

Victorian College of the Arts
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VCA Music (Music Theatre) in association with VCA Production present
'JUST TAKE YOUR SKIN OFF AND DANCE'...
GRADUATING SHOWCASE 2007
Thursday 29 November to Sunday 2 December

Devised by Margot Fenley, Martin Croft, Luke Hunter and Tanya Mitford
Musical Supervisor: Luke Hunter / Musical Director: Richard Montgomery

Featuring second year Music Theatre students...

Alicia Attwood ~ Reece Budin ~ Jonathan Cook ~ Simon Douglas ~ Kasey Gambling
Kasey McKenzie ~ Joel Mead ~ Jensen Overend ~ Adele Scott ~ Elle Sejean ~ Melanie Somerville

After two years of study VCA Music's Music Theatre students are ready to attack the world of theatre. The annual Graduating Showcase is an opportunity for students to present performances showcasing their full range – across Cabaret, Drama, Dance and Song.

'JUST TAKE YOUR SKIN OFF AND DANCE' is a terrific opportunity to see VCA Music Theatre's stars of tomorrow doing what they love most. Book now!

VCA Music's popular **Music Theatre** course was established in 2003. VCA Music Theatre offers the tools of the profession in the spirit of enquiry and adventure, and covers a diverse range of repertoire, styles and skills in a nurturing workshop environment. Students are instructed in the technical and artistic elements of Voice, Dance and Acting. The final weeks of each year are dedicated to the presentation of a full-scale music theatre production, working with a Director, Music Director, Choreographer and VCA Production. Previous productions have included *Company*, *Up* and *Into the Woods*. Music Theatre co-course coordinators are **Martin Croft** and **Margot Fenley**.

VCA Music's **Music Theatre** course has been a huge success, with alumni working across the spectrum of the big shows and internationally including...

- **Laura McCulloch** now playing Jennyanydots in The Really Useful International production of **CATS**
- **Winston Hillyer** playing the title role in Disney's **The Lion King** in Germany
- **Leah Lim and Ed Deganos** both in the ensemble of the Australian tour of **Miss Saigon**
- **Danielle Matthews** is currently touring Australia in **RESPECT**
- **Ross Hannaford** has carved an impressive career appearing in such shows as **We Will Rock You**, **Little Me**, **Mamma Mia** and was invite to attend a 3 month workshop in Canada with **Cirque Du Soleil**
- **Erin Cornell** has had very successful seasons of her Cabaret shows around Melbourne and is currently starring as Elphaba in **WICKED** in Japan
- **Emma Rule**, **Reuben Krum** and **Stephen McDowell** have all had sell out and return seasons of their individual cabaret shows
- **Caitlin Fowler** has recently released her **debut CD** of original songs and is a regular on the Melbourne musician circuit as well as regular seasons of her cabaret show
- **Shoena Urquhart** is travelling the world as the Guest Singer on **Pacific Cruises**
- **Erin Lister** spent 2 years on the cruise circuit in North America before relocating to Europe
- **Bree Langridge** is touring the country with theatre in education
- **Paige Gardiner** is furthering her studies in the drama course at **NIDA**

'JUST TAKE YOUR SKIN OFF AND DANCE'/GRADUATING SHOWCASE 2007:

Dates/times: Thursday 29 November to Saturday 1 December at 7.30pm / Sunday 2 December at 2pm

Cost: \$22/\$18

Venue: Studio 45, 45 Sturt Street, Southbank (next to the new Recital Building)

Bookings: www.magtix.com **Enquiries:** 03/ 9685 9405

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