



# Light Op News

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**Wishing you all a very merry Christmas**

Looking forward to more musical delights in 2021 and a vaccine for COVID!

## Message from the President

Wonderful to see our members creating their own acts and performing in AGT-2020 ALOTCo's Got Talent. Thankyou to all the cast and crew who did more than they thought they would be doing to create and entertaining show.

We are so thankful to have been able to produce two productions this year and make a profit on each, which is more than many community theatres have been able to do in the whole of Australia. Belonging to ALOTCo is so important for 'performing' but also for our general mental health as lets allows us to 'show off' our talents and therefore making us feel worthwhile and valuable to others. Performing (music, acting, dancing and singing) is only one part of the puzzle, there's creative artwork (scenery, props, poster, props, photography and videography), technical capability (sound, lighting, stage), costume design, organisational skills for Front of House, publicity and directing.

Thankyou to the committee making some difficult decisions and 3 hr committee meetings. Thankyou to the cast, crew and members who contribute to the continuation of our theatre no matter how small the input is, it is very much appreciated.

We are looking to the future 2021 for 2 amazing productions The Music of Musical – The Musical and Seussical the Musical (Yes, a very 'musical' year).

Exciting plans for 'Lets Shine' participants in 2021, we are so thankful to have our 'Guest stars' at the theatre as they bring some extra joy to the stage.

It's exhilarating, that we have so many productions already planned for the next 3 years, the most we have ever had showing a vibrant and healthy theatre community.

Remembering the last song from AGT2020 'We Cant Stop the Music' will keep us inspired for 2021 no matter what happens.

Merry Christmas (see you at the Christmas Party at the theatre)

El Presidente

Janet McArtney

# Musical of Musicals - the Musical!

ALOTCO presents .....

*Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)* is a musical about musicals!

In this hilarious satire, one story becomes five delightful musicals, each written in the distinctive style of a different master of the form, from Rodgers and to Stephen Sondheim.

The basic plot: June is an ingenue who can't pay the rent and is threatened by her evil landlord. Will the handsome leading man come to the rescue? The variations are - a Rodgers & Hammerstein version, set in Kansas in August, complete with a dream ballet; a Sondheim version, featuring the landlord as a tortured artistic genius who slashes the throats of his tenants in revenge for not appreciating his work; a Jerry Herman version, as a splashy star vehicle; an Andrew Lloyd Webber version, a rock musical with themes borrowed from Puccini; and a Kander & Ebb version, set in a speakeasy in Chicago. This comic valentine to musical theatre was the longest running show in the York Theatre Company's 35-year history before moving to Off-Broadway.

"Musical of Musicals- The Musical" will be directed by Donna Markovic along with assistant director, Peter Cook in April/May 2021. The team including choreographers Andrea Le Page and Carmen Fasolo, set design and stage manager Peter Cook, are excited to have the opportunity to present to our audience this witty and entertaining musical.

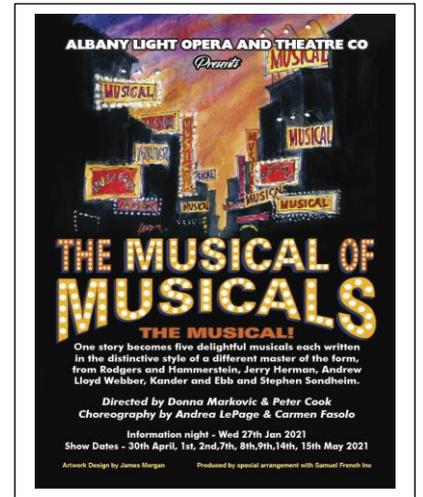
Traditionally this Musical has been performed using the same five leads for each act in different composer's styles. Donna is looking to expand on this and introduce more leads and a chorus.

Information night – Wednesday 27/01/21

Auditions – Saturday 30/01/21 and Sunday 31/01/21

Rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday starting 02/02/21

Audition information and show dates will soon be available on the ALOTCO website.



## Christmas Social Event

**ALOTCo**

**Christmas BBQ**

**Port Theatre**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**4.00pm**





## **AGT-2020 ALOTCo's Got Talent**

ALOTCo welcomed the second AGT due to COVID delaying 'Urinetown the Musical' and therefore the two planned productions being postponed until 2021. Just like last year, a gap became available and Jill and Janet decided to fill it with a variety show with past and present Divas and Divos performing acts of their choice which would mean something special to them. How lucky we are to have such talented people in our theatre!

So many memorable performances, but to name a few there were ..... two acts from Urinetown, ALOTCo Youth Singers, special poi lights show, tap dancing, so many wonderful solos and group acts and an rousing finale called 'From Now On' which meant so much to the cast and audience.

Lovely to have Naomi Lake who has performed in four 'Lets Shine' productions entertain us with an original poem/dance and an act from 2019 'Let's Shine Brightly'. Naomi's involvement signifies the ultimate in integration when people living with a disability gain enough skills to perform in a mainstream production.

When will be the next AGT opportunity? Hopefully not too soon as we want our three-year schedule locked in. But... just in case, just putting it out there anyone can put their hand up to coordinate, Jill and I will be happy to assist.

Special thankyou to Vanessa Paterson who created the AGT sign (in readiness for future AGT's).

Coordinators Jill Larsen and Janet McArtney



'Shine from the Shadows' Carers WA after the successful premiere in September, the short documentary about the 2019 production 'Let's Shine Brightly' is due to be released online in the next few weeks.

**Let's Embrace Diversity - Albany Autism Awareness** sponsored by ABC Heywire in conjunction with Autism Support Network Albany (ASNA) and supported by ALOTCo. Emily O'Brien (interviewer) and Bayden Redshaw (videographer) will be producing short videos for social media, to increase awareness and understanding of youth living with Autism in the Albany community. Soft media release has already gained 4 participants, info out in papers and radio soon, with filming to start in February. More info [www.facebook.com/LetsShineALOTCo/photos/a.1493565574190290/2751550121725156Emily](https://www.facebook.com/LetsShineALOTCo/photos/a.1493565574190290/2751550121725156Emily)

**Carers WA booklet titled "Naomi's World"** by Naomi Lake, tells the story of her life and of course she mentions 'Let's Shine'. Naomi has performed in four Let's Shine productions.

Past ALOTCo member **Matt Ward, Artistic Director of [www.breaksea.org](http://www.breaksea.org)** has approached 'Lets Shine' to be involved in workshops and QR code projects for late 2021. EXCITING!!! Details closer to the time [www.breaksea.org](http://www.breaksea.org)

Jill Larsen and Janet McArtney

## Secretary needed for next year

I need our membership to start considering taking over the role of Secretary at the AGM on March 31<sup>st</sup> next year.

I can give you any amount of help. Everything is set up on the theatre lap top and I have masses of useful (and possibly useless) information on file.

The basic job is keeping and collating the minutes and communicating with our members.

It is also the Secretary's job to keep the membership file and email contacts up to date.

I am quite happy to continue helping with the newsletter and website unless the wonderful volunteer would like to undertake these tasks too.

## Important Dates

- **Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup> – Busy Bee – 10.00am**
- **Christmas Sausage Sizzle/BBQ – Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> – Port Theatre – 4.00pm**
- **Musical of Musicals Information Night – Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm**
- **Roasted Oscars – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 7.00pm**

### Your 2020/21 Committee

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