THE MMAC YOUTH THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS

Little Stars

by Steven Harris, Catherine Field and Erin Hardy



Friday May 10
Saturday May 11
McKnight Theatre
Maitland Town Hall

Directed by
Leanne Cane

Maitland Music & Arts Club
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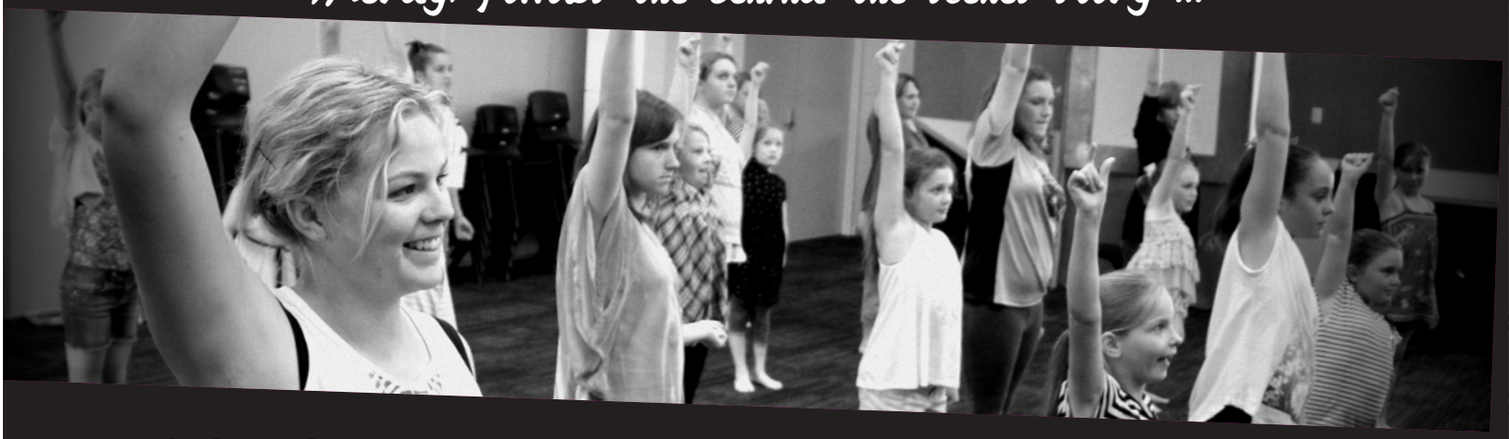
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'Little Stars', by Steven Harris, Catherine Field and Erin Hardy, follows the behind the scenes story ...



... of five finalists (and their neurotic parents) as they compete in a national TV hit sensation singing competition seeking the next ...



Little Star!



With crooked judges, hyperactive presenters and a live studio audience, it is a wonderful parody of the well-loved Idol TV format .... and just as humorous.

The MMAC Youth Theatre,
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Costumes
CHERYL HEAN

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Chairperson's Welcome

Belinda Wundersitz



We are so privileged to have the very talented and experienced Mrs. Leanne Cane, directing our first ever Y.P. Youth Theatre Production. The newly developed Youth Theatre group has been met with overwhelming interest and support from children and parents alike and it has been a very rewarding process, helping Leanne bring her long time vision to life.

Leanne's flair for creativity, inclusivity and passion for choreography showcases the many and varied talents of the somewhat forty-three children who have eagerly participated in " Little Stars" since early February. Leanne's work with the students' is to be commended and I would like to thank Leanne very much for her time, talent, skill and patience in working not only with so many children and their diverse range of talents, but also so many parents and members of the Production Team, who have taken on new and challenging roles! Thanks also to Diane Morgan, for her excellent Musical Direction, support and work with all the students.



As with every production there is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes and many people need to be thanked for their tireless efforts offstage. The outstanding Production Team, Carolyn Field-Secretary, Debbie Schwartz-Treasurer, Chris Oster-Photography, Kirsty Short-Set Design and Construction and Cheryl Hean-Costume Manager, have had crucial roles in making this show possible. I thank them for their time and commitment.



Thanks also to our other committee members, community members and many parents who have taken on roles assisting with everything from lighting, backstage, hair, make-up right through to getting children dressed on time! Little Stars' has been a terrific team effort and I thank you all very much for supporting the children in this significant event.





