

SHOWBUZZ

Encore
Theatre Company

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NUN BETTER!

As the clock ticks down towards opening night on Wednesday October 1st, there are still dance steps to learn and lines to memorize for the cast of *The Sound of Music*.

So, while the von Trapp girls learn how to be whirling dervishes, the Nuns are praying for rain.



Announcing Hair Auditions

OK, so the hills are currently alive... but beyond those hills, what is on ETC's horizon? It's a trip back to the 60's to revisit the original rock musical – HAIR!

Hair is a rock musical with a book and lyrics by James Rado and Gerome Ragni and music by Galt MacDermot. A product of the hippie counter-culture and sexual revolution of the 1960s, several of its songs became anthems of the anti-Vietnam War peace movement. At the time, the musical's depiction of the use of illegal drugs, sexuality, profanity, its irreverence for the American flag, and its nude scene caused much comment and controversy.

The musical broke new ground in musical theatre by defining the genre of the "rock musical" by utilising a racially-integrated cast and inviting the audience onstage for a "Be-in" finale. After an off-Broadway debut in October 1967, the production opened on Broadway in April 1968 and ran for 1,750 performances, followed by a successful London run of 1,998 performances.

The musical tells the story of the "Tribe", a group of politically active, long-haired "Hippies of the Age of Aquarius" fighting against conscription to the Vietnam War and living a bohemian life together in New York City. They struggle to balance their young lives, loves and the sexual revolution with their pacifist rebellion against the war and the conservative impulses of their parents and society.

Risk-taking is essential for this show, so take this into consideration when choosing your audition material. All performers must be able to move well and **MUST** be over 18 years of age.

AUDITIONS 11 & 12 October @ Earls Arts Centre
REHEARSALS Commence Thurs 16 October
For more audition bookings, more info & a breakdown of casting requirements call Jamie on 0433 999 248 or email encoretheatre@hotmail.com



Annexe Theatre Launceston, February 4-14, 2009
10 performances only!

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50 Shows & going strong!

The most famous and memorable score in the history of musical theatre is in your hands. A cast of 38 and an orchestra of 14 are all looking straight at you to lead them. Think you could handle the pressure?

It's no easy task, but when it also happens to be your 50th local musical theatre production, perhaps you can feel a little more confident.

This is the scene that will face respected local musician, Matt Dudfield, on opening night of Encore Theatre Company's *The Sound of Music*, which according to Matt, is a wonderful way to celebrate his 50th local production.

"Time has done nothing to diminish the effectiveness of this score," says Matt. "In fact, somehow the passage of time has made *The Sound of Music* more potent and more entertaining. That, for me, is what musical theatre is all about. Almost everyone has seen the film, so my job is to bring the music to life on the stage of the Princess Theatre; a task made all the easier by the wealth of talented musicians who have eagerly accepted invitations to play in the orchestra, including Ben Austin, Jim Lade and Jeff Hockley – just to name a few of my team!"



Win tickets to the Show!

Just by dining at **The Metz** during September, you could win 4 of the hottest tickets in town to see **The Sound of Music**. By the way, these are excellent seats!

Just chat with Olivia, Ang and the Metz team for more details.

Financial Security Information Night

ResCom Property & Finance Services Martin O'Toole invites you to learn the secrets which have provided many smart-thinking Australians with an enjoyable self-funded retirement.

Even if you own residential investment property, you are invited to go along and learn some simple rules that will enable you to build a property investment portfolio.

When: Thurs 11 Sept 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Where: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Cameron Street

Book: Attendance is free, but seating is limited. Reserve your place by calling Tina on 6334 3777.



WHAT'S ON in LAUNCESTON

Here's just a few of Encore's favourite things!

September 2008 **Metz Café Bar** are giving you the chance to win 4 tickets to **The Sound of Music** – definitely one of our favourite things! Ask the Metz team for details.

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

1-4 October **Cross**, A Mudlark Theatre Production presented by Theatre North at the Earl Arts Centre

29-31 Oct **Menopause the Musical** presented by Theatre North at the Princess Theatre

In your next SHOWBUZZ... it is almost time for curtain up!!

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