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Dr Michael Whitehead

President / Executive Producer

If you think ROCK OF AGES is that hymn played on street corners accompanied by tambourines, then you had better leave the theatre now! This is the raw 80's with the mullets, leather, denim and rock music in full swing.

There is lots of laughter, love, lewd behaviour, lithe dancing...a typical LYRIC production? In essence, yes, but no! We have assembled five of Ballarat's leading musicians into a supergroup band, ARSENAL and they are centre stage for the whole performance. Surrounding them are the various outrageous characters that inhabit THE BOURBON ROOM bar and the convenient neighbouring gentlemen's establishment, the VENUS CLUB.

This is serious musical theatre entertainment, but with tears of laughter! We are so grateful to have the creative 'dream team' guiding this production: Stephen O'Neil, Andy McCalman and David Harford. Supporting them in the show is a production team that Ballarat is so fortunate to have. It is worth reading the program to learn about this team. The lighting rig is the biggest we have seen [wear those big round sunglasses]. The sound of a rock band on a stage with brilliant singing performances is 'Cool, Man'. The pyrotechnics alone will blow you away! Our pyro-technician and stage-manager Marc Sinclair suggested that I should re-phrase that. The extraordinary costumes will bring back memories of how we really looked back then with THAT hair!

The performers have really worked hard as this is a demanding show. I have a lot of respect now for the singing abilities of the early rockers which our cast has replicated so well. They are an amazingly talented and committed group of actors who will make your time in the 'new' Her Majesty's Theatre an unforgettable delight.

Out of the limelight are the equally important set builders, back-stage crew, the properties department, hairdressers, make-up experts, dressers, costumiers and front of house staff. The Majestechs staff and Her Majesty's Theatre administration are meticulous in their care of us throughout the season.

Lastly, the administration of LYRIC is indebted to this strong and resilient committee who work so diligently for the last 12 months to achieve what you will see on the stage. Their voluntary contribution to the continuing promotion of the best of Ballarat's performing arts talent has led to opportunities for cast to seek further careers in the Arts and has helped Ballarat cement itself as a major incubator of fine performers.

While Ballarat built this city on rocks of gold, for the next few weeks we'll be singing "We Built This City On Rock And Roll"! Yes, corny, like some lines in this fabulous show. Enjoy it.

Michael Whitehead President



PATRON Craig Revel Horwood

Director, Choreographer, TV Personality Andover, Hampshire UK

Rock of Ages is a rock/jukebox musical. A love story set in LA, book by Chris D'Arienzo with music from 25 classic rock hits from the 1980s. This legendary show, described as a "Great Experience' by Alice Cooper, became a smash hit worldwide and features hilarious and eyebrow scorching tunes including Don't Stop Believing, We Built This City, The Final Countdown, Dead Or Alive, Here I Go Again, I Can't Fight This Feeling and I Want To Know What Love Is. I loved all the glam metal bands of the decade, so when I saw the production at the Shaftsbury Theatre in London's West End back in 2011 I had a ball. The actors break the 'fourth wall' meaning they can directly address the audience reminding the audience that they are actors in a musical, which is a riot! It's a night of outrageous rock'n'roll debauchery at the biggest party in Ballarat! Ballarat Lyric Theatre is the only company in Victoria to be granted the rights to recreate this raucous and funny musical. So enjoy it, let your hair down and get involved. To all the cast and crew at Ballarat Lyric Theatre a huge CHOOKAS for your run and I'm sure you'll have just as much fun onstage as the audience have partying along with you in the auditorium. Bring the house down!!!!!

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VALE: Gladys Beames The Ballarat Lyric Theatre Company were saddened by the passing of Gladys last year, an Honorary Life Member, FOH Co-ordinator and friend of the Company. Gladys contributed many years to Lyric and all the theatre companies in Ballarat.

VALE: Isla Preston Isla recently passed away and was a long term Honorary Life Member of Ballarat Lyric Theatre, she treaded the boards on many occasions and was also a committee member and friend of the Company.

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From the Director STEPHEN O'NEIL

Stephen made his stage debut at the age of three, in the arms of Slim Dusty as a lost child at the Wagga Wagga Country Music Festival. Since then he has gone on to win four Victorian Music Theatre Guild Awards. He has won Male Performer in a Leading Role as Bill Snibson in "Me and My Girl" and as Arthur Kipps in "Half A Sixpence". Other on stage credits include P.T Barnum in "Barnum", Mike Mooney in "Paint Your Wagon", Tommy Djilus in "The Music Man" and Edna Turnblad in "Hairspray".His direction of "Les Miserables" and "The Boy From Oz" both won him Guild Awards for Best Direction and Production of the Year. He has also directed productions of "Scrooge", "Bugsy", "The Hot Mikado", "The Phantom Of The Opera" and last year's "Miss Saigon".

Stephen would like to thank his production team and the incredibly dedicated cast and crew who have worked tirelessly to bring "Rock Of Ages" to the stage in the truly beautiful Her Majesty's Theatre, a place he called home for over ten years as Technical Manager and Director. Stephen's wife Megan hopes that he will now move out of the 80's and perhaps listen to something from this millennium......

He still cries when he hears Slim Dusty.

ROCK OF AGES SYNOPSIS

It's the tail end of the big, bad 1980s in Hollywood, and the party has been raging hard. Aqua Net, Lycra, lace and liquor flow freely at one of the Sunset Strips last legendary venues, a place where sex machine Stacee Jaxx takes the stage and scantily clad groupies line up to turn their fantasies into reality. Amidst the madness, aspiring rock star (and resident toilet cleaner), Drew longs to take the stage as the next big thing (and longs for small-town girl Sherri, fresh off the bus from Kansas with stars in her eyes). But the rock and roll fairy-tale is about to end when German developers sweep into town with plans to turn the fabled Strip into just another capitalist strip mall.

Can Drew, Sherri and the gang save the strip - and themselves - before it's too late?





ANDY MCCALMAN Choral/Musical Director

As a Life Member of Ballarat Lyric Theatre Andy has a long standing history with the company first having appeared in No No Nanette as Tom Trainor. Since those early days Andy has performed, directed, produced and musically directed many shows for BLT, BLOC, CLOC Music Theatre and other companies across the state. Performance credits include Les Miserables having played Jean Valjean twice and Enjolras twice. Andy was also seen playing the Phantom in BLTs 2014 production of The Phantom Of The Opera. He also played the role of Chris is BLOC's 2015 production of Miss Saigon. Other credits include Rapunzel's Prince in Into The Woods (CLOC). Doody in Grease (BLOC), Teen Angel in Grease (BLT), Pilate in Jesus Christ Superstar (BLT), Billy Crocker in Anything Goes and the list goes on. Andy has musically and chorally directed a large number of shows including CATS & Hairspray for BLT, Sunset Boulevard, The Phantom Of The Opera and Legally Blonde all for CLOC Music Theatre Melbourne. Many others include Chicago, Grease, Best Little Whorehouse In Texas, Joseph & His Technicolor Dreamcoat (Director) just to name a few. Andy has been awarded a number of Victorian Music Theatre Guild Awards for Best Actor in a Musical for Jean Valiean & Best Musical Director for both Cats and Sunset Boulevard. After a couple of years performing Andy is finally extremely happy to be part of the Creative Team for Rock Of Ages with Director Stephen O'Neil and Choreographer David Harford.





With over 13 years experience, David Harford is a multi award-winning musical theatre choreographer and director. Whilst completing his BA in Musical Theatre at the Ballarat Arts Academy, he found his strength and passion for Choreography. Since then David has gone onto to direct and choreograph over 25 musicals including the multi award-winning Cats (2007) for which he received Best Design, Best Choreographer, Best Director and Production of the Year for Ballarat Lyric Theatre at the Victorian Music Theatre Guild awards. He was the original choreographer for the Australian premier of Tracy Harvey's Call Girl - The Musical (2009-2011) at Chapel off Chapel and Pr!ck - The Musical (2013) at the Athenaeum Theatre. After returning from the Adelaide Fringe Festival with an originally devised piece Chant des Catacombe (2011-2012) with the Present Tense Ensemble he continued his work with the company on their premier Australian production Margaret Fulton -Queen of the Desert at Theatre Works (2012). In 2014 he choreographed the first Australian professional production of Jason Robert Brown's Parade, which was the premier production for the new Australian independent theatre company The Collective at FortyFiveDownstairs. Last year David returned to Lyric to direct and choreograph their 2015 production of Legally Blonde at the glorious Her Majesty's Theatre. He is also a valued teacher and choreographer at the National Theatre Ballet and Drama School.

