

SPOTLIGHT

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Welcome to our March edition of Spotlight. This issue contains:



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THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE CAST

Thank you to all of you who auditioned for this show, we had such a great array of talent to choose from.

Congratulations to the following people who have won roles in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*:



Miss Rona Peretti.....	Karla Conway
Vice Principal Douglas Panch	Berin Denham
Mitch Mahoney.....	Phil Marlan
Chip Tolentino.....	Jeff Van de Zandt
Logainne SchwartzandGrubenierre.....	Rebecca Franks
Marcy Park.....	Jenny Lu
Leaf Coneybear	James Court
William Barfée.....	Blake Appelqvist
Olive Ostrovsky.....	Alison Noble

Season 10 -25 June 2011

ANU Arts Centre

Director: Tim Sekuless
Musical Director: Rose Shorney
Choreographer: Jordan Kelly

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the people who helped with our performance items at the CAT Awards this year – the wonderful Aggie Boys from *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* and the people who returned the magic of Cinderella's pumpkin coach to the stage in the costume parade.

We appreciate the effort that went into these items and congratulate you all on their resounding success on the night.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAT AWARD WINNERS

Unfortunately Phoenix Players didn't win in any of our nominated categories this year. However, we would like to acknowledge our current and past members who were successful. Our warmest congratulations to:

- **Nasha Nyakuengama** for the Co-op Bookshop Best Actor in a Featured Role in a School or Youth Play as Jacques in *As You Like It*, Hawker College, Canberra
- **Pete Ricardo** for the TransACT Best Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical as Joe (Jose) Vegas in *Fame*, Queanbeyan Players, Queanbeyan
- **Cate Clelland** for the DSP Productions Best Director of a Play for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, Free-Rain Theatre Company, Canberra

CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD

Phoenix Players and Supa Productions were recently recognised with a Canberra Critics Circle Award for *Miss Saigon*. The Award had the following citation:

Canberra Critics Circle Award

For

Musical Theatre

Presented to

SUPA Productions and Phoenix Players

For their outstanding production of "Miss Saigon," directed by Kelda McManus, which with limited resources cleverly succeeded in capturing the sweep and drama of a difficult and demanding musical.

Naturally we are very proud and honored to receive this award. Congratulations to all those involved in this production.

ONE FOR THE STAMP COLLECTORS...

This set of stamps issued by Royal Mail in the UK on 24 February includes two shows Phoenix has done. If you would like a set, check out www.royalmail.com/musicals.

There is also a First Day Cover. If stamps are purchased there is a charge for postage but none for a cover. If you require further information please contact Nick Leon at nick-annette@hotmail.com.



FUND RAISING IDEAS

We are on a bit of a fund raising drive to bolster our resources and would like to hear from anyone who might have any fund raising suggestions or ideas. Please contact Melita Caulfield at me_rita@hotmail.com.

We currently have fund raising Cadbury chocolates in a few workplaces in Canberra, and if you are willing to take in a box (or two... or ten) to sell in your workplace, school or business, please contact Melita at the above address.



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:

- Regular updates via Spotlight
- Tickets to Phoenix shows at member prices
- **Southern Cross Health Club** – \$199 joining fee waived for Phoenix members
- **Belconnen Stationery** –15% discount on all personal purchases and a 15% discount on the first trade purchase (i.e. business) made by Phoenix members
- **Instant Colour Press** – 15% off all personal purchases and a 15% discount of the first trade purchase for all new clients.

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>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Congratulations and happy birthday to our members (and special guests) who celebrate their birthdays in March, and a special congratulations to **Nick Leon** who turns 80 on 29 March!!

Cameron Taylor	12	March
Madeleine Carden	15	March
Chelsey Ashcroft	17	March
Peter Ricardo	20	March
Oliver Baudert	21	March
Steve Galinec	23	March
Gaby Schmid	29	March
Nick Leon	29	March
Cadell Carden	31	March
Georgia Croker	31	March

Pisces (February 19 to March 20)

Your element: Water
Your ruling planets: Neptune
Symbol: The Fish
Your stone: Bloodstone
Life Pursuit: To avoid feeling alone and instead feel connected to others and the world at large
Vibration: Erratic Energy levels
Pisces Secret Desire: To live their dreams and turn fantasies into realities.

Aries (March 21 to April 19)

Your element: Fire
Your ruling planets: Mars
Symbol: The Ram
Your stone: Ruby
Life Pursuit: The thrill of the moment
Vibration: Enthusiastic
Aries Secret Desire: To lead the way for other



Note: If you have any objections to having your birthday published in the newsletter, please email the editor a few months before your birthday at gaby_schmid@finance.gov.au