Director's Welcome

Leanne Cane



Back in August 2011, I directed the ever popular musical Oliver! for the Maitland Music and Arts Club. With a cast of 25 young people ranging in age from 6 through 18 years, this production became the first step that the company would make towards the formation of a Youth theatre group.

This production of the musical "Little Stars" is our second step in that direction and has proven the demand for and interest in the theatrical arts amongst the Peninsula's young people. With 40 children from around the Peninsula and with some travelling from Yorketown and the Copper Coast, it has been wonderful to watch our performers improve in confidence and ability and to see their enjoyment. We hope that in 2014 the next step will be the formation of a performing arts school, offering tuition in acting, singing and stage dancing (along with some other interesting skills that young people will love) which will culminate in an annual theatrical production.



Little Stars, was written by an Australian team and parodies some of the most popular Television shows of our current era. With an ascerbic critic, flashbacks to the audition series and a bunch of kids with stars in their eyes, this production has proven to be a wonderful opportunity to give everyone in the cast, regardless of age their "15 seconds of fame."

No musical ever produces itself and I am grateful for the incredible support I have received from the Maitland Music and Arts Club, the MMAC Youth Theatre committee led by Belinda Wundersitz and Carolyn Field, Di Morgan our indefatigable Musical Director, Kirsty Short our set designer, Cheryl Hean our costume co-ordinator, Tim Tuck the MMAC secretary who was responsible for the production of our advertising material and programme, Stephen Clarke our Stage Manager and of course our technical team led by Richard and ably assisted by Stephen "Fermby" Lodge and Ashley Nankivell. There are of course many others who have helped each of these people and I thank each and every one of them for their input.

I hope you enjoy "Little Stars."





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THE FINALISTS...

Jessica Mansfield:- Jessica is a shy, sweet girl who wins the audience's affections right from the beginning of the script. She is thoughtful and kind to the other contestants and would never even suspect her fellow performers of sabotage. Throughout the play Jessica's confidence grows until she is by far the most outstanding performer on the stage.

Donna Prima:- Donna is a perfect 'brat'! She considers her talent to be greater than everyone else's and blames everyone else for her own shortcomings. Donna is always difficult and full of complaints. She demands constant attention and adores being in the spotlight. When Donna performs she is over confident and is seen as trying too hard.



Merrilee Waterman:- Merrilee is a very uncomplicated character. She is pleasant and agreeable. Merrilee comes from a country town and is excited to be visiting the 'big city'. She is keen to soak up the atmosphere and seems to enjoy every minute of her experience. As well as getting along with everyone, Merrilee is also excited by becoming embroiled in Preston's nasty plot to sabotage Jessica's final performance. She is very proud that her ideas bring Preston to justice.

Preston Hardwick:- Preston is a nasty character through and through. He has only mediocre talent and relies on cheating and sabotage to make his way to the top. He has no qualms about ruining the other contestants' performances and attempts to make them feel bad about themselves at any opportunity. Preston has his eye on the prize and nobody is going to get in his way!

Amadeus Amadeus:- Amadeus is a colourful character and keeps the audience entertained right from the beginning of the script. He thinks he is the most attractive looking contestant and constantly refers to his fabulous appearance. Amadeus is far too familiar with fashion trends and what is hip and cool.





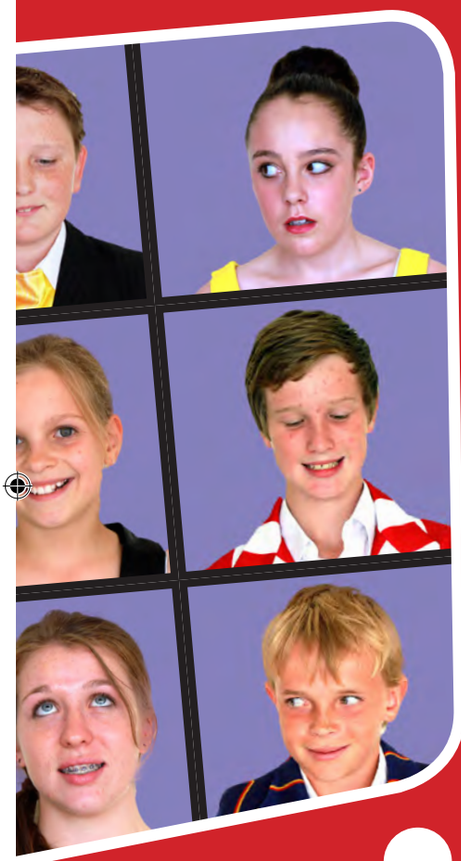


THE JUDGES...

