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# SHOWBUZZ

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## MISERY IS BACK IN STYLE

### As the Les-Mystery of the barricade scene is solved

The World's Most Popular Musical is on its way to the Princess Theatre in March 2010.



And it can now be revealed that the famous barricade has been built from a range of large black blocks and a fine assortment of comfy chairs. Just the thing for a student protest... but where do you plug in the Wii?

However, nothing lasts forever, especially these sort of creature comforts. So Set Designer James Walker has created plans and scale models that depict far less salubrious surroundings and a lot more splinters for the students come March.

And if you can add to those surroundings and the general suffering of the revolutionary students with old wagon wheels, wooden shutters, four-panel doors, wooden ladders, distressed timbers and more, please call Jamie on 0433 999 248.

DO YOU WANT TO SEE BEYOND THE

### BARRICADE?

As the ranks begin to form, will you take your place with Encore?

Encore is seeking volunteer dressers & ushers for their forthcoming production of *Les Misérables* March 12-20 at the Princess Theatre.

If you can spare some time and are ready for an evening filled with the sights and sounds of the world's most popular musical, then Encore wants to hear from you!

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Looking for the inside goss on Les Miz?  
Then take 5 with Eponine's...



# Epi-Blog

This week, while the cast were learning the Epilogue for the show, we were chatting about how awesome the rehearsal process has been and we decided we needed to let you know, so hi all and welcome to the first Epi-Blog!

Wow – can I be any happier that rehearsals are now back, after the longest three-week-Christmas-Holidays break? I felt like I was having major withdrawals, thinking I may even attend the first rehearsal even though Eponine was not called. I have NEVER done that!

However, we're back with a vengeance and heavily into the battles of the barricade and most importantly to me, my confession to Marius of my love for him before the bullet I endured takes my life. Second-most important thing to me is exactly where the hands of the two students end up as they try to haul my bullet-ridden body offstage. Note to James & Jarred: practise, Practise, PRACTISE!!

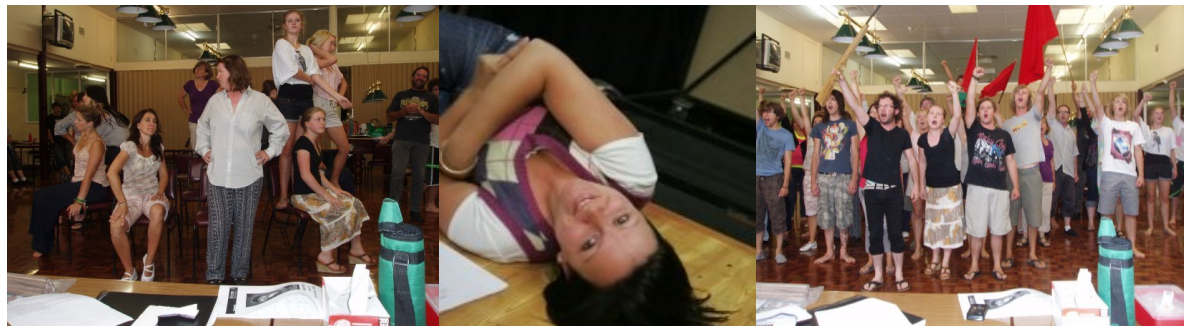
Oh, and while I'm on about the barricade, look out for Gavroche's big scene. I have made the Director promise to get proper sound effects and NOT just let the cast sit in the wings and call out "BANG!" repeatedly during his final moments.... Uh-uh... No, we'll save that just for final night ☺

The best part of this show so far is that every cast member is so deserving of being there. The talent heard and seen in each rehearsal is of such a high standard. The harmonies are outstanding... the emotional connection to every character is so professional... with eight weeks to go the show is sure to be outstanding. Got your tickets yet?

Ponine's Quote of the month "To love another person is to see the face of God"

Epi-Facts: Where else is the tune for Eponine's famous solo used? 'Fantine's Death' and 'The Finale'. These songs are both to the tune of 'On My Own'.

- Natalie 'Epi' Bramich



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## Write "I'm Free!" in your July diary

Encore Theatre Company is thrilled to announce the cast for their July 2010 production of *Are You Being Served* at the Earl Arts Centre.

Remember Mrs Slocombe's pussy? Going up?? Yes, it's *Are You Being Served*?

To the delight of its fans everywhere the smash hit television comedy has been adapted for the stage by its original creators.

Based on the long-running BBC TV sit-com and set in the ladies and menswear departments of Grace Brothers, all your favourite characters from Captain Peacock to Miss Brahms to the irrepressible Mr Humphries are here for a strictly limited season at the Earl Arts Centre.

Encore Theatre Company is set for a rib-tickling season. The double entendres are non-stop as the well-loved staff of Grace Brothers department store prepare for a sale and then depart on a staff holiday at a one-star hotel in Spain. With the aid of a nuns habit, a bowler hat and Mrs Slocombe's Union Jack knickers they survive their holiday with everything intact but their modesty!

Ladieswear will be staffed by Patsy Marshall who will be performing the role of Mrs Slocombe and Charlotte Cashion will play Miss Brahms.

Menswear will be headed up by Dennis Mann as Mr Grainger, Nic Tolputt as the irrepressible Mr Humphries and Matthew Garwood as Mr Lucas.

Management will be handled by Ross Marsden as Mr Rumbold and role of Captain Peacock will be played by Jeff Hockley.

Daniel Priest has been relegated to cleaning the staff loos and will inhabit the role of Mr Mash.

Just write "I'm free!" in your diary for 2-10 July 2010.

MEET THE STAFF of GRACE BROTHERS & co

Captain Peacock - Jeff Hockley  
Mr Humphries - Nic Tolputt  
Mrs Slocombe - Patsy Marshall  
Mr Lucas - Matthew Garwood  
Miss Brahms - Charlotte Cashion  
Mr Grainger - Dennis Mann  
Mr Rumbold - Ross Marsden  
Mr Mash/Don Bernardo - Daniel Priest

Nurse/Conchita - Melissa Wimmer  
Male Customer/Revolutionary - Solomon Walker-Bowd  
Cesar - Tom Richards  
Female Customer - Belinda J King  
Young Mr Grace - TBA

*Are You Being Served?* is presented by special arrangement with Dominie Pty Ltd



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## Encore Superstars

Encore is extremely grateful to the numerous people who contribute to and make up their organisation. Not only do Encore salute their efforts, each month they highlight members of their invaluable team.

This month's Encore Superstar is someone a little different and he has been there since Day One for Encore. It is John Saggars, Manager of the Launceston Workers Club.

He has moved heaven, earth and plenty of pool tables to accommodate Encore, appeared in our film Nunderbelly, fronted up for Movember and, along with his wife Amelia, has poured many a glass of fizz to frazzled company members on hot Sunday arvos.

Congratulations to our latest Encore Superstar...

John Saggars!



## Box Office Re-opens

From Jan 11 the Princess Theatre Box Office re-opened for 2010 & Les Miz tickets are marching out the door... seriously!!

3 easy ways to book:

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



## WHAT'S ON in TASSIE?

Buy Locally & support your own theatre companies!

4-6 Feb Fy presented by DRILL Performance Company

26 Feb – 6 Mar Guys & Dolls presented by Graeme Paine's Hobart Theatre Summer School at the Mt Nelson Theatre

12-20 March Les Misérables presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre

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