



Light Op News

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MEMBERSHIP IS DUE ON FEBRUARY 1ST

Form is attached or available on our website: alotco.com.au

Welcome to ALOTCO 2019 from the President, Anne Davidson

Happy New Year and on behalf of the Albany Light Opera & Theatre Company management committee and welcome back to old and new members. With two shows planned for 2019, it is going to be a busy year ahead. Our theatre has been booked already by a couple of other groups and entertainers and we have had enquiries from several other interested parties, so exciting times are ahead.

Your committee is always looking, when possible, to improve our facilities at the theatre. We have just purchased a new lighting board, which has been installed and there will be some more new lights being installed in the middle of February. With the cinema fund raiser and the hiring of our theatre to other groups, we are re-investing these monies to further enhance the sound and lighting. Thank you everyone who came along and supported the club with the Bohemian Rhapsody Fund Raiser. We made \$1,500 towards the new lights.

I am directing our next production, *Beauty and the Beast*, so a busy few months ahead. Over the past months a lot of planning and research has already been carried out, as there is an enormous amount of work behind the scenes with props, costumes, make-up, set design, choreography and of course the music that needs to be carried out for this production. I am very much looking forward to the challenge of bringing *Beauty and the Beast* to life on our stage and again without the help of the amazing, talented team we have here at ALOTCO, it would not be possible without everyone's hard work, commitment and dedication. It really is a team effort and I am sure it is going to be a fantastic show. In saying this and like every other show we produce, with the hours and hours of work to be done behind the scenes, it is all hands-on deck. Therefore, starting Saturday 19th January and every Saturday thereafter, apart from 2nd and 3rd February as these are the Audition dates for *Beauty and the Beast*, Busy Bees will be held. If you can only spare an hour that all helps as there is always something to be done. **We Need You!**

Also, a huge congratulations to our participants in the Christmas Pageant this year winning third place. Well done Vanessa, Hayley and all their helpers. I am very much looking forward to another exciting year ahead with ALOTCO.

Important Dates: Put them on your calendar or in your phone NOW please!

- January 23rd (Wednesday) - Information Night - Beauty and the Beast – 7.00pm
- **February 1st ALOTCO membership due. \$30 Adults, Juniors \$15, Family \$70**
- February 2nd & 3rd February (Saturday and Sunday) – auditions
- February 5th (Tuesday) – first rehearsal
- March 3rd (Sunday) – Inaugural Annual Trash and Treasure (TnT)
- March 8th (Friday) – Eric Bogle – Details to follow.

Production Update



Lyndal, Anne and Findlay

Beauty and the Beast is based on the 1991 Disney movie and dating back to a late 18th Century classic French tale of the same name. It tells the story of Belle, a beautiful young woman, who feels out of place in her French village. An arrogant young prince and his castle servants fall under the spell of a wicked Enchantress who turns the prince into a hideous beast until he learns to love and be loved in return. When Belle's father is imprisoned in the beast's castle, Belle's attempt to rescue him leads to her capture by the beast. The Beast's enchanted household who also fell under the spell of the wicked enchantress watch anxiously as Belle and the Beast grow to understand and befriend one another. There is a time limit too for the beast to love and be loved. Will they confess their love for one another before it is too late? Will he remain a beast forever?

This timeless tale will be a joy for all involved within this production. Onstage actors, backstage crew, set designers, orchestra and audience members alike.

Beauty and The Beast is a show with many great ensemble moments, and therefore every single role is essential for fully bringing the world of this musical to life. Both men and woman cast in the ensemble, will also play various other roles within the production, so not just singing. The ensemble has a great deal of fabulous singing and therefore really is such an important role. There will be a need for good dancers both male and female, as we have 2 big dance numbers and various other dancing parts (not quite so demanding). Don't worry if you are not a dancer, I am not a dancer and these parts I could manage, well Lyndal, our choreographer said, "Even you could do this Anne", so don't be scared off.

The information night is Wednesday 23rd January 2019, with a prompt 7pm start as a lot to go through. Auditions will take place the following weekend on both Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd February and first rehearsal being Tuesday 5th February.

All necessary information required for your audition, what we are looking for in the various characters etc will be given out at the information night. If you are unable to attend the info night, contact me at anniedee@westnet.com.au or on 0419 605 672 and I will email out the relevant information for you.

Anne Davidson. Director.

Are you a budding Director?

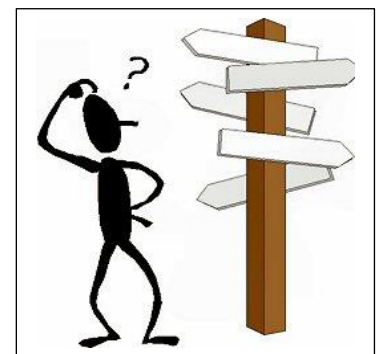
Do you have dreams of directing a musical at ALOTCO in 2020 or beyond?

The Management Committee welcomes show proposals from our membership.

Show Proposal forms are available on our website: alotco.com.au

If your proposal is approved, we will appoint an experienced mentor to support you.

To check out possible shows:



<https://theatrelinks.com/publishers-licencing/> or subscribe to Stage Whispers <http://www.stagewhispers.com.au>

TnT (Trash and Treasure)

Our inaugural Trash and Treasure happens on Sunday March 3rd starting at 9.00am and finishing at 2.00pm, weather permitting, at the Albany Port Theatre car park.

You can hire a spot to set up a trailer/car/trestle table to set out your wares. \$10 per bay. You will need to be set up by 8.30am and cars will have to remain in place until 2.00pm to avoid any traffic safety concerns.

If you are interested in hiring a bay or two, please get back to Jill via email asap.

Fundraising:

Do you want to start the year with an ALOTCO shirt or jacket?

1. polo shirt (\$35)
2. polar fleece – full zip or half zip (\$45)
3. hoodie (\$50)

beanessa@optusnet.com.au Vanessa is collecting orders for February.



Spectrum News

Female Transport will follow the tale of six female convicts aboard a ship bound for Australia from Britain in 1807.

The drama will reveal the six-month voyage while the women are kept in a cramped cell below deck.

Performance dates will be between March 28 and April 14. More details on Facebook – Spectrum Theatre

Your 2018/19 Committee

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Librarian: Sandra Wilson			Lighting: Sandra Wilson		
Make Up: Lynn Barentine			Newsletter: Jill Larsen		
Nostalgia: Kelly Seaton			Props/Scenery: Robin Hughes, Vanessa Paterson		
Publicity: Janet McArtney			Social Club: Vanessa Paterson		
Sound: Charles Danger			Wardrobe: Linda Leighton		
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Contributions

If you have any ideas or contributions for the newsletter, please email them through to Jill at info@alotco.com.au and we will do our best to include them in the next edition!



Farewell to Life Member Margaret Evans
We will miss you!

Christmas Pageant 2018
Third prize winners!
Well done to all involved!



Robin and Byson



Sandy O'Doherty
I couldn't recognise her either!

