

# SPOTLIGHT

## NEWSLETTER OF PHOENIX PLAYERS

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Welcome to our June edition of Spotlight.  
This issue contains

- Miss Saigon casting information,
- More Phoenix star sightings
- Birthday greetings and congratulations
- And more...

Enjoy!



### MISS SAIGON – CAST LIST ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations to all who have been selected for the cast in Miss Saigon! Thank you to everyone who auditioned – it was a very talented group of auditionees and a difficult selection process.

The Engineer - Dean Salonga  
Kim - Jacinta Le  
Chris - Grant Pegg  
John - Sean Ladlow  
Ellen - TBC  
Thuy - Simon Stone  
Gigi - Mariam Grey  
Tam - TBC

**PIT SINGERS**  
Annette Gaykema  
Cornelia Carson  
Ashley Jeanroy  
Deanna Gibbs  
Megan Porter  
Michelle Klemke  
Naomi Barnbaum  
Sarah Golding  
Yvette Rugala  
Aleisha Fisher-Stevens

**CHORUS**  
Amelia Huang  
Christine Van  
Elizabeth Flynn  
Rina Policarpio  
Sarah Daphne Foo  
Kim Nguyen  
Rebecca Franks  
Tegan Mitchell  
Ylaria Rogers  
Amy Callan  
Renae Krig  
Ele Wilcher  
Steve Galinec  
James Powell  
Thompson Quan Wing  
Mathew Chardon O'Dea  
Peter Ricardo  
Will Huang  
Kevin Ching  
Simon Wong



### The Production Team:

Director:	Kelda McManus
Musical Director:	Andrea Clifford
Choreographer:	Amy Fitzpatrick
Stage Manager:	Garrick Smith
Production Mgr:	Jennie Norberry

**New season dates: 12 – 28 November 2009**

**Rehearsals:** Commence early July 2009.

Presented by Phoenix Players and Supa Productions Inc.

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## MORE WHERE ARE THEY NOW...?

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

A regular Phoenix player, Brian Daly appeared in as Mr Lizard in Queanbeyan Players' *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie* in May/June at The Q. Also in that show were Millicent Malcome who played Ragged Blossom and who was last seen on stage as Annie in Phoenix's 2004 production and Kobi Cumberland (last seen in Tom Sawyer with Phoenix in Jan 2008).

Ever grateful to Phoenix for letting him play (and sing) as Marley's Ghost in *Scrooge, the Musical* in 2003, Oliver Baudert would like you to know that Everyman Theatre has cast him with Duncan Driver in Stephen Fry's contentious two-hander play *Latin! Or Tobacco and Boys* which will open at The Courtyard Theatre on 18 June (free preview 17 June) and runs till 27 June with an option to 4 July. The play's producer is Duncan Ley and his wife Hannah will stage manage. The direction is by Jarrad West. The audience, limited to 50 per performance, will be partly seated at school desks. This is an Australian premiere and entry is restricted to over 18's only. The play's contents includes material which may offend some people and it promises to be a major theatrical event on the Canberra theatre scene. Advance bookings can be made by phoning 6247 1105

Since appearing as Greg in Phoenix Players' *A Chorus Line* last year, Michael Heming has been quite active in the Canberra theatre community. In October he performed in *30 Minutes To Charlie* as part of the Festival of One Act Plays for Phoenix, before reprising his role of Barnaby Tolfree in the second season of Andrew Hackwill and Jonathan Flack's *It Was That Way When I Got Here* at The Q in November. 2009 has been just as busy, with Michael so far performing for Free Rain Theatre Company in *Guys and Dolls* and *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*. Michael has recently taken his first steps into the world of stage crew in Supa Productions' *All Shook Up*, but will be back onstage in Canberra Repertory's *Jazz Garters*, which opens at Theatre 3 on the 11th of June.

And don't miss Craig Francis (last seen for Phoenix in *A Chorus Line*) and Judy Satrapa (last seen for Phoenix in the 2008 Festival of One Act Plays – *Thirty Minutes to Charlie*) are both performing on 20 June at Tuggeranong Rugby Union Club at Erindale from 7:30pm in the new band "Smooth Operators"

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](mailto:phoenix_players@yahoo.com.au).

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## CONGRATULATIONS...



To Michelle Klemke and Charlie Blackney, who were married on 4 April at St Ninians Church in Lyneham... Charlie romantically proposed to Michelle at the closing night party of *It Was That Way When I Got Here* – it was even captured on video!



To Kirsten and Scott Byrne, who welcomed their new daughter (and little sister for Tyler), Chloe Maree on 28 April. A gorgeous baby girl already displaying a powerful set of lungs!

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

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

Anita Davenport	11	June
Ben Hardy	12	June
Gabrielle Elgood	13	June
Crystelle' Cooper	16	June
Lara Kaul	16	June
Kim Wilson	20	June
Natalie Whalley	24	June
Yvette Rugala	28	June



### Gemini ♊ (May 21 – June 20)

Your element: Air  
Your ruling planets: Mercury  
Symbol: The Twins  
Your stone: Aquamarine  
Life Pursuit: To explore a little bit of everything.  
Vibration: Intense mental energy  
Gemini's Secret Desire: To be ahead of the crowd

### 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)

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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## 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>