

SHOWBUZZ

Encore
Theatre Company

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Some of the biggest films in history - from *Grease* to *The Sound of Music* - started out life as a stage musical.

But last weekend a brand new local production of a much-loved stage musical started out its life as a film.

The attempt to merge film into a live action production had its beginnings in Prince's Square last Sunday when Daniel Priest (aka Captain von Trapp) filmed the hippy tribe enjoying life to the fullest.

Tasdance's Cindy Foster has taught the cast difficult dance moves and lifts that most of them never dreamed of achieving, and then added jugglers, acrobats, circus performers and fire twirlers to complete Encore's vision of a celebration of life.

According to *Hair* director, Jamie Hillard, "I want the opening sequences of the show to have a breadth in the Annexe Theatre that only something like film can achieve, and show the cast taking in the best that life offers – freedom, peace and happiness. And to achieve this feeling, what better setting than one of Launceston's magnificent parks? So, with Daniel's help we are creating a 2-3 minute piece of film that will serve as the opening section of the show, and then in the theatre have the performers appear live on stage to take over from their celluloid-selves."

"When *Hair* first premiered people were looking for change. There was an unpopular president, an unnecessary war... it's not difficult to see resonances between the story of *Hair* and Australia and the world's past 12 months with the peoples' desire for change. I believe audiences will embrace the chance the revisit the Age of Aquarius with us."

Phenomenal musical numbers include *Aquarius*, *Good Morning Starshine*, *I Believe in Love*, *Hair* and *Let the Sunshine In*.

Brimming with energy, passion and the music that rocked the world, *Hair* is an entertaining and powerful tribute to the turbulent spirit of the 60's.

SEASON: 5-14 February at the Annexe Theatre, Inveresk
BOOKINGS: Princess Theatre Box Office Ph: 6323 3666
or online www.theatrenorth.com.au



ABOVE: The cast of *Hair* filming the opening sequences of the show in Prince's Park last weekend. And yes, it was wet & cold – but that didn't stop the cast, jugglers and fire-twirlers from getting into the 60's spirit!

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Encore Superstars!

Driven by a shared passion for the arts, Encore Theatre Company Inc. is Launceston's newest not-for-profit community theatre group, and is run entirely by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Put quite simply, Encore would not exist without their input. Innumerable hours have been volunteered to nurture and showcase the work of dozens of incredibly talented actors, singers, dancers, musicians, directors, choreographers and all those behind the scenes - and scenery - who make the magic of theatre happen.

And in turn, by cultivating and promoting the performing arts, we will improve the quality of life in the Launceston Area.

Encore wish to highlight the efforts of their volunteers, and each month will announce an **Encore Superstar**. Beginning this month...

After many years away from performing, she stepped back onto the stage in *The Sound of Music*, taking on the role of a Nun (a seriously big acting challenge!) and played up as one of the Kaltzburg concert entries.

Since then, she has been rummaging and scrounging up props for *Hair*. And in her spare time, she runs the Encore Birthday Book!

Congratulations and thank you to our inaugural **Encore Superstar**... Pam Corrick!



PS Maybe Pam doesn't have your birthday on file? Then drop an email with all the incriminating info to encoretheatre@hotmail.com

Schools out & the party is about to begin!

QUESTION: What's more fun than Happy Hour at Encore's favourite spot?

ANSWER: How about a Happy Hour that goes for 2 hours!

The Metz is celebrating the End of School Year with a double Happy Hour (4.30pm – 6.30pm) and live music with Kristy Tucker from (5 – 8pm)

END OF SCHOOL YEAR FUN THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER from 4.30pm!

Why not book a table for dinner? Ph 6331 7277

PS By the way, Olivia, Ang and the team will need a little bit of a break too, so wish to advise that the Metz will not be open on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.



WHAT'S ON in LAUNCESTON

In need of a night out? Then try these...

31 Dec 2008 **LAFM Countdown 2009**
Aurora Stadium
www.countdowntasmania.com

5-14 Feb 2009 **Hair** presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Annexe Theatre Inveresk
Tickets on sale from the Princess Theatre box office or online at www.theatrenorth.com.au

Adults \$27 Concession/Students \$22

In your next **SHOWBUZZ**... a third show from Encore in 2009?

This community theatre production of *Hair* is by arrangement with Tams Witmark Music Library, Inc