

SPOTLIGHT

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Welcome to our July edition of Spotlight.

This issue contains

- An Update on Miss Saigon
- What's happening next year
- Some more, where are they now...
- Something to make you laugh
- And more...

Enjoy!



MISS SAIGON UPDATE!

The cast list has now been finalised, with the exception of Tam, who will be cast in the months leading up to production. The role of Ellen has been filled by the very talented Claire Watson. Congratulations! The full cast list is available on the Phoenix and Supa websites www.phoenixplayers.com.au and www.supaproductionsinc.com.

There will be a meet and greet on Sunday 12 July for everyone involved in the show, with rehearsals starting on Monday 13 July.

Many thanks to Amy Fitzpatrick, who provided the use of Dance City for auditions and will also be providing its use for some rehearsals. Thanks also to the Canberra Labor club and ANU Arts Centre, who are also providing rehearsal space.

We'd also like to welcome aboard Judy Satrapa who will take on the role of Costume Designer/Wardrobe manager and are thrilled to yet again have Chris Neal in charge of lighting and sound. Your trusty editor (Gaby Schmid) has also taken on the role of Assistant Stage Manager.

Season dates: 12 – 28 November 2009

Rehearsals: Commence 13 July 2009.

Presented by Phoenix Players and Supa Productions Inc.



WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT YEAR?

The Committee are working at the moment on finalising our productions to be presented next year and hope to be in a position to announce the outcome shortly. We can say however, for those members interested, that the Committee have decided not to produce a show in January 2010. This is due mainly to Miss Saigon being moved to November.

So watch this space next month when we hope to reveal our exciting plans for 2010!

MORE WHERE ARE THEY NOW...?

It is nice to know that Phoenix members continue to be successful in other enterprises...

Sean Ladlow, last seen for Phoenix in the 2008 Festival of One Act Plays – *Thirty Minutes to Charlie*, and soon to be playing John in *Miss Saigon*, will be seen from 8-12 July in *Women Of Manhattan* at The Courtyard Studio, Canberra Theatre Centre. If you like Sex in the City, then don't miss this one.

Michael Heming (also last seen in *Thirty Minutes to Charlie*), and ever busy, has gone from a successful season of *Jazz Garters* for Canberra Rep to rehearsals for Philo's *West Side Story*.

Let us know if you, or others you know, have done something of interest for inclusion in future newsletters. Just email us at phoenix_players@yahoo.com.au.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Congratulations and happy birthday to our members (and special guests) who celebrate their birthdays in July:

Richard Phillips	5	July
Peter McDonald	7	July
Peita Chappell	8	July
Stefanie Thomas	13	July
Sue Bailey	16	July
Jane Kellett	18	July
Judy Satrapa	20	July
Alexander Rouse	22	July
Jodi McAlister	23	July
Alicia Da Costa	30	July

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Your element: Water
Your ruling planets: The Moon
Symbol: The Crab
Your stone: Moonstone
Life Pursuit: Constant reassurance and intimacy
Vibration: Moody
Cancer's Secret Desire: To feel safe (emotionally, spiritually, romantically and financially)

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Your element: Fire
Your ruling planets: The Sun
Symbol: The Lion
Your stone: Peridot
Life Pursuit: To lead the way
Vibration: Radiant Energy
Leo's Secret Desire: To be a star



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

THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA

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

canberralocaltheatre.info
theatre in Canberra - information for local theatre goers

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>

AND FINALLY...

Something which will hopefully give you a chuckle...

How many lighting techs does it take to screw in a light bulb?

It's not a light bulb, it's a LAMP!!

How many actors does it take to change a light bulb?

Nine...one to do it, and eight to stand around and say "I could do better than that"

How many actors does it take to change a light bulb?

None - they can never find the light.

How many sound engineers does it take to change a light bulb?

"Can't we just turn all the other ones up a bit?"

How many radical feminist performance artists does it take to change a light bulb?

Five. One to do it, and four to host a panel discussion of the political, social, and sexual ramifications of the lamp-changing.

How many producers does it take to change a light bulb?

"Sorry; a new lamp isn't in the budget."

How many prop-masters does it take to change a light bulb?

Two. One to sweep up the glass and the other to pull out the base.

How many directors does it take to change a light bulb?

Three...no, make it 4... on second thought 3... make it 5 just to be safe.

How many Stuntmen does it take to change a light bulb?

Eleven. One to change the bulb, 10 to clap.

How many lighting designers does it take to change a light bulb?

None. It's a carefully orchestrated blackout.

How many art directors does it take to change a light bulb?

Well... Does it have to be a light bulb? Why can't it be a candle?

How many directors does it take to change a light bulb?

Hmmmmmm.....Light bulb.....Allow me to ponder the changing of the bulb.

How many stage managers does it take to change a light bulb?

I DONT CARE- JUST DO IT!!!!!!!!!!!!

How many actors does it take to change a light bulb?

One - the actor holds the light bulb, and the world revolves around the actor...

What's black, crispy, and hangs from the ceiling?

An actor changing a light bulb!

The Abbey Theatre & Arts Centre
