

SPOTLIGHT

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Welcome to our September edition of Spotlight. This issue contains

- Details of the “Win a Trip to Vietnam” prize draw
- Birthdays, including a happy 20th Birthday to Phoenix Players!
- AGM info
- Pictures of Miss Saigon in rehearsal
- And more...

Enjoy!



WIN A TRIP TO VIETNAM!

Buy a ticket to Miss Saigon and go in the draw to win a trip to Vietnam!

'They say you come to Vietnam and understand a lot in a few minutes; the rest has got to be lived. They say whatever it is you were looking for you will find here. They say there is a ghost in every house and if you can make peace with him he will stay quiet.' Graham Greene, *The Quiet American*.

So begins the description of the 17-day “A Scent of the Green Papaya” tour offered by Goddard & Howse Small World Journeys. As one of our sponsors for Miss Saigon, they have offered one place on this fantastic tour as a prize for seeing the show.

All you have to do is buy a ticket to see Miss Saigon (from 12-28 November at the ANU Arts Centre) to go in the draw. Simply write your name and contact phone number on the back of your ticket and place it in the barrel, which will be located in the foyer, when you attend the show. The more tickets you buy to see the show, the more times you can enter the draw! The terms and conditions of the prize draw will be on the website www.miss-saigon-canberra.com in the next week or so.

See http://www.gparts.com.au/itinerary_iframes/Vietnam/Vietnam_itinerary.html for more information on the wonderful trip on offer.

The prize will be drawn on closing night of Miss Saigon, 28 November, by Ross Goddard. The winner will be notified by phone.

Season dates: 12 – 28 November 2009

Bookings: 6257 1950 or www.canberrarep.org.au
Dinner & Show – contact Vivaldi's 6257 2718



Presented by Phoenix Players and Supa Productions Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of Phoenix Players Inc will be held on **Tuesday 29 September 2009 at 7:30pm** in the Whitlam Room Alcove at the Canberra Labor Club. The AGM agenda pack has been sent to all members. A proxy form is included in case you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to nominate someone else to vote in your place. Note that you must be a current Phoenix Players member to vote. If you are a member and did not receive an AGM pack, please contact gaby.schmid@finance.gov.au.

This year we will be looking to increase our membership fees – we haven't had an increase since 1996. However, the increase in price will come with an increase in the benefits of membership – we've managed to negotiate some great deals for Phoenix members. In order to increase fees, we need to amend the Phoenix Players constitution, so a Notice of Motion is included in the AGM agenda pack. A list of benefits we have currently been able to secure have also been included in the pack.

The AGM is the opportunity for Phoenix Players members to vote for your committee, and support the winners of the Michael Thomas Award and The Ashes Award for 2008-09. This year we also have a new award – The Chris Boydew Memorial Award for Young Achievers (to commemorate Chris and his extensive involvement in Phoenix Players). So please come along.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

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

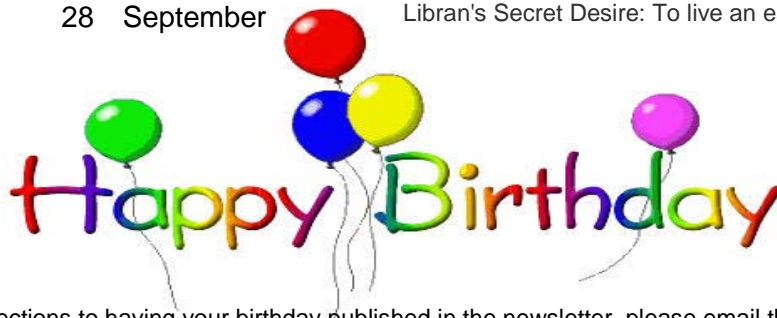
Megan Porter	2	September
Kate Tremble	8	September
Melita Caulfield	9	September
Michelle Klemke	9	September
Myles Leon	10	September
Brian Daly	17	September
Hayden Baum	19	September
Jess Donohue	19	September
Tessa Niven	19	September
Mariam Grey	21	September
Elizabeth Jackson	21	September
William McNaughton	22	September
Hannah McFaddon	25	September
Phoenix Players	28	September

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Your element: Earth
Your ruling planets: Mercury
Symbol: The Virgin
Your stone: Sapphire
Life Pursuit: To do the right thing
Vibration: Compassionate and caring
Virgo's Secret Desire: To love and be loved in return

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.



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PHOENIX

On September 28 2009, Phoenix Players turns 20 years young... yes that's right... We've been developing and promoting theatrical skills and producing high quality theatre experiences in Canberra since 1989!

The company consists of a group of people who can apply their skills, not just to PHOENIXPLAYERS, but to other theatrical groups around the ACT and beyond.

Happy 20th Birthday Phoenix!

PS come along to the AGM and enjoy some birthday cake to celebrate.

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

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>

Remember you need to be a member to vote in the AGM. We will be accepting membership renewals at the AGM.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Calling all members and cast members of previous Phoenix shows... We've had a great response to the inclusion of the "what people are doing now" section of the newsletter, but at the moment, we've run out of stories... Please let us know what you are up to and we will include it in the next edition of the newsletter. Please also let us know if you have had any significant events in your life that we can include (eg weddings, births etc).

BIRTHS...

Michael Ian Austin born 10:36pm on 24 July 2009, just a tad early, to delighted parents Michelle and David. Brother for Jamie. Michelle made her debut with Phoenix Players in *Bye Bye Birdie* in 2002 and has mainly been seen blowing her own horn – French Horn, that is – in the Orchestra pit of various shows since then.



MISS SAIGON IN REHEARSAL

Rehearsals for Miss Saigon are in full swing – all the songs are learnt and the blocking of the principal's material is nearly all done... the big chorie numbers are progressing and the show is up to the stage of being able to do run throughs of large chunks. It is all sounding fabulous!



AD: ACT SINGERS PRESENT...WEST END TO BROADWAY

ACT Singers is proud to present.... West End to Broadway. A concert of musical delights with songs from some of the best shows ever performed including "the King and I", "Miss Saigon", "Sweet Charity", "Sister Act" and more.

Contact Ken Goodge on 0409 900 605 or visit the website - www.actsingers.org.au for more information.

When: 2pm 18th & 25th October 2009

Where: Austrian Club, Mawson

Tickets available at the door - \$10 concession; \$14 adults; under 14s FREE (group of 4 adults or more receive concession price)

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for the information of members and invited guests