



**Encore**  
Theatre Company

# SHOWBUZZ

JULY 2012

## SHOW IS ON FIRE!

Encore's *Are You Being Served?* and *'Allo 'Allo* were enormously popular shows, and now *Fawlty Towers* is on track to be their most popular presentation in the Earl Arts Centre to date! Already the HOUSE FULL sign has gone up on opening weekend, but with 2 more weeks of shows to come there are still great seats available if you hurry. TICKETS 6323 3666 [www.theatrenorth.com.au](http://www.theatrenorth.com.au)

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## Plenty of laughs to be had amid the mayhem

Theatre may well battle the box for audience attention, but you won't find television any more live than Encore Theatre Company's re-creation of four episodes taken straight from the internationally renowned British sitcom, *Fawlty Towers*.

It's a credit to director Jamie Hillard and set designer James Walker that we get more of a theatre experience via a set design incorporating four set pieces for greater immersion into the fun.

Anyone familiar with the sitcom will greatly appreciate the high quality of writing and wonderful storylines, but it's the characters that stick in your mind. The characters of Basil, Sybil, Polly and Manuel are easy enough to slip on like a glove for an actor but it's hard work to sustain them.

With strong attention to characterisation, Patsy Marshall is Sybil, Andy Allison suffers chronic confusion like a martyr and Mikaela Campbell manages to keep a straight face in all the mayhem.

However, it's Ross Marsden playing Basil who dominates the show. Considering a sitcom is designed to have at least one joke a minute, Marsden demonstrates extraordinary stamina and a high level of craft delivering line after line of comic gems.

In a fitting tribute to John Cleese - the original Basil - Marsden's performance burns brightest when his character's temper is also on the boil.

Among the large supporting cast, Pam Corrick, David Quinn and Jeff Hockley give standout character performances.

*Fawlty Towers* is painfully funny. You'll find some of the best one-liners this side of Oscar Wilde along with slapstick and humour designed to hurt the ego, sensibilities and certain body parts.

If you're looking for a break from it all, why not book yourself into *Fawlty Towers*. I can't recommend the service, food or views but it will put a smile on your face.

Theatre Review Nick Tantaró  
The Examiner 13/7/2012



THANKYOU TO THE JCS TEAM & LAUNCESTON AUDIENCES...

**\$10,000 DONATION**



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in 2012*

During *Jesus Christ Superstar* the fundraising efforts of Jon English and the JCS Company for the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program Appeal were given a solid workout. The final tally is in and its \$9455. With a few extra dollars added by Encore, the donation has been rounded up to an even \$10,000!

Thankyou to everyone who purchased a ticket to the show preview, put coins into the fundraising tins and bought signed programs. You have all contributed to this magnificent total.

Plans are now underway to establish a Jon English/Encore Theatre scholarship or research project. We'll let you know more details down the track.

But in the meantime, Jon is back on the road with Rock Revolution and will be heading back to the Princess Theatre this November. You won't want to miss this great evening of 60's and 70's rock'n'roll, so get out your diary, phone your friends and get ready for a rollicking good time ... fabulous music, lots of laughter, and multi-talented musicians all wrapped up into one unforgettable theatrical concert! ON SALE NOW!

Princess Theatre Saturday 24 November TICKETS 6323 3666 [www.theatrenorth.com.au](http://www.theatrenorth.com.au)

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## WHAT'S ON in TASSIE?



12-28 July *Fawlty Towers* presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Earl Arts Centre

13-21 July *When the Rain Stops Falling* Presented by CentStage and Launceston Players at the Annexe Theatre

15-24 November *Sweeney Todd* presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Earl Arts Centre