

SHOWBUZZ

Encore
Theatre Company

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It's bigger, it's better & IT'S BACK!

Beyond the barricade is there a world you long to see?

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 22 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.

Set against social and political struggles in Nineteenth Century France, the fugitive Jean Valjean is mercilessly tracked by Javert, who is possessed by the pursuit. Their sprawling saga takes us from the Parisian underworld, with all the colour and villainy of Dickensian London, to the excitement and high romance of the student revolution on the barricade.

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 and 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. Auditions will be held August 7, 8 & 9. Call Jamie on 0433 999 248 or email encoretheatre@hotmail.com for audition kits and bookings.

March 2010 @ Princess Theatre. Ticket bookings open in mid-August 2009.



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A night at the theatre can be a powerful experience. Not only is the theatre a form of entertainment, but a means of story telling and interpretation. Audiences may extract new ideas, form opinions and find inspiration from the magic that is presented on the stage.

But creating theatrical magic doesn't happen without significant help.

And that help has been forthcoming from Jenni & Graeme LeFevre of newsXpress launceston (formerly Invermay News & Lotto).

Jenni believes that success comes to those who are passionate about what they do, and she has watched the Encore team 'bloom and grow' from Day 1. And now she and Graeme have decided the time is right to grow their own business (hence the name change and a new look instore is not far behind), while supporting a flourishing community organisation.

Welcome aboard to Encore's newest private sector partners... newsXpress launceston!

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Anyone got an Allen Key?

"Why should all the big-name shows have their Tasmanian Premieres in Hobart? Why not Launceston once in a while??"

With those questions in mind, Encore Theatre Company set about finding a big name show to make its Tasmanian debut in Launceston. And they found it in the only Australian musical to have ever conquered Broadway... The Boy from Oz.

But if you're going to have big dreams, then you are going to need big supporters to make those dreams a reality. And with a dream of presenting something stunning, Encore made their case to Launceston City Council to support bringing an amazing set here, complete with great technology and volunteer teachers.

And come the last weekend in July, Warehouse One at Coats Patons exploded with much activity as Encore hosted a very special guest: Grant Alley, President of CLOC Musical Theatre Melbourne (pictured bottom right with Encore Co-Presidents Jamie Hillard and Belinda J King).

CLOC is arguably the premiere amateur musical theatre company in Australia, having won some 99 Theatre Guild Awards and been responsible for the non-professional Australian premieres of many shows including Les Misérables, The Boy from Oz, Sweeney Todd, and soon Dusty (The Dusty Springfield Story).

Grant built CLOC's The Boy from Oz set, which has already featured in seasons in Melbourne, the Gold Coast and Far North Queensland, and volunteered part of his Tassie holiday (please don't tell his daughter in Hobart!) to teach Encore how to assemble the 6 tonnes of set that arrived at Coats Patons, show them how to make a 700kg grand piano 'dance' and test some 22,000 lights.

According to Encore Co-President Jamie Hillard, "Community theatre is built upon volunteers, from the director to the performers, the stage crew to the ushers. Their goodwill and generous sharing of their time and expertise make local theatre not only possible – it makes it thrive. Our local team was very excited about soaking up the knowledge that Grant freely gave for not only our current show, but we set about picking his brains about our future productions, too."

Alan Gray, Encore's Technical Advisor agrees, "I've worked with virtually every local theatre company in Launceston for more than two decades and not seen anything like this technology used here. Honestly, I feel like a big kid who has been set loose in my dream playground."

Encore Theatre Company gratefully acknowledges the generous sponsorship support of Launceston City Council to assist with hire and bringing the set here, and the team at Watkins Removals & Storage Launceston for saying "yes, we can solve that" to every silly question they could think of regarding shipping a 40 foot container to Tasmania filled with everything from palm trees to the Sydney Opera House.

Grab your tickets now – there are 3 easy ways to book:

ONLINE: www.theatrenorth.com.au
PHONE: 6323 3666
IN PERSON: Princess Theatre Box Office
SEASON: 2-10 October @ Princess Theatre

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Staging a Defence against Winter Ills



Susie Fisher's
newnham pharmacy & post office

Recently we've seen local casts fall foul of the various bugs doing the rounds, so what can you do about it? SHOWBUZZ asked Susie Fisher to take time out from her pharmacy to offer some advice.

Don't let the winter ills ruin your time on stage!

Eat lots of veggies - if you are bad on these make your own veggie soup and chuck in the fresh garlic and ginger to keep yourself well. If you have a juicer, make up some carrot, celery and parsley juice each morning. Throw in an apple or a couple of strawberries to improve the flavour. This juice is good for the liver and immune system.

Suggested supplements - Vitamin C, Zinc and Vitamin A are all very good for immune system and mucous linings. So it's got to be good for the throat. Lots of different herbs for different ailments. I make a wicked immune boosting, cough mixture - it tastes pretty wicked, too! Call in and see me (Shop 1, 77 George Town Road, Newnham) and I will tailor make a herbal brew to suit you. I stock a wide range of vitamins including metagenics so if you struggle with a liquid we can fix you with pills!

