

# SHOWBUZZ

Encore  
Theatre Company

e-Newsletter  
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## Relive the Age of Aquarius

*Hair* is the summer musical that has Launcestonians buzzing with excitement and opened last week at the Annexe Theatre, Inveresk.

With a score including such enduring musical numbers as *Aquarius*, *Good Morning Starshine*, *Hair* and *Let the Sunshine In*, the production depicts the birth of a cultural movement in the 60's and 70's that changed the world forever.

*Hair* follows a group of hopeful, free-spirited young people who advocate a lifestyle of pacifism and free-love in a society riddled with intolerance and brutality during the Vietnam War. As they explore sexual identity, challenge racism, experiment with drugs and burn draft cards, the "tribe" in *Hair* creates an irresistible message of hope that continues to resonate with audiences 40 years later.

JUST 5 PERFORMANCES LEFT – GRAB A TICKET NOW!

### THREE EASY WAYS TO BOOK!

ONLINE: [www.theatrenorth.com.au](http://www.theatrenorth.com.au)  
PHONE: 6323 3666  
IN PERSON: At the Princess Theatre

SEASON: 11-14 Feb at 7.30pm, 14 Feb at 2.00pm  
Annexe Theatre, Inveresk

DOOR SALES: If a performance is not sold out, all remaining seats will be on sale at the door from 30 mins prior to showtime

## What the most important critics – the audience – had to say!

I wanted to thank you all for a fantastic show on Tuesday night. I was really proud of everyone for their obvious dedication and talent. Great Job! I look forward to seeing Encore's next production.

**Kathryn Hay, Independent Labor Candidate for Windemere**

You have done it again, I saw the Sydney production of *Hair* dare I say it in the late 60's(?) & your talented team not only brought back memories but sang and danced the evening away with much enthusiasm. Congrats for another well done show. **Don H**

I was lucky enough to be in the front row of the Annexe and found the proximity to the performers yet another amazing feature of the production. The singing was superb, the voices simply beautiful, the acting flawless and the entire show breath-taking. **Allana**

I live at Oyster Cove (30 minutes south of Hobart) and my last night's attendance at *Hair* was completely random - I was waiting around for my son and his friends who were attending MS Fest. But it was a very happy coincidence because I enjoy musical theatre and loved last night's show, more so because it was showcasing so much young talent. I had a terrific time and thanks to everyone involved. **Jill N**



Ahhh I so enjoyed the show I am telling many friends and planning to come again myself. What a delightful and fun-filled shining performance. Well done all and what a great revisit to the 60's. **Helen T**

I really wanted to tell you how fantastic the show was tonight. I thought Jamie did a magnificent job directing, especially as it was his first show. Congratulations once again and all the best for the season. **Phil Crowden, President, Launceston Musical Society**

## MORE SHOWBUZZ

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## Encore Superstars

Driven by a shared passion for the arts, Encore Theatre Company Inc. is run entirely by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Each month Encore highlight the efforts of a member of their team, and this month we would like you to meet Sarah Haberle.

Sarah has done what most singers can only dream of... she landed a Universal Records recording contract for the USA! However, while fate played a cruel hand and the appearance of nodules on her vocal chords put paid to pursuing many of her dreams at the time, it also opened up opportunities for Sarah to express her creative side in the photographic world.

She returned home to Launceston with her own thriving company, *About You Photography*, and with her husband Sam, won two home renovation design awards from *The Examiner*.

Last year she began vocal training again under the guidance of Claris Neisel, and leapt at the opportunity to 'sing once more' as the Baroness in *The Sound of Music*.

But her volunteer efforts with Encore have also seen her photography on show (Encore's program photos and the marvellous pic of Melissa de Jong as Maria which graced *The Sound of Music* production artwork). Plus, she has also volunteered her time as make-up supervisor with the cast of *Hair!*

*About You Photography* is located in Jimmy's Complex, Charles Street, Ph 6331 5900.

Congratulations & thank you to our newest **Encore Superstar...**  
**Sarah Haberle!**



## Australian Premiere of *Nunsense, Amen!*

*Nunsense A-Men* is based on the original *Nunsense* show with all of the characters but this time around the Nuns are fellas! Think of it as "*Priscilla* meets *The Sound of Music* meets *Sister Act*."

Receiving rave reviews and standing ovations following the New York premiere in 1998, to quote the New York Times: "A change of habit, boy oh, boy!"

Encore will stage the AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE of this show in June, under the direction of Di Summers.



## WHAT'S ON in LAUNCESTON

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

Until 14 Feb 2009 **Hair** presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Annexe Theatre Inveresk  
Tickets: Princess Theatre box office 6323 3666  
or online at [www.theatrenorth.com.au](http://www.theatrenorth.com.au)

19-21 Feb, **Tales From A Small City** presented by Stompin' at the Door of Hope Centre.

4-5 Mar, **Peace Train – The Cat Stevens Story** presented by Theatre North at the Princess Theatre.

6-7 Mar, **Nunsense** (The Original!) presented by G-String Productions at Longford Town Hall

**In your next SHOWBUZZ... Hallelujah, brother... the Nuns are back!**

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