

# SPOTLIGHT

## NEWSLETTER OF PHOENIX PLAYERS

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Welcome to our October edition of Spotlight.

This edition provides information on the Tom Sawyer cast, the AGM outcome, new committee and much more...

Enjoy!

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Thank you to all the members who attended the AGM. The resolution to amend the constitution was passed and the new committee voted in. The committee members for 2007-08 are as follows:

- President ..... Pam McManus
- Vice President ..... Graham Bauerle
- Secretary ..... Gaby Schmid
- Treasurer..... Richard Block
- Assistant Treasurer ..... Daniel Arquero
- Community Liaison Officer ..... Amy Moon
- Production Selection Coordinator..... Kelda McManus
- Member ..... Robyn Page
- Member ..... Thompson Quan Wing
- Member ..... Myles Leon

Congratulations to those returned members and welcome to the new members.

Please also note that annual memberships expired at the AGM (with the exception of new members who joined for Eurobeat) – so please renew your membership (using the attached form) if you haven't already done so...

### WRAP-UP



What a success for Phoenix Players – with most of the shows sold out or very close to capacity, this entertaining show attracted young and not-so-young alike, with plenty of laughter and wonderful performances by all involved. Many people came to see the show more than once, it was just that good!

Well done to all involved!!

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## THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER

Thank you to everyone who auditioned for Tom Sawyer, the field was very strong. Our congratulations go to all those who were successful in obtaining a part in this show. Judging by the wonderful talent we have secured, it is bound to be a fabulous show!

Although some roles are still to be allocated, the current cast list is below.

Tickets will start selling in November. The season is 11 Jan – 26 Jan 2008 at Theatre 3. Don't miss out on this great school holiday entertainment!

### Cast List

Chris Harris-Pascal .....	Tom Sawyer
Toby Francis.....	Huck Finn
Robyn Page.....	Aunt Polly
Brittany Lee-Archer .....	Becky Thatcher
Dennis Bittisnich.....	Injun Joe
Graham Bauerle.....	Judge Thatcher
Richard Lamont.....	Lanyard Bellamy
Dim Ristevski.....	Muff
Yalaria Rogers.....	Amy
Melita Caulfield.....	Widow Douglas
Max Gambale.....	Teacher
Brian Daly.....	Preacher

Alison Van Der Zwan  
Daniel Steel  
Emma Hodis  
Henry Paul  
Jenny Thomson  
Jess Donohue  
Kobi Cumberland  
Lara Kaul  
Mariana Davila Cisneros  
Max Bittisnich  
Nyasha Nyakuengama  
Stefanie Thomas  
Stephen Holloway  
Tayla Page  
Tim Magarry  
Will Topperwien



Mark Twain's classic story comes to exuberant life in this musical adaptation of a favorite children's book. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* is the irresistible story of a fourteen-year-old boy growing up in the heartland of America. This musical version of Mark Twain's immortal novel is set in 1840 in St. Petersburg, Missouri, a bustling town on the banks of the Mississippi River. In the course of the story, Tom matches wits with his stern Aunt Polly, falls in love with the beautiful, feisty Becky Thatcher, and goes on the adventure of his life with Becky and that irresistible renegade, Huckleberry Finn. Along the way we meet a terrifying villain named Injun Joe, Tom's bratty half-brother Sid, and all the other boys and girls in the village - providing one scene-stealing children's role after the other.

Director – John Alford...Musical Director – Graham Magarry... Choreographer – Ylaria Rogers

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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 is attached to this newsletter. Annual memberships expired at the AGM, so please renew now...

## PHOENIX RISING

The committee is always interested in receiving proposals from new directors, playwrights with original works, and other first timers, to take part in the Phoenix Rising program. Please send your proposals to the mail address at the top of this newsletter, or via email to phoenix\_players@yahoo.com.au.

## THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA

What's happening around town in October and November...

**Tempo - Two Little Plays!** Featuring two multi award winning plays from the recent Canberra Festival of One-Act Plays: **The Truckstop at the Edge of Forever** by Bruce Vincent; and **Another Piece of CRAP** by Michael Weston. At Hawker College Theatre, Murrarji Street, Hawker. Three performances only — Friday 19 October at 8pm and Saturday 20 October at 2pm and 8pm. All tickets only \$10, available from the box office one hour before performances

**Canberra Dramatics – Armidale** – the joys of living in a share house – at the Street Theatre (Two) from 8 November (Preview) to 17 November - Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 November and Thursday 15 to Saturday 17 at 7.30pm, matinees Friday 16 November at 11.30am and Saturday 17 November at 2.30pm, Standard price \$24, Concession \$18, schools \$10 per student. Bookings 6247 1223.

**Free Rain - The Seven Year Itch.** At Canberra Theatre Courtyard Studio, 8 – 24 November. Adults: \$27, Pensioners: \$22, Child (15yrs & under)/Student: \$22, Unemployed: \$22, Seniors: \$22, U27 members: \$22, "Pay what you can" performances - Wednesday 14 & 21 November at 6.30pm. Pay what you can at the door. PREVIEW - Thursday 8 November at 8pm. All tickets: \$15.00; MATINEES - Saturday 17 & 24 November at 2pm and Sunday 18 November at 5pm. All tickets: \$18.00. Bookings Canberra Ticketing 6275 2700.

**Tempo – Dracula.** At Belconnen Theatre, 16 November – 1 December. Midnight performance on November 17!

**Canberra Repertory Society - An Ideal Husband.** At Theatre 3, 16 November – 8 December. Wed – Sat 8pm (except Wed 21 Nov), Matinees Saturdays 24 Nov & 1 Dec 2pm, Twilight Sunday 2 Dec 5pm, Preview 15 Nov 8pm. Bookings Canberra Rep 6257 1950.



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Name:** Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone no:** Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Age range:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	under 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	18-25	<input type="checkbox"/>	46-55
(please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/>	6-12	<input type="checkbox"/>	25-35	<input type="checkbox"/>	56-65
	<input type="checkbox"/>	13-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	36-45	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 65

**Areas of interest (please tick):**

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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:

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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	\$
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$</u>

**Please send to:** Membership Secretary  
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