provided in the next edition of Spotlight.

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER - AUDITIONS

Auditions for The Adventures of Tom Sawyer will be held at St Matthews School, Page on Saturday 18 August and Sunday 19 August. Please phone Kate on 6258 8555 for enquiries or to make an audition booking.



List of characters

Character	Description	Male/ Female	Age range
Alfred Temple	Cameo	Male	
Amy Lawrence	Budding beauty, outrageous flirt, catty, snide (competition for Becky)	Female	13-15
Aunt Polly	Tom's kind but stern aunt	Female	35-55
Becky Thatcher	A feisty but cute girl	Female	13-16
Ben Rogers	Tom's friend	Male	11-16
Doc Robinson	The local doctor	Male	35-60
George Bellamy	Cameo	Male	
Gideon Temple	Defence Attorney	Male	25-45
Huckleberry Finn	A charming renegade	Male	13-18
Injun Joe	The terrifying villain	Male	30-50
Joe Harper	Tom's friend	Male	11-16
Judge Thatcher	Judge - distinguished in appearance	Male	35-60
Lanyard Bellamy	Mayor and Prosecutor	Male	
Lemuel Dobbins	The schoolmaster	Male	35-60
Jessica Rogers	Cameo	Female	35-50
Lucy Harper	Village girl	Female	11-15
Lyle Bellamy	Cameo	Male	
Muff Potter	A local vagrant	Male	35-60
Naomi Temple	Cameo	Female	
Pap	Supporting	Male	40-55
Reverend Sprague	Local preacher	Male	35-55
Sabina Temple	Cameo	Female	
Sally Bellamy	Cameo	Female	
Serene Harper	Cameo	Female	
Sid Sawyer	Tom's half-brother. An insufferable goody-goody	Male	12-16
Susie Rogers	Village girl	Female	11-15
Tom Sawyer	14-year old boy from America's heartland. In love with Becky	Male	13-16
Widow Douglas	A kind, old woman who teaches Huck how to read	Female	50-80

Mark Twain's classic story comes to exuberant life in this musical adaptation of a favorite children's book. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* is the irresistible story of a fourteen-year-old boy growing up in the heartland of America. This musical version of Mark Twain's immortal novel is set in 1840 in St. Petersburg, Missouri, a bustling town on the banks of the Mississippi River. In the course of the story, Tom matches wits with his stern Aunt Polly, falls in love with the beautiful, feisty Becky Thatcher, and goes on the adventure of his life with Becky and that irresistible renegade, Huckleberry Finn. Along the way we meet a terrifying villain named Injun Joe, Tom's bratty half-brother Sid, and all the other boys and girls in the village - providing one scene-stealing children's role after the other.

Director – John Alford...Musical Director – Graham Magarry... Choreographer – Ylaria Rogers

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 is attached to this newsletter. You also need to be a member to vote in the AGM...

THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA

What's happening around town in July and August...

Phoenix Players – *Eurobeat, Almost Eurovision* – 24 August to 8 September 2007 at the Street Two. Tickets \$33 adult, \$31 member/group, \$28 concession and \$23 child. Bookings 6247 1223.

Child Players ACT – *Through the Looking Glass, and what Alice found there* – 11.00 am and 3.00 pm on 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18, 19, 20 and 21 July at the Belconnen Theatre, Swanson Court, Belconnen. All tickets \$12.50. Bookings on 6247 4456 or through ticketing@philo.org.au.

Papermoon – *Waiting for Godot*. At the ANU Arts Centre from 19–21 July and 25–28 July at 8pm Matinees 21, 28 July at 2 pm. Tickets \$25 Concessions; Group bookings \$20. Bookings Canberra Ticketing 6275 2700.

Alfred Deakin High School – *Into the Woods* (Stephen Sondheim). Showing at the Street Theatre in July: Wednesday 25th 7pm; Thursday 26th 11am and 7pm; Friday 27th 7pm; Tickets are currently on sale from the Street Theatre (6247 1223): Concession \$12, Adults \$18

ACT Scouts and Guides – *Gang Show 2007 - GET A LIFE!!* This year we celebrate 100 Years of Worldwide Scouting, as well as the 75th anniversary of the first Gang Show in London. At Erindale Theatre, Wanniasa 14 – 21 July. Tickets: Adults \$25; Child \$17. Bookings: Phone 6247 4456 or email ticketing@philo.org.au (or go to www.philo.org.au and follow the links to the Gang Show page).

Tempo – *Rebecca* (by Daphne du Maurier). Rebecca is a haunting tale of romance, treachery - and murder. August 3 – 11 at the Belconnen Theatre. Tickets are priced at \$25 Adults, \$20 Concession. There will be a special "meet the cast" matinee to be held on Thursday the 9th of August where *all* tickets will be at the concession price of \$20, including a complimentary cuppa at intermission, and a chance to discuss the play with the cast and director after the performance. Bookings: Phone 6247 4456 or email ticketing@philo.org.au

Canberra Repertory – *Room to Move*. A comedy by one of Australia's leading playwrights. At Theatre 3 Ellery Crescent Acton from 3 – 25 August: Wed – Sat 8pm (except Wed 8 Aug); Matinees Saturdays 11 & 18 Aug 2pm; Twilight Sunday 19 Aug 4pm; Preview 2 Aug 8pm. Tickets - Full \$33, Conc. \$25, groups 10+ \$2 off each ticket. Bookings: 6257 1950 (9am-5pm Monday to Friday or in person at the theatre).



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss _____ (full name)

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone no: Work: _____ Home: _____

Day of birth _____ Month of birth _____ Year of birth _____

Age range: (please circle) under 5 6-12 13-17 18-25 25-40 over 40

Areas of interest:

- directing, acting, costume design, costume sewing, set design, set building/painting, publicity, production management, front-of-house, props, orchestra/instrumental, make-up, hairdressing, participation in workshops, stage management, backstage crew, lighting design/operation, sound design/operation, arranging social activities, poster distribution, advertising/poster design

I also have the following skills and experience which I would like to offer to Phoenix Players:

Membership also entitles you to ticket price concessions and regular issues of the Spotlight Newsletter.

Table with membership fees: full membership (\$15), concession membership (\$10), family membership (\$25), donation (\$), total (\$)

Please send to: Membership Secretary, Phoenix Players Inc., PO Box 51, BELCONNEN ACT 2616