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Theatre Company

# SHOWBUZZ

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## BOY'S OWN McBETH

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**Need a really good laugh this side of Christmas? Then Encore has just the thing!**

BOY'S OWN McBETH ♦ P.1

Boy's Own McBeth is described as Welcome Back Kotter meets Monty Python meets a rock 'n' roll Shakespeare! But what's it about?

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Terry Shakespeare is really the school old boy – he's 42. He's been in fifth form for 26 years and his two children Dopey and SS are in the same class – but he's not silly... he's turned staying at school forever into a tax dodge.

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Finally the school becomes desperate to offload Terry and his boys, so the headmaster hatches a plot to get rid of Shakespeare. If he passes they can finally boot him out. So they make him direct the school play Macbeth.

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In a bizarre send-up of the happiest days of your life, the authors have assembled a cast of swots, crawlers, stirrers and dunces into a pantomime which took the Australian public by storm, both for its outrageous antics and appealing music and, more seriously, a glimpse of the doubts and confusion which haunt the school-leaver.

### TASMANIAN PREMIERE SEASON December 15-18 at the Earl Arts Centre

Boy's Own McBeth toured Australia & 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 90's by The Boy from Oz. And it has never been staged in Tasmania. Until now.

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# SCHOOL IS IN!

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Encore Theatre Company's production of Disney's High School Musical rehearsals are in full swing, with mega-choreography sessions dominating the first weeks.

Performed by Launceston's hottest young performers and an electrifying live band, High School Musical On Stage features all the characters and chart-topping songs from the movie. And if the cast survive the dance workouts devised by co-choreographers Scott Cosslett and Alix Birtwhistle, we're on a promise for a huge mega-mix finale!

And there's another very good reason to book early... not only are the best seats in the house on sale now, there's also 20% off ticket prices until December 31. How about giving the gift of live theatre this Christmas?



# Beauty-ful on DVD

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Attention all cast, crew, orchestra & friends of Encore's Beauty and the Beast! Here is your chance to preserve your memories of Beauty forever.

Under special licence through Hal Leonard Australia P/L, Encore was granted permission to film the final performance on October 23. A strictly limited number of copies will be made available at \$15 each. A one-off run of DVDs will then be produced for pre-Xmas delivery. Orders close Sunday December 5, and no orders will be taken after this time. Order yours today!

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On the 20th October Encore Theatre Company put on Disney's famous tale of Beauty and the Beast. The performance was staged over 2 weeks. It explored the themes of love and hatred. There was lots of beautiful singing by Samantha Hammersley and great acting by everyone. The play showed it doesn't matter what you look like as long as you're kind. It also showed the difference between inner beauty and outer beauty. Our class was dazzled by Alistair's amazing dancing. The costumes also looked beautiful. The audience really took in the theme of it all.

The feather duster, the wardrobe, the candle stick and of course Mrs Potts and Chip all did a great job. My favourite prop was the rose. Belle and the Beast were amazing. Gaston was hilarious. I loved it. I would rate it a 10/10!!!!!!

Written by Blair, Grade 5, Launceston Church Grammar School  
(Picture L to R Cast member Alistair Stubbs with Blair)

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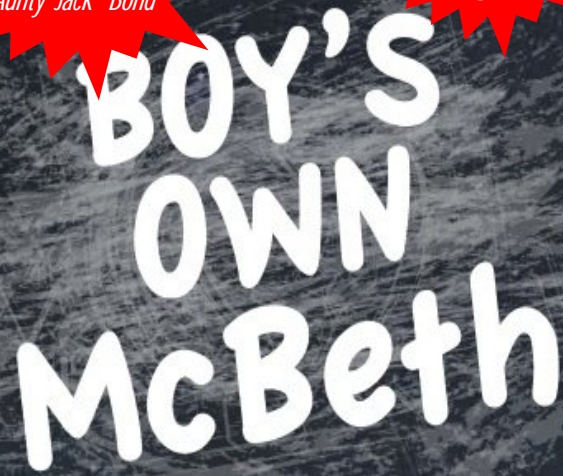
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## WHAT'S ON in TASSIE?

Christmas is not the only thing coming... there's plenty of shows, too!

26 November Esk Band Extravaganza at the Princess Theatre

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

17-23 January Launceston College Performing Arts (Music) Summer School

5 February The Rock Show starring Jon English at the Princess Theatre

10-19 March Disney's High School Musical presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre