

SPOTLIGHT

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

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NEW COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of Phoenix Players Inc was held on **Tuesday 29 September 2009 at 7:30pm** at the Canberra Labor Club in Belconnen.

A new committee has been voted in:

President:.....Pam McManus
Vice President:.....Graham Bauerle
Treasurer:Richard Block
Assistant Treasurer:Michael Heming
Secretary:Gaby Schmid
Assistant Secretary:Melita Caulfield
Community Liaison Officer:Judy Satrapa
Production Co-ordinator:Kelda McManus
Committee Members:.....Jennie Norberry, Nola Russell

Congratulations to those returned members and welcome to our new member, Melita and to Nola Russell who has returned to the committee after a bit of a break.

AWARD WINNERS

The winners of the awards, presented at the AGM are as follows:

Michael Thomas Award:

Kirsten Duncan (The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe)

The Ashes Award:

Nola Russell

And our new Award (drum roll please),

The Chris Boyldew Memorial Award for Young Achievers:

Elizabeth Jackson (The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe)

MISS SAIGON UPDATE

The search for Tam is over... we have found our child star – or rather stars! We have three children who will play the role of Tam, the son of Chris, the American GI, and Kim, the young Vietnamese girl, in Miss Saigon.

Ryan Tolich, Chloe Van and Maximilian Hoy will be alternating in the role for the premiere season of Miss Saigon, from 12 to 28 November at the ANU Arts Centre. Congratulations to all three children, and thank you to those, and their parents, who auditioned.



And if you haven't yet got your ticket to the Canberra premiere of Miss Saigon, don't leave it until the last minute... tickets are selling fast. So BOOK NOW!

Bookings – phone 6257 1950.

Or book online at <https://www.patronbase.com/CRS/Productions/>

For dinner and show package (\$75) at Teatro Vivaldis – phone 6257 2718.

And don't forget you can go into the draw to win a trip to Vietnam for every ticket to Miss Saigon that you purchase.

See www.miss-saigon-canberra.com for more information, including terms and conditions of the prize draw.

Miss Saigon runs from 12 to 28 November, Wednesday to Saturday, at the ANU Arts Centre.

A decision was made at our recent AGM to invite our Life Members to opening nights of all Phoenix productions in future. We look forward to seeing you all at Miss Saigon!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

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



Elizabeth Flynn	1	October
Jo Mckinley	4	October
Michelle Will	9	October
Katrina Nolan	14	October
Majdie Hordern	20	October
Adrian Flor	24	October
Dean Salonga	24	October
Josie Kate Dunham	26	October
Berin Denham	28	October
Laura Dawson	31	October

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Your element: Air
Your ruling planets: Venus
Symbol: The Scales
Your stone: Opals
Life Pursuit: To be consistent
Vibration: Unsteady
Libra's Secret Desire: To live an easy, uncomplicated life.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Your element: Water
Your ruling planets: Pluto
Symbol: The Scorpion
Your stone: Topaz
Life Pursuit: To survive against all opposition
Vibration: Resilient
Scorpio's Secret Desire: To triumph

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

THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA

Click on this link to get all the info:
<http://www.canberralocaltheatre.info/>

canberralocaltheatre.info
theatre in Canberra - information for local theatre goers

Some Highlights...

At the Tuggeranong Arts Centre, Canberra Dramatics are presenting *Take Their Life, Romeo and Juliet Reimagined* from 5 to 14 November. Bookings: 6293 1443. Adults: \$20, Concession: \$15, Group: \$10.

Queanbeyan Players presents *Yeomen of the Guard* until 31 October at The Q.
Bookings: 6298 0290, or www.TheQ.net.au

And at Theatre 3, Canberra Rep present *It Runs in the Family* from 20 November to 12 December, Thursday – Saturday, 8pm; Matinees: 28 November, 5 & 12 December, 2pm; Twilight: 29 November & 6 December, 5pm. Advertised single ticket prices - Adult \$35; Concession/ Preview/ Matinee/ Twilight \$27, Members \$25; group ticket prices for numbers 10+ with \$2 off each ticket.
Bookings: 6257 1950 or book online <https://www.patronbase.com/CRS/Productions/>

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Don't forget to renew your membership, or join if you are new to Phoenix Players!

