

SPOTLIGHT

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Welcome to our March edition of Spotlight.
A short newsletter this month, but it includes
some very important information ☺:

- Miss Saigon update
- CAT Award for IWTWWIGH
- And more...



Enjoy!

MISS SAIGON UPDATE

We have been receiving quite a few emails with people asking many questions about the show. Here are some of the popular questions that you may have been wanting answers to...

Q. Is there an age limit to be in the show?

A. You will need to be 16 years of age and over. This is due to the style of dancing, the lyrics and the roles you will be playing. We do require a child to portray 3 to 4 year old Eurasian child. This child is a non singing role. There are really no other roles for children in the show.

Q. Do I need to be of Asian background to be in this show?

A. In short, no. Despite popular belief not every character in the show is Vietnamese. Three of the four principal characters have to be American. Some of the principal roles are Vietnamese characters and we will attempt to cast these roles with people who best portray these characters and have ability to sing the parts. The chorus portray characters from many ethnic backgrounds including; Communist soldiers, American GIs, the people of Saigon, prostitute/showgirls in Saigon, American tourists, people of Bangkok, prostitute/showgirls in Bangkok, American show girls and boys.

Q. All the chorus are male soldiers, what is there for womens chorus?

A. Everyone seems to think that if you are a female the only thing for you to do, other than the lead roles, is to be a bargirl/prostitute in Dreamland (the bar in Saigon). WRONG! We need women of all shapes and sizes to make up the other characters outlined above. This is a great show for people who love a good sing.

Q. When are the auditions?

A. The Production team is busy finalising the times for auditions. We envisage that they will occur early May. Notification of the audition requirements, songs and times etc will be listed on the website www.phoenixplayers.com.au and also on Supa's website www.supaproductionsinc.com. We will also place an ad in Saturday's papers leading up to the audition weekend. Notice will also go on the theatre website, Offprompt (<http://offprompt.stagecraft.cx/index.php>).

The production team comprises:

Director: Kelda McManus
Musical Director: Andrea Clifford
Choreographer: Amy Fitzpatrick
Stage Manager: Garrick Smith
Production Manager: Jennie Norberry
Costume Designer: Christine Pawlicki



CAT AWARD

Congratulations to Andrew Hackwill and Jonathan Flack who took out the CAT Award for the **Best Original Work** for original music for *It Was That Way When I Got Here*.

Phoenix Players are proud to have been involved in getting this show on stage... and we're looking forward to what is next for this talented duo...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

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

Zoe Milton	1	March
Liza Milligan	2	March
Oliver Baudert	21	March
Cindy Louise Wills	23	March
Toni Maxfield	29	March
Gaby Schmid	29	March
Emma White	29	March
Toni Lamond	29	March



Obviously the 29th of March is a fabulous day to have a birthday! (and not just because it's the editor's birthday ☺...of course not...)

To all the March babies - 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

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>

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