Livinia Rose- Livinia is a gushy, feminine character who is constantly trying to give the contestants mushy, unhelpful advice. She is a larger than life character and uses her hands very expressively when talking. She is easily persuaded by the other judges and has very few decision-making abilities of her own. .

Boswell Carson:- Boswell is mean, nasty and critical and brutally honest about the contestants' performances. He has no consideration for others feelings and considers himself to always be correct. Boswell is being blackmailed throughout the production but he finally realises that he does have a choice to do the right thing.

cast notes



THE PARENTS...

Merrilee s Parents:- Merrilee's parents are country folk who are extremely excited to be in the city. They are very proud of Merrilee but they prefer to be back on their property.

Merrilee s Sister:- Merrilee's sister is the black sheep of the family. She desperately to be part of the city scene.

Donna s Parents:- Donna's parents are always trying to placate their daughter by telling her she is the best – whether it is true or not..

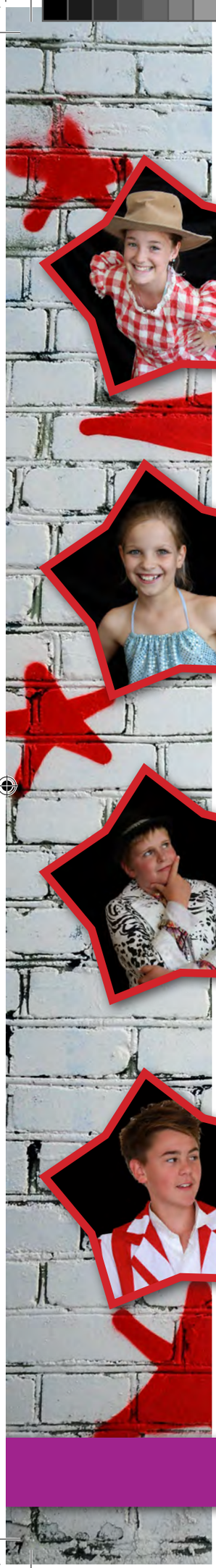
Preston s Parents:- Prestons parents are just as crooked as he is. They are more than happy to fall in the with Preston's plans to cheat his way through the competition.

Jessica s Mother:- Jessica's mother is a character very much like Jessica. She is sweet and kind and is just grateful that Jessica has been given this opportunity.









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★FINALI

Jessica Mansfield
Clara Oster

Preston Chadwick
Lachlan Pointon

Amadeus An
Charles Wur

★JUDGES & PR

Boswell Carson
Lachlan Field

Livinia Rose
Zoe Lodge

Paula Abd
Kaitlin Mo

★PARENTS, BAND LEADER

Mrs Mansfield
Charlotte Adolph
Mrs Chadwick
Joanna Hosking

Mr Chadwick
Dillon Pointon
Mrs Waterman
Shayna Hall
Mrs Amadeus
Amelia Honner

Mr Waterı
Jordan Co
Sister Wate
Ella Buckin

★OTHER JUDGES★

Henry Honner, Lewis Schwartz, Grace Knight, Caitlyn Ingham, Chloe Short

★CONTESTANTS/

Wailer
Shayna Hall
Rapper
Lewis Schwartz
Country & Western Singer
Ella Simpson
Singer
Rachel Stone

Beat Boxer
Kane Brokenshire
Heavy Metal Singer
Ella Buckingham
Air Guitarist
Dillon Pointon
Opera Singer
Joanna Hosking

Poet
Kate Mor
Mime Art
Caitlin Rc
Rap Arti
William Po
Kazoo pla
Lewis Sch

★ACROBATS★

Nelly Bittner, Joanna Hosking, William Pointon

★ROCK N ROLL D

Alyse Hean, Nelly Bittner, Grace Knight, Chloe Short, Caitlyn Ingham, Ella Simps

★ANGELS★

Anna Wilson, Ella Simpson, Leah and Kate Morgan, Caitlin Roads, Neveyah Mohring, Grace Moloney, Kirralee Field

