

# TOP OF THE TORRENS THEATRE NEWS!



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## Words from the editor! 😊

Here we are with the Spring newsletter of 2022, and what a fantastic year so far with having such a huge crowd for Blith Spirit. TOTT is stepping right back in action with an end of year show. With new members joining and even old members coming back to perform for the next show, it'll most definitely be a show worth watching!

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

As I write the weather outside of my window is wet and soggy and I think we are all beginning to wonder if spring will ever arrive – I'm sure it will !

Since the last newsletter we have had a wonderful production of *Blithe Spirit* – I hope that you managed to come along and see a terrific cast of seven perform Noel Coward's 1940's play. It was a huge success and was well received by the critics. What a wonderful start to raising some much-needed funds. Thank you to everyone who helped especially the cast who turned out for rehearsals on wet dark and cold nights.

During late August and September, we introduced some workshops for aspiring thespians and were lucky to have the services of James and Charissa McCluskey-Garcia who introduced our attendees to the history of theatre including props, sound, costumes and choreographers; covered the basics of acting, auditions, character development. Music and song were included and learning basic moves for dance and then it was put all together in a wonderful mini showcase which I had the pleasure of attending at the finish. What a wonderful opportunity for those who attended.

Our next production is a pantomime at the end of November. Growing up and being part of a somewhat eccentric nation, the British have always indulged in the traditional pantomime and I am sure that many of you reading this will have been taken to see a panto at Christmas as I was every year – it was my first introduction to live theatre a real band and the traditional ice-cream tub with wooden scoop in the interval ! So, look out for posters advertising Cinderella. We have some wonderful characters developing – and I hope that you will come along to boo and hiss or to cheer on our lovely cast. The dates are included in this newsletter. She's behind you ...!

Best wishes.

Mo Johnson

President

Top of the Torrens Theatre Group inc

## Workshop Report

TOTT'S six-week workshop course has now come to an end, with nothing but spectacular results. Hosted and taught by James and Clarissa McCluskey-Garcia, the two of them everyone found were very easy to get along with.

Within the six weeks the kids and adults alike including myself began to not only improve our acting capabilities but also our self confidence in many areas, that being singing for the ones like myself who are the more reserved and softer toned or improving one's confidence within an audition room. Dancing lessons were also giving and with most of us being an inexperienced dancer, we all very much loved the help from Bec Mason a choreographer who came in for a day. By the end of the six weeks we had performed a small showcase to family, friends, and TOTT members alike. Monologues both happy and sad had been shared, songs were sung, and the Time Warp was danced to. With each of us giving it the very best that we could, some tears were shed and some partially froze with nervousness. But there wasn't a single thing that could've stopped us that day. I was so happy and excited to perform with all my new friends and companions, our fun won't stop either as we go to perform in the upcoming Pantomime, Cinderella! Thank you, everyone.

William James Melbourne  
TOTT Newsletter Editor.



Back Row  
Helen Lane, Hayley Melbourne.

Middle Row  
Gwendolyn van Zwol, Tim Lane.

Front row  
Amelia Holliday, William Melbourne, Eden Lane.



## Audience thoughts!

“Well-presented and each individual show cased themselves delightfully.”

– Anna Kelly

“Everyone seemed very confident, I also loved the Tim Tams.”

– Jody Bedford



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PRESENTS...

# Cinderella

A Traditional Christmas Panto  
Mount Pleasant Soldiers Memorial Hall  
SAT 19th, 26th NOV at 2pm & 7:30pm  
SUN 20th, 27th NOV at 2pm  
Adults \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$15

Top of the Torrens Theatre Group Presents  
Cinderella, The Timeless Musical Pantomime



Top of the Torrens Theatre Group presents Cinderella, the timeless musical pantomime (loosely based around the well-known fairy tale) and enjoyed by generations across the world. On the stage at:

**Mount Pleasant Soldiers Memorial Hall  
19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

The talented cast bring to the audience plenty of music and laughter – you don't want to miss it.

We encourage plenty of audience participation in sing-a-long songs and calling out to the performers during the onstage slapstick (but well-orchestrated) comedy, dancing and side-splitting humour. Yes, the ugly sisters are

up to no good as they try to prevent Cinderella from attending the Prince's ball! All the wonderful characters are there, Buttons, Dandini and the Prince and, of course, Baroness Borassic! She's behind you!

Mo Johnson is directing with Heath Gladigau as musical director.

Four matinees, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November and two evening performances, 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November. Bookings open on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Enquiries from our ticket helpline 0435 403 364.

Mo Johnson  
Director Cinderella

My daughter wanted a Cinderella themed birthday party. So, I invited all her friends and made them clean the house.





**MEMBERSHIP COMES WITH FREE TICKETS?!**

Adult \$40 – Includes one free ticket to each show and voting rights!

Junior \$20 (Under 18) – Includes one free ticket per year!

Family \$65 (Two adults and two Juniors under 18) – Includes one free ticket to each show and voting rights for one person!

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