David is honoured to be working with the talented creative and production team of Rock of Ages and thanks the cast and company for their never ending passion and commitment.



JASON HUBBLE Rehearsal Pianist

Jason has been playing rehearsals for Ballarat theatre groups since BLOC'S 2004 production of Jesus Christ Superstar, and has very much enjoyed taking a trip back to the 80's for Rock of Ages. He was musical director for BLOC juniors, Peter Pan and High School Musical, as well as Curtain Call's Bye Bye Birdie. During the day, Jason teaches keyboard instruments in the Ballarat area, and hopes to introduce some more hair metal to the lessons. Thanks to Stephen, Andy and David for their hard work in making the show rock!



JOEL CONROY Costume Design

Joel is Ballarat born and raised, and completed his studies at Ballarat Grammar School. After graduating in 2005, he continued studying in Melbourne with a Diploma in Fashion Design and Textiles.

Whilst completing this, he took a position working at June Designs, costuming and designing for Channel 7's Dancing with the Stars. Through his work there, he gained invaluable experience developing and creating garments for the television screen. Being a Professional Latin dancer himself, he has been both competing in and designing for Latin and Ballroom world for the past 10 years, has won many National and State Championships and was selected to Represent Australia at World Championships in both 2015 and 2016. Having now retired from competing, Joel is changing his focus toward his first love, sewing.

Rock of Ages is his first foray into the stage and with a sound knowledge of everything over-the-top-glam, what a fantastic musical to transition with. Joel is living in Ballarat these days, and is working on building his own new venture; 'Hound in the Corner', a dressmaking and tailoring business in his home town.

He is extremely proud and excited to be a part of the Ballarat Lyric Theatre Production team, and knows you will enjoy this fabulously eighties production.



MARNIE BONELL-HUY Properties Manager

Marnie started theatre at the age of 12 with her family in Monbulk, performing in over 8 productions. She moved to Ballarat in '93 with her husband and performed in Lyrics '96 show "Best little Whorehouse in Texas". After getting the bug again she joined the committee in '97 and has performed almost all aspects of theatre craft both on and off stage. Between Lyric and BLOC she contributed in over 24 productions. This is her second time as Props Manager. Marnie thanks her family, Jan, Brayden and Kye and a huge Chookas to Aaron on stage.



NIKKI MCKINNON Hair Design/Wigs

Nikki and her team at the Angel Hair and Beauty Institute have been involved with the theatre for over ten years. Throughout this time they have created artistic hair and wig designs for local schools, charities, events and other musicals including Hairspray, The Phantom of the Opera and Legally Blonde. The Angel Institute is honoured to be part of the creative team for Rock of Ages and are thankful to Stephen and the Lyric family for this experience ('Nothin but a good time' in the wig room!). Nikki would also like to thank her husband Michael for keeping their family together throughout this busy period ('Here I go again on my own'!).



GLENN FISHER Audio Visual Director

Three things have played a large part in Glenn's life; Theatre, Music (especially 80's) & Audio Visual. With ROA he gets to combine all of these. Glenn joined Lyric for the 1984 production of "Hello Dolly" since then he has performed in many shows, most recently in 2007 for Lyric's "Cats". Since that time he has been more behind the scenes, including being a committee member & Life Member of the company. Glenn was a part of the team which was judged by the Victorian Music Theatre Guild & took out "Best Technical Achievement" for "The Phantom of the Opera". He had the "little job" of dropping the chandelier safely to the stage! He was also one of Ballarat's premier DJ's of the 80's & 90's & is enjoying getting back behind the decks again for the "Retro Rats" events. During the day he manages the Audio Visual Dept at St Patrick's College, where he has also Directed & Choreographed two shows. Of a night you may see him at Zagame's where he also runs the members draw. Glenn's sure you'll have "Nothin' But A Good Time", coz he sure is!



