

# SHOWBUZZ

Encore  
Theatre Company

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## Hello, partners!

Have you ever watched the movie *Field of Dreams*? It's a gentle tale about fulfilling your dreams and repeatedly offers up the line of dialogue "If you build it, he will come".

Encore Theatre Company (ETC) has the belief that "if we build it, they will come". And so far this dream is coming true. Cast, crew and orchestra are onboard, followed by sponsors and funding partners. And on Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>, some of those key players found an opportunity to meet in the offices of ResCom Property & Financial Services Launceston.

From L to R: BJ King (ETC), Martin O'Toole, (Director, ResCom) David Bartlett MP (Premier of Tasmania) Sean Colson (General Manager, Greg Crick Honda) and Jamie Hillard (ETC).



## Announcing Season 2010

OK, so ETC are rehearsing *The Sound of Music*, and in 2009 will present *Hair* and *The Boy from Oz*. But what about beyond that?

As firm believers in their vision of building a community theatre company which offers a diverse range of performance and training opportunities to the highest possible standard with available resources, ETC recognise that forward planning is key their success. With this in mind, the Board of ETC has already secured the rights and venues for their 2010 shows. So, here we go...

Based on the Victor Hugo classic of the same name, *Les Misérables* has become one of the world's most popular musicals. This theatrical masterpiece has been translated into 21 languages and professional productions have been seen by over 50 million people in 38 countries. It has won numerous awards throughout the world, including 8 Tony Awards.



For close to two decades audiences have been thrilled and inspired by this wonderful version of *Les Misérables*, which is set to one of the most memorable and dramatic scores ever written. *I Dreamed a Dream*, *On my Own*, *Do you Hear the People Sing?*, *Stars & Bring Him Home* are among its many highlights which have moved audiences to standing ovations performance after performance.

Here is your chance to be a part of the *Les Misérables* phenomenon at the Princess Theatre in March 2010

"Willkommen, bienvenue, welcome,  
in cabaret, au cabaret, to cabaret!"



Kander and Ebb's landmark musical turns Weimar Berlin of 1931 into a dark and sexually charged haven of decadence, its extraordinary and morally ambiguous inhabitants determined to keep up appearances as the real world - outside the comfortable sanctuary of the cabaret - prepares for the nightmarish chaos of war.

With its haunting, unforgettable music, *Cabaret* is divinely decadent entertainment at its best! Keep a space free in your diary - Earl Arts Centre July 2010.

And to wrap up the year, from the magic and wonder of Disney comes an event that brings a tale as old as time to life on stage in Launceston.

*Disney's Beauty and the Beast* opened on Broadway in 1994 and has since become an international sensation that has played to over 17 million people worldwide and finally arrives at the Princess Theatre in October 2010.



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## MORE SHOWBUZZ

### *Watching the show bloom & grow...*

*ETC has hit the halfway mark of rehearsals, with a first tentative run of Act I.*

Blocking for Act II is now well underway, and the musical direction team are well advanced with teaching everyone their harmonies.

Fingers crossed, when ETC launch the show on **Tuesday August 26** there will be a few musical surprises on the night. More details on the launch soon. In the meantime enjoy a couple of pics from recent rehearsals.

*Below: Daniel Priest & Sarah Haberle discuss the finer points of life in pre-war Austria, while the Captain's little marching machines get in some practice!*



### *ETC on the radiowaves...*

If you're going to do the World's No. 1 favourite musical, then you had better tell our world about it on Launceston's No.1 radio station!

ETC welcomes Radio 7LA as their second media partner.



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### *Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to The Metz team!*

During the month of August, Olivia, Ang & the team at The Metz are celebrating their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday – and you could be the one receiving the presents!

If you dine at the Metz and spend over \$30 you will go into the draw to win a 42" LG Plasma TV – just the thing for watching the big screen version of *The Sound of Music!*

Like to know more? Just ask one of The Metz team next time you wander in.



### *WHAT'S ON in LAUNCESTON*

*Here's just a few of our favourite things!*

August 2008 **Metz Café Bar** are celebrating their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

15-23 Aug **Cats** presented by Newstead College.

30 August **Celtic Force** featuring John de Jong and presented by the St Andrews Calendonian Pipe Band.

19-20 Sept **Diamond Nickers** 60 Years of Uni Revue presented by Old Nick Theatre Co at the Princess Theatre

1-4 Oct **The Sound of Music** presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre

29-31 Oct **Menopause the Musical** presented by Christine Harris & HIT Productions at the Princess Theatre

**In your next SHOWBUZZ... the countdown to opening night begins!**

This community theatre production of *The Sound of Music* is presented through special arrangement with ORIGIN THEATRICAL on behalf of R&H THEATRICALS of New York City