

SHOWBUZZ

Encore
Theatre Company

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Launceston IS the Premiere City

Two big firsts for Launceston theatre company!

Australian Premiere of *Nunsense A-Men!* in June
Tasmanian Premiere of *The Boy from Oz* in October

Big Opening Nights are generally considered the domain of the mainland and Hobart, so Launceston's fledgling theatre company, Encore, almost couldn't believe it when they learnt that they had been granted the Australian premiere rights for *Nunsense A-Men!* and the Tasmanian Premiere rights for *The Boy from Oz*.

"The pressure is definitely on," says Encore Co-President BJ King. "But fortunately we have amazing partnerships with ResCom Launceston & The Metz plus a team of dedicated volunteers and willing to pitch in and bring these shows to life."

And to do justice to the Tasmanian Premiere of the first-ever Australian musical to conquer Broadway, Encore has successfully negotiated to bring a first-class set to Launceston (currently in Queensland for the premiere at the Gold Coast Arts Centre).

Oh, and did anyone mention that the set features a 'dancing grand piano'!!

Be a part of history by being a part of the Tasmanian premiere. Audition kits now available by emailing encoretheatre@hotmail.com
(photo courtesy CLOC Musical Theatre, Melbourne)



A CHANGE OF HABIT....boy, oh boy!!

You have never seen *Nunsense* like this!

Encore is proud to present the Australian Premiere of Dan Goggin's hit show *Nunsense A-Men!* for a 5 show season in the Earl Arts Centre in June.

The switcheroo musical comedy is based on the original *Nunsense* (a perennial favourite with local audiences) with most female characters being portrayed by male musical comedy performers. Think of it as *Mrs Doubtfire* meets *Sister Act*. Done totally seriously, this show is, to quote a critic, "no drag."

Nunsense A-Men! premiered in New York in 1998, receiving rave reviews and standing ovations. And now Australian audiences – well, Tasmanian audiences in particular – can find out what all the fuss is about for themselves!

So, just who is donning the habits? Meet the cast:

Reverend Mother	Jo Seen
Sister Hubert	Col Francis
Sister Robert Anne	Cayden Richards
Sister Amnesia	Nic Tolputt
Sister Leo	Matthew Garwood



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13 June @ 2pm & 8pm
All performances @ Earl Arts Centre

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Double Happy Hour @ The Metz on Fridays

Need to chill out & kick back with mates after a busy week at work?

Then why not pop into The Metz & enjoy a DOUBLE Happy Hour with \$7.50 cocktails ever Friday between 5.30pm & 7.30pm.



Encore Superstars

Each month Encore highlights the efforts of a member of their dedicated team of volunteers, and this month we would like you to meet Anna Tieman.

Anna is a University of Tasmania graduate, where she studied theatre from 2004 to 2006. During that time she did onstage and offstage roles.

Her most recent involvement in theatre was as Stage Manager for Encore's *The Sound of Music* and *Hair*.

Music has also been a big part of Anna's life, studying from age 3 and violin from 5. She has played with several orchestras, the most recent being the St Cecilia Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Matthews Tyson.

Anna is enjoying her time with Encore, and looks forward to being involved, both onstage and behind the scenes, in their future productions.

Congratulations & thank you to our newest **Encore Superstar...**
Anna Tieman!



HAIR-raising FUND-raising!

As the young cast of Encore Theatre's *Hair* gathered in the Annexe Theatre to commence their second week of shows, their thoughts were filled with concern and sympathy for the victims and survivors of the horrific bushfires on the mainland over the previous weekend.

It is clear that more than anything, money can make an immediate difference to those caught up in this disaster.

The *Hair* team and Encore committee decided that one of the best ways they could offer their support was to dedicate a show and donate 50% of all the final matinee's door sale tickets to the Victorian Bushfires Appeal, which resulted in a donation of \$320. Bravo to the tribe of *Hair*!

WHAT'S ON in LAUNCESTON

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

4- 7 Mar, **Who's Afraid of the Working Class?** presented by Centrstage at the Annexe Theatre.

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

18 March, **Bushfire Appeal Concert**
At the Princess Theatre

27 March – 5 April **Ten Days on the Island**
Tasmania's 5th International Arts Festival
www.tendaysontheisland.com



Meet up with members of the Encore family, sponsors and supporters. Look for us under groups using the name... **Encore Theatre Company Inc.**

In your next SHOWBUZZ... meet Patrick O'Halloran... our Boy from Oz!!!

This community theatre production of **Nonsense A-Men!** is presented by special arrangement with Dominie Pty Ltd