

# SPOTLIGHT

## NEWSLETTER OF PHOENIX PLAYERS

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Welcome to our June 2012 edition of Spotlight. This issue contains:



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### HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING – WRAP UP

Business has closed for the cast and crew of H2\$ but an absolutely wonderful time was had by all including the audiences who came to see this hilarious show.

Great credit should be given to Phoenix for giving a new production team and a first time director the chance to stage this classic musical. I would like to thank Kelda, Graham and Annette for their invaluable advice throughout the audition process and rehearsals.

We were incredibly lucky to get a hugely talented cast who suited their roles perfectly and performed them with energy, enthusiasm and an infectious sense of fun. They were challenged with many new ideas such as the preshow show, fully operating elevator doors, creative set changes and a magic quick change that surprised and delighted audiences every night.

The set and costumes were absolutely sensational and both had huge technical hurdles to overcome but delivered the goods with a stunning and functional set and bright, brilliant eye-catching costumes.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this Canberra revival of a Broadway classic. As a new director I could not have hoped for a better team and cast to work with.

*Richard Block*  
*Director*

*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*

H2\$ memories...



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## Winners of the H2\$ book:

Congratulations to the audience members who entered the competition on the mobile website and won a H2\$ book:

- Friday 11 May – Cherie Whan
- Saturday 12 May – Jennie Norberry
- Wednesday 16 May – Nick Brightman
- Thursday 17 May – Sarah Golding
- Friday 18 May – Margie Roser
- Saturday 19 May, matinee – Casey Mazzarella
- Saturday 19 May, evening – Emily Ridge
- Wednesday 23 May – Alex Rogers
- Thursday 24 May – Aline Weber
- Friday 25 May – Pat Rodda
- Saturday 26 May, matinee – Ciara Perry
- Saturday 26 May, evening - Zoltan

## Thank you to everyone involved in the show

The Phoenix Committee are very grateful to everyone - on stage and backstage - who worked so hard to make this production of *How to Succeed* so successful. A special thank you to our artistic team - first time Director, Richard; Alex as MD; and Miriam as Choreographer. Congratulations!

## Thanks to our sponsors for H2\$

Along with our usual sponsors Canberra Labor Club, ICP, ContACT, Belconnen Stationery, Southern Cross Health Club, Eclipse Lighting and Sound, and Teatro Vivaldi's, we had some additional very generous sponsors especially for *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. These sponsors were Envista, DK Everalls and 2B Design.

The Phoenix Players committee would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors, without whom this production would not have gone ahead.

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## HAVE SOME FUN WITH PHOENIX

So, without a show in the second half of this year to keep us busy, we are going to concentrate on you, our members, and some fun things that we can do to keep the social networks we make while working on shows, well lubricated... we'll also invite other amateur and pro-am theatre companies in Canberra to add to the excitement (and the competition)! So save these dates in your diaries:

### Ten pin bowling – Sunday 29 July, 6pm

Dust off your bowling shoes, polish that ball, and limber up your bowling arm. Get a team of 4 to 6 players together to represent a show you have been in recently or just a group of friends, chose a team captain and get them to email your team details to Netty Sharpe at [shanden4@grapevine.com.au](mailto:shanden4@grapevine.com.au). The cost is \$25 for two games and shoe hire, and includes nibbles and a drink ☺. You will be playing for the coveted Phoenix Players King Pin trophy!

### Trivia Night – Saturday 3 November

With the success of our inaugural Trivia evening, to celebrate our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday in 2010, we thought we would have another one of these, as it was such a fun night! Start thinking about your teams... there will be tables of 10, so make up a team or ask to join another table. We expect that this year the competition will be tough! There will more information in the next newsletter.

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## BIRTHDAYS...

And a very happy birthday to the following members who celebrate their birthdays in June and July:

Theresa Baudert	25	June
Annette Sharpe	01	July
Peita Chappell	08	July
Ian Batterham	09	July
Sean Ladlow	11	July
Phillip Edwards	12	July
Leanne Olsen	19	July
Judy Satrapa	20	July



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.

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## THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA IN JUNE AND JULY

***The Venetian Twins*** – Canberra Repertory Society, 22 June–7 July

***CATS*** – Free-Rain Theatre Company – ANU Arts Centre, 6 – 22 July

***The Imaginary Invalid*** – Centrepiece Theatre, The Q, 11 to 21 July.

***The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*** – Child Players ACT, Belconnen Theatre, 12 -21 July

***Canberra Gang Show 2012: Get Lost*** – Erindale Theatre, 14 to 21 July

***The Magic Flute*** – Canberra Opera Workshop. Lyneham High School Performing Arts Centre, 13 to 22 July

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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:

- 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>