Membership prices have slightly increased following the AGM. The new prices are:

- \$20 for Ordinary Membership
- \$35 for Family Membership
- \$15 for Junior, Student and Pensioner Membership

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. And now there are some NEW benefits, just for Phoenix Players members:

- **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>

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Yvette Rugala, last seen (or heard 😊) in *A Chorus Line* has something a little fun to report about what she's been up to – look out for her in a Capital Honda TV ad on Ten/Capital TV. She has also been competing in the Australian National Eisteddfod - singing in three open sections, popular music, music theatre and restricted classical. Good luck Yvette!

Keep an eye out for Oliver Baudert in the Street Theatre's "Made in Canberra" series of poet Geoff Page's *Lawrie and Shirley*, a late-life-long affair in verse! With Chrissie Shaw as Shirley; Directed by Caroline Stacey, early November 2009.

Mia Wasikowska – our own little munchkin from the 1999 production of *Wizard of Oz* - is starring in the title role in Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*, alongside Johnny Depp! Now if we had only known you just need to start out as a munchkin to meet Johnny Depp... remember – *Wizard of Oz* will be back in 2011!

Let us know what is happening with you – it's always fun to know what our friends in theatre are up to around town. Just send your information to the Phoenix Players email address or direct to the editor (info on front page).

PHOENIX PLAYERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year Phoenix will have our Christmas Party on Sunday 6 December
– an afternoon BBQ in the park...

Make a note in your diaries... more information to come in the November Spotlight.



THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T SAY IN THE THEATRE!

1. Why are the lights not coming on?
2. Does anyone remember where I got this fuse from?
3. Well I have a safety chain and a wingnut left over. Can anyone see a problem here?
4. I have just spilt coke on the lighting desk.
5. What does this "delete scenes" thing mean?
6. You remember that key for the light dimmers that we were going to duplicate, well its too late now.
7. You do know you are taking 26 amps from a 13 amp socket.
8. Is that hum supposed to come from the PA when the lights turn on? Oh don't worry its stopped now.
9. You know that no-colour blue - it's green.
10. You know we just spent two days rigging 86 lights? Well every time I turn on the lights it trips the circuit breaker.
11. Don't panic but....
12. Oh - I knew there was something I had forgotten.

.....or that you **WON'T** hear said.....!

At The Technical Rehearsal

13. It looks as though there'll be time for a third dress rehearsal.
14. Take your time setting back.
15. There's plenty of room for more lanterns over here.
16. We've been ready for hours.
17. The head-sets are working perfectly.
18. The cue lights are working perfectly.
19. I can't hear the band.
20. The band have no complaints.
21. The whole company are standing by whenever you want them.
22. That didn't last long.

By The Actor

23. Don't let's talk about me.
24. I really think my big scene should be cut.
25. This costume is so comfortable.
26. I love my shoes.
27. No problem - I can do that for myself.
28. No problem. I have a fantastic agent.
29. I have no prospects of work for the foreseeable future.
30. Let me stand down here with my back to the audience.

By The Stage Crew.

31. That lantern is not in the way.
32. It may take a moment - I want to be sure the booms haven't been knocked.
33. We'll get in early tomorrow and do it.
34. No, no. I'm sure that's our job.
35. Anything I can do to help?
36. All the tools are carefully locked away.
37. Can we do that scene change again please?
38. It's a marvellous show.
39. I don't need this many on the crew.
40. Thanks, but I don't drink.

By The Electrics Crew.

41. I must mend the kettle in the publicity office.
42. This equipment is more complicated than we need.
43. Of course I can operate sound from here.
44. Be sure to keep that lantern away from the flying pieces.
45. No problem. I'll do that straight away.
46. All the equipment is working perfectly.
47. That had nothing to do with the computer - it was my fault.
48. I have all the equipment I need.
49. Thanks, but I don't drink.
50. MACBETH.