

SPOTLIGHT

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CAT AWARDS

Congratulations to Blake Appelqvist who won the Best actor in a featured role in a musical for his role as William Barfée in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. He won this award jointly with Will Huang, who won for his character Rod in *Avenue Q* with Supa Productions.

Congratulations to all the other winners and nominees. For those who attended, I think you will agree it was the best CAT Awards for a long time!

HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING – UPDATE

Rehearsals are progressing really well and the count down to opening night on 11 May has begun!

Don't forget to book your tickets to this hilarious show, and support your theatre company. Ring Canberra Rep now on 6257 1950 to book, or go online to www.canberrarep.org.au and select Book Online from the top menu.

Saturday 12 May will be a "Mad Men" theme evening, so come along in your best 1960's gear and join in the fun! There will be great prizes for the best dressed individual and best dressed group.



How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying will be on 11-26 May 2012 at the ANU Arts Centre. Please see the website, <http://www.phoenixplayers.com.au/shows/howtosucceed.html>, for more information

SUCCEEDING WITH MOBILE INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

Something new for Canberra – an interactive mobile website supporting the show *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.

It has information you can check out before the show, interesting info to look at during intermission, and even a competition.

You can access the website from your smart phone, using a QR Code reader. Just scan the code below to have a look at the site.

And [check out the promo video](#) with your favourite personalities from the Canberra amateur theatre scene – **and send it to ALL your friends**. The link is also on the Facebook page (see below).



This code appears on all the posters and postcards for the show and will also appear in the program. You will be able to access the site before the show, during interval and after the show. The site will be jammed during the show... see the promo video for more information.



H2\$ COSTUME HELPERS

As opening night of *How to Succeed* approaches, we are seeking some sewing helpers to assist with costumes. We have jobs for people of all skill and experience levels, from sewing on buttons to constructing an entire garment. If you are able to help out, please contact Miriam on miriam_mileyread@hotmail.com.

SUCCEEDING ON FACEBOOK

Check out the [H2\\$ facebook page](#) and *Like* it for your chance to win a double pass to see the show!



Each month a lucky “liker” is selected at random to win a double pass. Get your friends to like the H2\$ page before the next draw!

February's winner was Deb Roberts and our March winner was Peter McDonald, who also won a copy of the book. The winner of the next draw also gets dinner for two at Vivadis as well as their two tickets to opening night!

There's some great stuff there, including interviews with various members of the production team and links to interesting sites.

GET WELL SOON...

Phoenix Players wishes life member Kathy Thomas all the best after her recent illness.



BIRTHDAYS...

And a very happy birthday to the following members who are April and May babies ☺

Matthew Short	02	April
Pam McManus	18	April
Mary Dietz Mullamphy	18	April
Bob Morris	20	April
Abbey Rose Walker	02	May
Phoebe Edwards	05	May
Sarah Palmer	25	May



Please let the [editor](#) know of any celebrations or other news you may have to include in future editions of Spotlight, or if you don't want your birthday published.

THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA IN APRIL AND MAY

Doubt: A Parable – FreeRain Theatre at the Courtyard Studio, 13 to 29 April.

Titanic: The Musical – Supa Productions at the ANU Arts Centre, 14 April to 5 May.

Theatresports: North vs South – ImproACT at the Street Theatre, Saturdays 14 April to 5 May.

Sinbad the Sailor – Ickle Pickle Productions at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre, 17 to 21 April and the Belconnen Theatre, 23 to 28 April.

Speaking in Tongues – Canberra Repertory at Theatre 3, 4 to 19 May.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying – Phoenix Players at the ANU Arts Centre, 11 to 26 May.

The Court of Swing Caractacus – Mad Ferret Productions at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre, 15 to 26 May.

An Inspector Calls – Tempo Theatre at theatre@bcs (formerly the Belconnen Theatre), 25 May to 3 June.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Don't forget to renew your membership, or join if you are new to Phoenix Players! Especially those of you in the cast for H2\$ ☺

Note that new members who have joined during The Wizard of Oz will be covered for 2011-12.

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>