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CONSTANT NEEDLING

Last weekend the Are You Being Served team took over Neil Pitt's Menswear in Brisbane Street to try their hand at running the store. Unfortunately, the experience left Mr Humphries feeling rather faint, but luckily Young Mr Grace's Nurse was available to lend a hand in the emergency!



L to R Dani Zolnierczak, Jeff Hockley, Denins Mann, Nic Tolputt & Matthew Garwood. Photographer Ross Marsden

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- PHONE: 6323 3666
- IN PERSON: Princess Theatre Box Office
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Fresh from his sensational performance as the relentless Police Inspector Javert in *Les Misérables*, Encore Theatre Company is thrilled to announce that the lead role of The Beast in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* will be performed by Dean Cocker.

Dean has been performing since the age of 15 when he played the role of Nanki Poo in *The Mikado* (Burnie Musical Society).

His principal roles at the Theatre Royal in Hobart include Enjolras in *Les Misérables*, the Pirate King in *Pirates of Penzance*, Gerald in *Me & My Girl*, Freddy in *My Fair Lady* (G&S), Dr Craven in *The Secret Garden* (Summerstock), and Pilate in *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Exit Left).

Principal roles at the Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre in Launceston include Lun Thau in *The King & I*, Bert Healy in *Annie*, and more recently the Russian Singer and Constable in *Fiddler on the Roof*, various roles in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, and the Narrator in *Assassins* (Players).

Concert work includes solo performances in *Messiah*, *The Creation*, *Dido & Aeneas*, *Carmina Burana* and *Carols by Candlelight* in Hobart and Launceston. He has also performed the role of Morales in a concert version of *Carmen* with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra and soloists from Opera Australia.

After an absence from theatre due to work commitments and the happy arrival of his son Declan, *Les Misérables* marked Dean's return to the stage and his first production with Encore.

So, if you would like to join Dean in Encore's production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* you had better hurry up and register your interest. The audition panel are particularly keen to hear from more fellas - c'mon guys, where are you?

'Dean Cocker was outstanding as Javert' Marcus Bower, THE EXAMINER



BACK TO THE 80's

AKA... What Encore's Les Miz Director did next!

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From the era that brought the world The Rubik's Cube, Max Headroom and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comes this 'totally awesome' musical.

Join the class of William Ocean High School as they live through their final senior year - as they experience the fun, the heartbreak, the loves and the loneliness of growing up... all set to the biggest hits of the 80's!!

And Encore's Les Miz Director Liz Bennett should know, because word has it she was there! Now if we could only get hold of her graduation pic, SHOWBUZZ could re-print that, too.

Here's a sneak peek at rehearsals, with lots of faces very familiar to Encore audiences.

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DRESS: Hyper colour t-shirts, leg-warmers & acid-wash jeans

HAIR: Perms & mullets de rigueur





Encore Superstars

Encore is extremely grateful to the numerous people who contribute to and make up their organisation and each month they highlight the efforts a member of their invaluable volunteer team, and this month's Encore Superstar is David Barratt.



This man has worked his own special brand of theatrical magic on the cast of Les Miz, he's currently transforming the Served team, and he's already got designs on turning Dean Cocker into a hideous beast!

Congrats David on being our Encore Superstar of the Month!

Reserve your 'Serve'!

Seems like everyone wants to pay a visit to Grace Bros Department Store this July because tickets are selling VERY FAST!

Have you secured your reserved Earl Arts Centre seats yet?

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25-29 May Uni Revue: Inglorious Bartletts presented by Old Nick Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre

27-29 May Old Time Music Hall presented by G-String Productions at the Longford Town Hall

10-12 June Shirley Valentine presented by Stephen Beckett Productions at the Earl Arts Centre

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