



**Encore**  
Theatre Company

# SHOWBUZZ

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## STRONG ARM TACTICS

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Cheekily dubbed "Launceston's answer to Hugh Jackman...", not even the charms of Gaston could turn Belle's head during the publicity photo shoot last weekend.

Daniel Priest and Samantha Hammersley got a head start on the rest of the team as they donned costumes, make-up and the odd wig or two to get ready for next month's huge production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

And from this week the production is on "full runs" at rehearsals, and post-Grand Final Day hangovers pending, the orchestra joins the Company next Sunday.

Have you got your tickets yet for the biggest family show of the year? There are 3 very easy ways to book:

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# BOM's Away!

Ok, so there's loads of hype about Beauty, and ditto High School Musical (see page 3!) but sandwiched between the two is a gem of a show that has rarely seen the light of day since it's massive tours of the early 80's... and of course they never made it to Tassie. Until now.

## BOYS OWN McBETH a really rotten tragedy by Grahame Bond and Jim Burnett

Boy's Own McBeth toured Australia and the US from 1979 until 1982. It was the longest running Australian written musical ever staged with more than 600 performances and was only eclipsed in the 1990's by The Boy from Oz.

Meet the cast of characters, and the people who will inhabit them:

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Terry Shakespeare Year 11    | Travis Hennessey             |
| SS Shakespeare Year 12       | Frank Kerr                   |
| Dopey Shakespeare Year 5     | Tom Richards                 |
| Clifford Tobias, Headmaster  | Danny Gibson                 |
| Ronnie Elston, Drama Master  | Solomon Walker-Bowd          |
| Morrie McBeth, Student       | Shannyn Foon                 |
| Charles Hunt, School Captain | Bart Welch                   |
| Mr Hunt                      | Daniel Priest                |
| Mrs Hunt                     | Kerri Gay                    |
| Mr McBeth                    | Jamie Hillard                |
| Dunsinane College students   | Madeline Huett, Luke Vaessen |



## TASMANIAN PREMIERE

Strictly limited season **BOOK NOW!** Earl Arts Centre 16-18 December  
Presented by arrangement with David Spicer Productions [www.davidspicer.com](http://www.davidspicer.com) Image courtesy David Spicer

# Chamber of Honours

On Saturday 4 September the Encore team were lucky enough to be invited to preview 2 songs from Disney's Beauty and the Beast at the Launceston Chamber of Commerce Awards 2010. And they were also up for the Enhancing Regional Culture Award, nominated alongside Theatre North and TasDance. Not only did Encore pick up the gong that night, Dean, Sam and the Beauty orchestra under the baton of Matt Dudfield blew the 400+ black-tie audience away with their performances. Congrats all 'round!



# School is in for March 2011

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From some 140+ auditionees, get ready for "the start of something new!" and please congratulate the cast of Disney's High School Musical Live on Stage!

Troy Bolton	Matthew Garwood
Troy Bolton U/study	Zander Wells
Gabriella Montez	Dani Barnett
Gabriella U/study	Courtnee Johnston
Sharpay Evans	Zoe Jensen
Ryan Evans	Alex Thompson
Kelsi Neilson	Nicole Tudor
Chad Danforth	Jack McNiff
Taylor McKessie	Ava Campbell
Zeke Baylor	Sam Bye
Jack Scott	Solomon Walker-Bowd
Martha Cox	Sophie Rees
Ms Darbus	Kerri Gay
Coach Bolton	Ross Marsden
Male Dance Captain (& Alan)	Scott Prewer
Female Dance Captain	Alix Birtwhistle



#### Female Singing Ensemble

Alison Court, Bekky Steyne, Caitlin McCarthy, Cassie Ross, Ella Booth (& Cyndra), Emily Cassidy, Isabelle Grossmith, Kelly Davies, Laurel Atkins, Liz Corrick, Manika Dadson, Michelle Rainbow (& Susan), Bronte Leonard, Steph Frobese (& Cathy), Zoe Allen, Zoe Vandervelde

#### Male Singing Ensemble

David Wilson (& Kratnoff), Eman Pokawa, Emeka Chukwuemeka, Jack Milne, Jesse Simmons, John Morgan, Kyle Forrest (& Mongo), Matt Johns, Rohan Edwards (& Jason), Sean Brown, Will Badcock (& Ripper)

#### Male Dance Ensemble

Ben Glover, Elliott Parkinson, Jesse Apted, Ryan Parkinson, Shylock Mountney (& James)

#### Female Dance Ensemble

Alex Doherty, Allie Bassano, Katrina Squires, Lauren Squires, Lillian Males, Maddie Page, Maddy Lowe, Megan Lawson, Pagan Richards, Phoebe Morwood, Sarah Phasey, Sharni Hargraves, Sophia Hellyer, Steph King, Tiffany Creely

#### Backing Vocalists

Bart Welch, Grace Denney, Nic Tolputt, Sam Hammersley

The stage adaptation of the smash-hit Disney Channel Original Movie, High School Musical, is coming to the Princess Theatre for a strictly limited run. Produced by Encore Theatre Company and to be performed by Launceston's hottest young performers and an electrifying live band, Disney's High School Musical Live on Stage features all the characters and chart-topping songs from the movie, as well as a huge mega-mix finale.

10–19 March 2011 at the Princess Theatre  
Earlybird bookings now open with 20% OFF ALL TICKETS!



## Encore Superstars

Encore is extremely grateful to the numerous people who contribute to the volunteer team and this month's Encore Superstar is Carolyn Welch.

Carolyn's first association with Encore was as head of the Punchbowl Primary School Guest Choir for The Boy from Oz. Following in her son's footsteps (huh??), she finally stepped out onstage as 3<sup>rd</sup> whore from the left in Les Miz, and is back for more in Beauty and the Beast.



And it's here that she has been quietly using her musical gifts to create rehearsal CDs for the Altos to help them learn their harmonies. No good deed goes unnoticed, so...

Congratulations to our latest Encore Superstar Carolyn Welch!

## IOLANTHE!

Tripping hither... tripping thither... here comes the next presentation from the Evandale Singers as they stage Gilbert & Sullivan's Iolanthe!

Featuring Launceston soprano Sharyn Martin as Iolanthe (Queen of the Fairies, no less!) and well-known Encore faces Mark Horner & Cayden Richards, this classic comic operetta is sure to delight lovers of musical theatre and all things G&S!

Ticket and booking details available soon.

Fri 22 Oct	7.30pm
Sat 23 Oct	2.30pm & 7.30pm
Sun 24 Oct	2.30pm



## Be Our Guest!

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## WHAT'S ON in TASSIE?

Buy Locally & support your own theatre companies!

6-16 October Monty Python's Spamalot presented by TTUT at the Theatre Royal, Hobart

15-17 October A Season of One Act Plays presented by the Launceston Players at the Earl Arts Centre

15-23 October Disney's Beauty and the Beast presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre

22-24 October Iolanthe presented by the Evandale Singers

16-18 December Boy's Own McBeth presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Earl Arts Centre