★RECORDER PLAYERS★

Amelia Pointon, Jordan Cowell, Amelia Honner, Rachel Stone

★MEXICAN HAT DANCERS★

tars Cast

ALISTS ★

eus Amadeus
s Wundersitz

Donna Prima
Brianna Schwartz

Merrilee Waterman
Minette Cooper



PRESENTERS ★

la Abdool
n Mohring

Quillon Wild
Jacob Wilson

Tyson Tikkett
Henry Hollams

DER AND INTERVIEWERS ★

Waterman
an Cowell
r Waterman
uckingham

Mr Prima
Kane Brokenshire
Philippa Armonique
Rachel Stone
Mrs Prima
Zoe Oster

Emma Blieschke
Jamie George
TV Announcer
Harvey Gardner



★AMADEUS' ENTOURAGE★

Amelia Honner, Amelia Pointon, Alyse Hean, Nelly Bittner

ES/AUDTIONEES ★

Poet
e Morgan
me Artist
lin Roads
ap Artist
m Pointon
oo player
s Schwartz

Lollipop Song
Lydia Oster
Actors
Ella Simpson & Jordan Cowell
Impersonation
Caitlin Roads
Teary Love Song
Ella Buckingham

Dancer
Chloe Short
Sound of Music
Grace Moloney
Doggy in the Window
Grace Knight
The Young Fella
Lewis Schwartz



★YMCA★

Kane Brokenshire, Dillon Pointon, Harvey Gardner, William Pointon, Henry Honner

OLL DANCERS ★

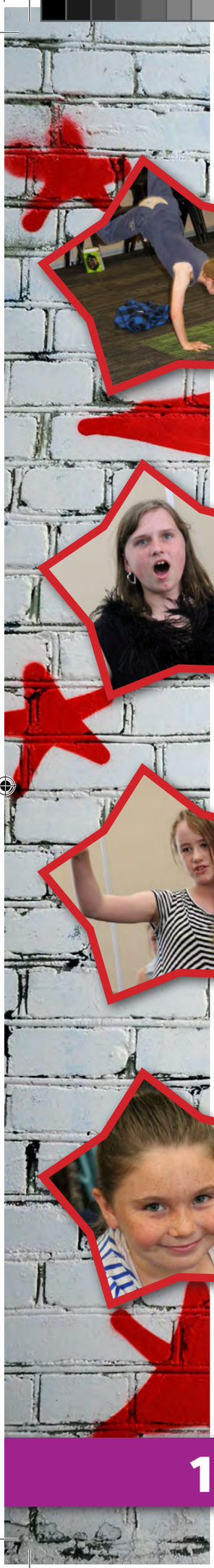
Simpson, Leah Morgan, Grace Moloney, Kirralee Field, Caitlin Roads, Kate Morgan

Grace Moloney, Caitlyn Ingham, Kirralee Field, Leah Morgan,
Anna Wilson, Nevayah Mohring



★THE CUP SONG★

Charlotte Adolph, Alyse Hean, Emma Blieschke & Zoe Oster



Scenes 'n' Songs

★ACT 1★

Scene 1 .....Preston Auditions

Scene 2 .....First Show

♬ **Rock and Roll Medley** - *The Finalists*

Scene 3 .....After the Show

♬ **I Believe** - *Jessica*

Scene 4 .....Donna Auditions

Scene 5 .....Before the Second Show

♬ **Stage Fright** - *The Finalists*

Scene 6 .....Second Show



★ACT 2★

Scene 1 .....Amadeus Auditions

Scene 2 .....In the Studio

♬ **Never, Never** - *The Finalists*

Scene 3 .....Merrilee Auditions

Scene 4 .....Confronting Boswell

♬ **Clean Up Your Act** - *Parents, Boswell and Angels*

Scene 5 .....Final Show

♬ **Bring 'Em On** - *TV Audience/Chorus*

♬ **Final Medley** - *The Finalists*

Scene 6 .....Press Conference

Scene 7 .....Jessica Auditions

Scene 8 .....The Concert

♬ **Holding the World**- *Jessica, Finalist and Cast*

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BACKSTAGE MARSHALLS
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Joyce Adolph, Sally Emery, Chris Laird

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Little Stars





























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- Maitland Area School
- Maitland Lutheran School
- Karen Lee Dance Academy
- Jayne's Country Classics

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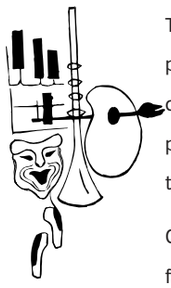
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The Maitland Music & Arts Club



The Maitland Music & Arts Club is a community arts group dedicated to producing and promoting the musical, dramatic and visual arts in the central Yorke Peninsula region. The club was formed in 1953 with Harold Coombe the first president and 'The Messiah' the first production. Since then the club has performed over fifty shows including one-act plays, theatre restaurant evenings, choir festivals and, of course, musicals.

