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# Go Wildcats!



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"Here, kitty, kitty, kitty..." Well, you had better have a decent saucer of cream ready for this feisty Wildcat, because the team mascot has arrived and is ready to whip up a frenzy at East High as the cast of High School Musical on Stage which showcases Launceston's best young and up-and-coming stars count down the days 'til showtime on March 10 at the Princess Theatre. Now turn to page 3 to meet Ryan & Sharpay.



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**Disney's High School Musical on Stage**  
**March 10-19 at the Princess Theatre**

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# Any Dream Will Do!

This weekend dreams can come true for up to 60 people as local performers vie for roles in Encore Theatre Company's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat which will light up the Princess Theatre stage in July 2011!

Joseph Director BJ King says, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a classic musical known to generations of school children and I cannot wait to start work on it. But for now I can tell you that what we present in July will be big, bold, exuberant and joyously noisy with fantastic vocals, dance, music and characters. So if you've ever dreamt of starring on stage, then there is no time like the present to come along and see the Encore team and make those dreams come true because this weekend we're looking to assemble the onstage team who will bring Joseph to life."

Ages 5-85 are invited to audition for this revised version (never seen before in Tasmania) of the spectacular Swinging Sixties show as it prepares to blast into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a 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.

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at the Earl Arts Centre



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# What We've Been Looking For!

Bonnie Harris & Alex Thompson have been honing their Ryan & Sharpay act as they go all out to steal the spotlight from Troy & Gabriella. Will they succeed in keeping everyone to the Status Quo? Find out next month at the Princess...

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## Urinetown

The annual Hobart Theatre Summer School is staging a show that takes a tongue-in-cheek look at the effects of a drought. It's called Urinetown. Yes... that's the title.

One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, Urinetown is an hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold.

In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom!

25 Feb – 5 Mar at the Mt Nelson Theatre, Hobart.

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URINETOWN WAS PRODUCED ON BROADWAY IN SEPTEMBER, 2001 BY THE ARACA GROUP AND DODGER THEATRICALS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THEATREDREAMS, INC. AND LAUREN MITCHELL

Can we change this?

**URINETOWN**  
The Musical

**25 FEB-5 MAR**  
MT NELSON THEATRE

MUSIC & LYRICS BY MARK HILLMANN  
BOOK & LYRICS BY GREG KOTIS  
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AN EARNEST FABLE of love, greed and revolution set in a town plagued by drought. A simple enough plot, complete with Villain, Hero and Romance: a malevolent corporation controls the town's public amenities; the president's daughter falls in love with the leader of a pee-for-free rebellion. All of this, according to Little Sally, the shows ragamuffin philosopher, is a bad subject for a musical (and so is its title), but it's outrageous fun. WINNER OF THREE TONY AWARDS.

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## Encore Superstars of the Month are Sharon & Wendy!

Encore is extremely grateful to the numerous people who contribute to the volunteer team and this month's Encore Superstars are the team of Sharon Booth & Wendy Huett.

Awash in a sea of red and white paint, the girls have been very busy at Coats Patons working on the theatre set for High School Musical.

We'll see the results of all their work very soon when Team wildcats take to the Princess Theatre stage in March.

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### Getcha head in the Game!



Encore is seeking volunteer ushers for their forthcoming production of *High School Musical* March 10-19 at the Princess Theatre.

If you can spare some time and are keen to spend an evening or two in the company of Launceston's best up and coming talent, then Encore wants to hear from you!

Call Susan Tolputt for more info  
6333 0943 or 0407 387 917

**Team Wildcats needs your help!**



## WHAT'S ON in TASSIE?

2011 is set to explode with top quality stage shows! Here's just a few...

5 February The Rock Show starring Jon English at the Princess Theatre

25 Feb – 5 Mar Urinetown at Mt Nelson Theatre

27 Feb Theatrefest at Academy of the Arts, Inveresk

10-19 March Disney's High School Musical presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre

22-30 July Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre