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Encore
Theatre Company

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WHERE ARE JUDY & LIZA?

DOES LAUNCESTON HAVE ITS OWN SUSAN BOYLE?

This week the call is going out to see if the next great talent can be unearthed right here in Launceston, when Encore Theatre Company holds auditions to find the cast for the Tasmanian Premiere Season of *The Boy from Oz*.

According to director, BJ King, "This show includes three of the most demanding roles for women in contemporary musical theatre. Peter Allen surrounded himself with strong ladies, and we want to find three Launceston performers to show us that they can capture the essence of Judy Garland (aged around 40), Liza Minelli (a 20-something spunk) and Peter's mother, Marion Woolough (approx 50).

"I know that auditions can be an incredibly daunting experience for performers, but the Encore team is really looking forward to creating an environment this weekend where we can work collaboratively with auditionees to help them present their best, which in turn helps us to select the right people for each and every role."

Focussing on the extraordinary life of Peter Allen, have you got what it takes to be a part of the Musical of a Lifetime? A wide variety of roles for singers, actors and dancers are available. Call Jamie for an Audition Kit, bookings and music selections on 0433 999 248.

There will only ever be one Tasmanian Premiere, and it's going to be right here in Launceston. For your chance to be a part of Tasmanian theatre history, pick up the phone and make that call!

Besides 15 minutes this weekend, what have you got to lose? (images courtesy Cloc Musical Theatre)



Meet Les Ms. Bennett

Les Misérables



Les Misérables... it's bigger, it's better & it's back! The world's most-popular musical finally returns to the Princess Theatre in March 2010.

But who can Encore find to tackle the enormous logistics of creating this epic show? That daunting task is now officially in the hands of Encore's newest Director... Liz Bennett.

Liz has been at the helm of many highly successful Launceston College productions, and has vast experience in dealing with casts & crew often numbering 200+. This year she has already directed *Macbeth* for LC, and is currently spinning the glitter balls for *Disco Inferno*, which will hit the stage of the Princess Theatre in late June.

And taking on the task of Musical Direction of the magnificent Les Mis score is Matt Dudfield.

As you can see from Showbuzz's picture of Liz, she is already getting into 'Prisoner 24601' mode, and looks forward to gearing up with the Encore team for auditions in August with rehearsals commencing in October, immediately following *The Boy from Oz* season.

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Nunsense A-Men
The Boy from Oz

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ResCom expands their local team



Daniel Parker (pictured below with ResCom's Martin O'Toole) has recently joined the team at ResCom Launceston as their Finance Specialist.

Launceston born and bred, Daniel specialises in residential and commercial property loans, and can also assist with finance for plant and equipment as well as motor vehicles.

And another addition to the team is their Tamar Property Specialist, Lawrence Mah. Singapore born & Australia educated, Lawrence is a retired engineer, artist with wide interests in the dramatic arts, Photography and Asian cooking (Note to Encore Committee: we need this guy!)

Combined with a progressive, vibrant and exciting team at ResCom, Lawrence is more than happy to discuss your Tamar property needs at any time.



So whether you are buying your first home or thinking about an investment property, chat to ResCom Property & Finance for service like it should be. Call 6334 3777.

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Mother's Day @ The Metz

One of the biggest compliments that has been paid to Encore in their brief history relates to the feeling of 'family' when working with the team. And this weekend the attention will focus on those at the heart of many family teams; our Mums!

If you are looking to spoil you Mum this Mother's Day, Encore would like to suggest that you consider choosing to dine with the Metz Café Bar – another team who are very much a part of the Encore family.

Olivia, Ang and the crew will be opening their doors for breakfast, lunch and dinner (& an all-day snack menu for those 'in-between' times) and as always there is a fabulous selection of wines on the list. See you @ The Metz!



Encore Superstars

Each month Encore highlights the valuable efforts of a member of their dedicated team of volunteers. And let's face it, without volunteers Encore simply would not exist!

So, is there someone on the Encore team that you think should be named as an Encore Superstar? The Committee welcomes your suggestions, and asks you email them to encoretheatre@hotmail.com

NOW PLAYING in LAUNNIE!

Heater not working properly? Then how about a night in a nice, warm theatre!

11-13 June Nunsense A-Men presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Earl Arts Centre

24-28 June Disco Inferno presented by Launceston College at the Princess Theatre

16-19 July Die Fledermaus presented by OperaWorks @ LC

22-25 July Rent presented by Launceston Musical Society at the Princess Theatre

8-11 July Who's Life Is It Anyway presented by the Launceston Players at the Earl Arts Centre

In your next *SHOWBUZZ...* Meet Encore's newest supporters!

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