Club musicals have been directed by both local and 'imported' directors and our reputation for theatrical excellence is in no small part due to breadth of local acting talent and the 'education' aspect of teaching theatrical skills as part of the normal rehearsal process. The club has been engaged in a long-term plan for renovating the theatre area and has completed many of its goals including improved lighting and sound equipment.

New members are actively sort for future productions, so if you're into acting, singing, music, dance, backstage work, lighting, sound, props, scenery or just being involved with a group of friendly people who love the performing arts, contact our president Debbie Schwartz for further information.

CLUB PRESIDENTS

1953 ..... Harold Coombe
1954 ..... Max Pearce
1956 ..... Coralie Sturm
1957 ..... Ian Slee
1959-60 ..... Jock Bourne
1961-62 ..... David Pearce
1963-64 ..... Merv Rowe
1965-66 ..... Bob McKnight
1967-68 ..... Alec Ash
1969-70 ..... Margaret Daniel
1971-72 ..... Tony Mazzei
1973-74 ..... Dr. Bill Chappell
1975-76 ..... Hugh Wearing
1977-78 ..... Lois Greenslade
1979 ..... Lin Morris
1980-82 ..... Peter Hollams
1983 ..... Kym Dutschke
1984-88 ..... Greg Twelftree
1989-90 ..... Pat Eglinton
1991-92 ..... Kate Holmes
1993-94 ..... Peter Bagshaw
1995-96 ..... Tim Tuck
1997-98 ..... Kaylene Graham
1999-2000 ..... Tim Tuck
2001-05 ..... Anne Eyles
2006-07 ..... Paul Hayles
2008-09 ..... Craig Woodward
2010-12 ..... Paul Hayles
2013 ..... Debbie Schwartz

PAST PRODUCTIONS

1953 ..... The Messiah
1959 ..... Merrie England
1962 ..... Pirates of Penzance
1963 ..... Gondoliers, Salad Days
1964 ..... Excerpts from Oklahoma, Student Prince
1965 ..... No, No Nanette
1966 ..... Marriage of Figaro,
1967 ..... Festival of Plays
1968 ..... 1066 and All That
1969 ..... Festival of Plays
1971 ..... Brigadoon
1972 ..... Da Carpo
1973 ..... The Boyfriend
1974 ..... The Merry Widow
1977 ..... Kiss Me Kate, The Three Drovers
1979 ..... HMS Pinafore
1981 ..... Old King Cole
1982 ..... Sentimental Bloke
1983 ..... Cool in the Furnace
1984 ..... The Creation, Showboat
1986 ..... Fiddler on the Roof
1987 ..... Come Out: Death Vader
1988 ..... Viva Mexico
1990 ..... Guys and Dolls
1992 ..... Sheik, Rattle & Roll
1994 ..... The Pyjama Game
1995 ..... Highland Heather
1996 ..... Anything Goes
1998 ..... Kiss Me Kate
2000 ..... Half-a-Sixpence
2001 ..... Federation Show
2002 ..... Your Place or Mine, Camelot
2004 ..... Henry
2006 ..... Joseph & His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
2008 ..... Grease
2009 ..... Oklahoma!
2011 ..... Oliver!
2012 ..... Chicago
2013 ..... Little Stars (YT) Guys & Dolls



Henry (2004)



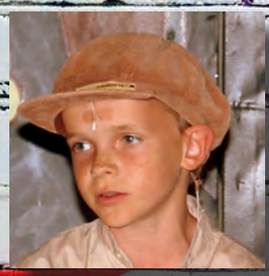
Joseph (2006)



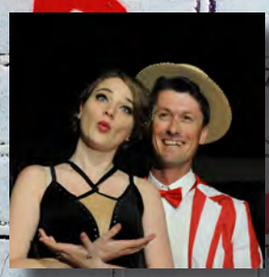
Grease (2008)



Oklahoma (2009)



Oliver! (2011)



Chicago (2012)



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Leanne, the Committee and the cast and crew of the MMAC Youth Theatre musical production of 'Little Stars' would like to thank all the people, businesses and organisations that made tonight possible. They'd also like to thank their families for their patience and support and thank you, our wonderful audiences for your continued patronage.

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