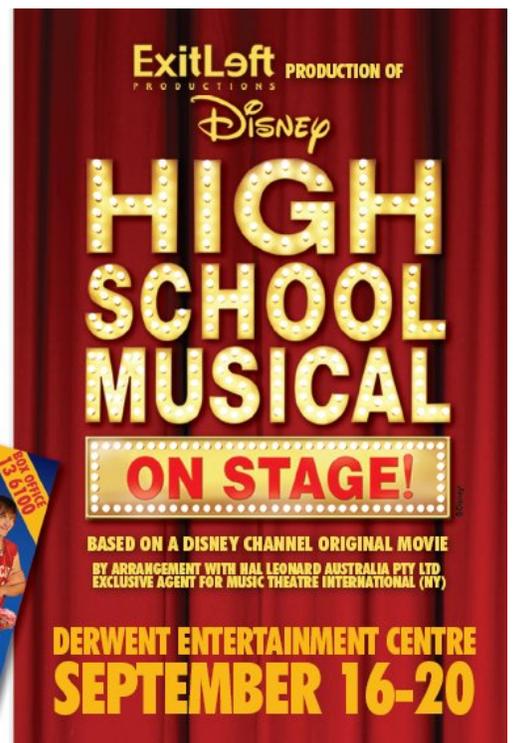
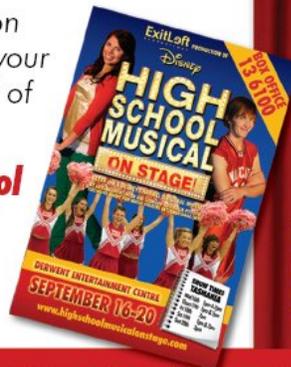
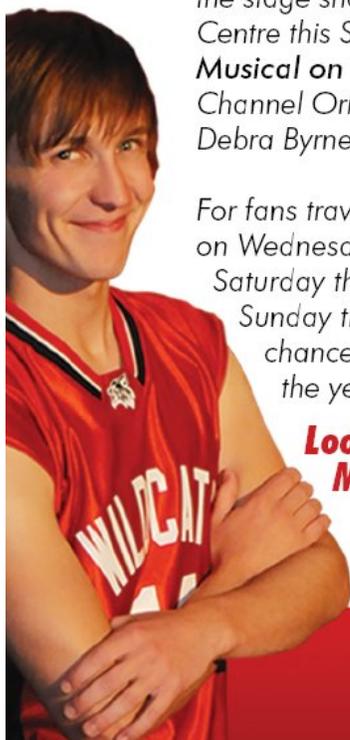
Cheers Susie Fisher

PS... Get some sleep! (but NOT on my couch, Cayden!)

Great news for fans of *High School Musical*, the stage show is coming to the Derwent Entertainment Centre this September school Holidays. **High School Musical on Stage** is based on the smash hit Disney Channel Original Movie and features Australian legend Debra Byrne as well as a cast of more than 120.

For fans travelling to Hobart there are matinees at 1pm on Wednesday the 16th, Thursday the 17th and Saturday the 19th, with the final show on Sunday the 20th at 2pm. Don't miss your chance to see the spectacular event of the year!

Look out for the High School Musical on stage poster in your mailbox...



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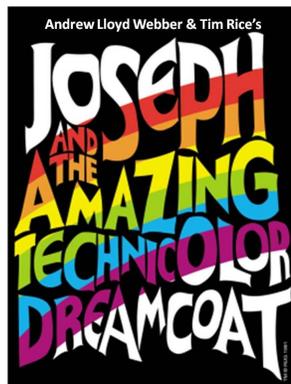
Encore in 2011

The big productions keep rolling along with Encore Theatre Company, and 2011 is no different.

The venues are booked and the rights are confirmed.

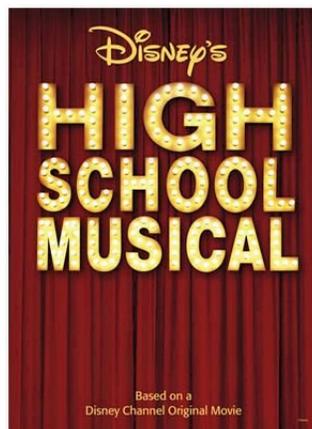
In 2011, Encore will "return to the beginning" and where it all started for Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice with Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!

With a crash of drums and a flash of light, this colourful retelling of the biblical story of Joseph, the boy with the dreams and the dazzling designer coat of many colours, sings out to young and old alike with a score full of wall to wall hits - including Close Every Door and Any Dream Will Do. Oh, and did we mention the MEGA-Mix?!



Encore is also pleased to announce that Launceston will play host to an all-new production of Disney's High School Musical!

This incredibly popular show has already spawned 3 sequels, and has been dubbed "the Grease of the new Millennium".



PS And watch this space for further announcements on the 2011 line-up of shows...

Encore Superstars

Encore is extremely grateful to the numerous people who contribute to and make up their organisation. Each and every volunteer plays a part in making the magic happen - both onstage and off!

Encore salutes their efforts and each month highlights one of their team for helping them fulfil their mission.

And this month's Encore Superstar is Michael (Mick) Flaherty.

Mick's expertise with a hammer and saw is constantly on display with his own building company (is it true that every second person in Launceston has lived in one of his houses? Ask Jamie...) and he readily gives of his advice, skills and time when Encore needs help to construct their theatrical sets.

Congratulations to
our latest
Encore Superstar...

Mick Flaherty!



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WHAT'S ON in LAUNCESTON?

Buy Locally & support your own theatre companies!

6-15 August The Crucible presented by Three River Theatre at the Earl Arts Centre

13-15 August Jesus Christ Superstar presented by Looking Glass Productions Inc at the Princess Theatre

9-12 September Dumb Show presented by Centr Stage at the Annexe Theatre

2-10 October The Boy from Oz presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre

In your next *SHOWBUZZ*... Flying the flag... **BIG TIME!**

The Boy from Oz is presented by arrangement with David Spicer Productions www.davidspicer.com