

SPOTLIGHT

NEWSLETTER OF PHOENIX PLAYERS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Phoenix Players was held on Tuesday 26th September at the Belconnen Community Centre. There was a good turnout – thank you to all the people who were able to attend, and also to those who sent in their proxies.

NEW COMMITTEE

Pam McManus was voted in as the new President of Phoenix Players with the following people filling the other positions on the committee:



- Graham Bauerle– Vice President
- Gaby Schmid – Secretary
- Amy Moon – Assistant Secretary
- Robyn Page – Treasurer
- Richard Block – Assistant Treasurer
- Kathy Thomas – Community Liaison Officer
- Paul Tremble – Technical and Storage Officer
- Kelda McManus – Production Selection Coordinator
- Nola Russell – member

As you can see, there are a number of new faces, and I would like to thank everyone for their involvement and welcome them to the committee.

MICHAEL THOMAS AWARD

The Michael Thomas award went to Elissa Singer, for her contribution to the production, cast and crew while choreographer for *Charlotte's Webb*. The award was presented at the AGM by Ray Thomas.



ANOTHER GREAT PHOENIX PLAYERS' MUSICAL

Cole Porter's *Kiss Me, Kate* finished its season on 23rd September. Directed by Cathie Clelland, and starring Libby Bancroft and Rod Beaver, with a great supporting cast, it was a great success for Phoenix.

Congratulations to an enthusiastic and talented cast who made the show a fun and enjoyable experience and to Liz Methorst who kept things running smoothly behind the scenes. Special thanks to Rod Beaver who stepped in at the last minute, and admirably filled the role of Fred. Well done all!

PETER PAN UPDATE...

Rehearsals are going well and everyone is enjoying themselves. Unfortunately at the beginning of the rehearsals in September, Berin Denham and family had to drop out of the show. This means we have had to replace the character of Mr Darling and Hook. Adam Moynihan, who everyone remembers as Horton from "Seussical", has accepted the roles and has been rehearsing extremely hard, as well as playing a role in Rep's last production, "School for Scandal". Everything is moving along and soon we will be building the set and running the show.

At the present moment we are desperate for help. We need a Stage Manager, Set Builders and someone to take on Publicity. If you are interested in assisting with these roles please contact the Production Manager, Pam McManus (6258 5736) asap.

The show runs from 12 – 27 January 2007.

CANBERRA FESTIVAL OF ONE-ACT PLAYS

Nick Leon and his team presented *The Red Balloon* by Damien Trasler for Phoenix Players members and friends at the Canberra Festival of One Act Plays. The Festival was held at the Vikings Club Auditorium, Erindale, over the October long weekend.



Actors Amy Moon, Scott Byrne and Erika Tolano did a wonderful job, with Bill Stephens describing Nick's choice of *The Red Balloon* as a very suitable play for such a festival. Well done all!

STILL SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Always had a yen to direct? Now could be your big chance -

Phoenix Players are still seeking individuals and teams who wish to stage a show in 2007. If you have a favourite show that you'd like to help stage, please let us know. If you don't have a particular show in mind, Phoenix can suggest a few to choose from.

We are particularly interested in anyone who would like to stage a small show or play for the May 2007 timeslot.

Contact Pam (ph 6258 5736), Graham (ph 6227 5817), Kelda (ph 6241 1102) or any other member of Committee by 1 November, with expressions of interest.

CALLING ALL WINNERS OF CAT AWARDS...

If you are the lucky, and deserving, winner of a CAT award for a Phoenix show, we would like to hear from you!

We are looking at boosting our records by retaining copies of CAT awards won for Phoenix Players shows. So if you are such a winner, could you please provide a copy of your CAT award (if possible) to:

The Secretary
Phoenix Players Committee
PO Box 51
Belconnen ACT 2616



If you have framed your award, and it is too difficult to provide a copy, please just email the details of the award to gaby.schmid@finance.gov.au



SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

2006 Christmas Party

The silly season is quickly approaching, and the avalanche of Christmas party invitations is about to descend. So mark the **6th of December** in your Diaries as the Phoenix Players Christmas party date!

The venue (subject to a democratic decision making process) and other details will be advised in the next edition of Spotlight... stay tuned.

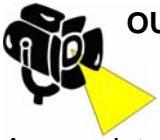
THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA

The following shows are currently running or are coming up soon in and around Canberra:

SUPA Productions – The Boy Friend – Opens Friday 13 October, with shows from Wed to Sat at 8pm until Sat 28 October. There are also matinees on Sat 21, Sun 22 and Sat 28 October at 2pm. Book at the Street Theatre on 6247 1223.

TEMPO – No Time for Fig Leaves – November 23 - December 2 at Belconnen Theatre. A catastrophe has annihilated the male population. The human race is doomed for extinction....but two men have survived... starring our very own Amy Moon

UC Players – Are you Being Served – Dinner and show, Friday and Saturday nights from 10 November – 16 December at the University of Canberra Union Theatre – phone (02) 6201 2645 for bookings.



OUT OF THE SPOTLIGHT...

Are you interested in being involved in theatre, but aren't so fond of being in the spotlight?

Phoenix Players are always looking for people who are interested in doing work behind the scenes, so if you are interested in being involved in activities off the stage, such as costume design and sewing, publicity, production management, stage management, crew, set design, set building, make-up, hair styling, front of house etc, or if you are a musician, and would be interested in playing in an orchestra or band, please let us know. We are going to start a register of people interested in these various activities, so email gaby.schmid@finance.gov.au with your details and the activities you are interested in...

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

Membership renewals are now due, so if you would like to maintain the great benefits of being part of this company, such as regular updates via Spotlight and ticket price concessions, send in your renewal form now! The membership application/renewal form is attached to this newsletter.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone no: Work: _____ Home: _____

<i>Day of birth</i>	<i>Month of birth</i>	<i>Year of birth</i>	
<i>Age range:</i>	under 5	13-17	25-40
<i>(please circle)</i>	6-12	18-25	over 40

Areas of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> directing | <input type="checkbox"/> production management | <input type="checkbox"/> stage management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> acting | <input type="checkbox"/> front-of-house | <input type="checkbox"/> backstage crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> costume design | <input type="checkbox"/> props | <input type="checkbox"/> lighting design/operation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> costume sewing | <input type="checkbox"/> orchestra/instrumental | <input type="checkbox"/> sound design/operation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> set design | <input type="checkbox"/> make-up | <input type="checkbox"/> arranging social activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> set building/painting | <input type="checkbox"/> hairdressing | <input type="checkbox"/> poster distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> participation in workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Membership fee enclosed:	<input type="checkbox"/> full membership	\$15
	<input type="checkbox"/> concession membership	\$10
	<input type="checkbox"/> family membership	\$25

I also enclose a donation of	\$
Total	<u>\$</u>

Please send to: Membership Secretary
Phoenix Players Inc.
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