VANESSA BELSAR Assistant to David Harford

Vanessa has worked in Ballarat theatre for almost ten years both on and off stage. She has choreographed productions such as Leading Note Theatre's 'The Boy From Oz' and Lyric's 'The Phantom of the Opera'. You may have seen her onstage in 'Grease', 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee', 'Hairspray' and most recently as 'Kim' in BLOC Music Theatre's 'Miss Saigon'. Vanessa is a teacher at Buninyong Primary School and coaches calisthenics at Jayde Calisthenics Club. She has been a dancer for over 20 years achieving her Bronze and Silver Medal in calisthenics and competing at local, state and national levels. Vanessa is thrilled to be assisting David on such a fun and energetic show.



MYSTIC ENTERTAINMENTZ Lighting Design

For over 30 years, Matthew and Mystic Entertainmenz have enjoyed working with Directors to bring their vision to life onstage. This is Matthew's 33rd Lyric show including several on stage appearances. Matthew is the proud father of Laurence-HMT staff, Siobhan-Waitress No 1 and husband to Cathy in make-up. A special thank you to Scott, Jess, Kate and the brilliance of dome operators on this production. Jess and Matthew have Co-designed on several occasions and Jess has long been a valuable member of the Mystic team. Jess brings a wealth of venue experience and a particular love of this show.



GREG GINGER Sound Design

Greg has been involved in amateur productions for 30 years. Greg has designed Sound for the Music Theatre Guild – Production of the year winners 2007 "Cats" Ballarat Lyric, 2008 "Seussical" Whitehorse, 2009 "Les Miserables" Ballarat Lyric, 2011 "The Boy from Oz" Leading Note Theatre. Junior Production of the year 2006 "42nd Street", 2008 "Sweet Charity" both with Carey Musical Theatre Company and 2009 "Thoroughly Modern Millie" Westbourne Grammar School. Greg has been awarded Best sound with the Lyrebird awards for Babirra Music Theatre 2004 "Guys & Dolls", 2005 "Me & My Girl" 2009 "The Sentimental Bloke" 2015 "The King & I" and Whitehorse Musical Theatre 2006 "Crazy for You", 2007 "The Producers". Professionally, Greg has designed sound for "Certified Male" 2003, "Brave Men run in Our family" 2007, "Menopause the Musical" Australian Tour 08-09 and supervised the sound for the 2008 Opera Australia Tour of "My Fair Lady". This is Greg's Twelth production with Ballarat Lyric Theatre.



CATHY HEENAN Make-up Design

Cathy completed a diploma in stage make-up in 1983 while studying Beauty Therapy in Melbourne. She has also participated in Make-up technique workshops with professional make-up artists at Backstage in Melbourne. She has designed the Make-up and worked on the crew for most of the Ballarat Lyric Theatre productions since 1986 and all the BLOC Music Theatre and BLOC Juniors shows since Oliver in 2001. She has taught make-up at Ballarat and Geelong TAFE colleges and travelled to Horsham to design and train the make-up crew for their production of CATS. In 2007 she was awarded an Outstanding Service Award from BLOC Music Theatre and an Honorary Life Membership from Ballarat Lyric Theatre. Rock of Ages offers the enjoyment of the colour and fun of 1980's make up.



MARC SINCLAIR Stage Manager/Pyrotechnician

Marc grew up in Ballarat & has played many different roles both on and behind the scenes around Australia. Pyro & SFX Australian Touring highlights include Big Day Out, Future Music Festivals, Avicii, Twenty 20 Big Bash Series. Working as a Qualified Electrician after studying Stage Management, he also enjoys sailing at the Ballarat Yacht Club.

He hopes you enjoy the show's wow factors & would like to thank SHOW FX for their ongoing support.

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ALISON TREVENEN Vice President and Production Manager

Alison has worked as Production Manager or Assistant Production Manager with Lyric on its last four productions: Hot August Night, Hairspray, Phantom of the Opera and Legally Blonde. She is thrilled to be Production Manager for such an exciting production as Rock of Ages which showcases the wonderful rock music of the 80's. Alison would like to congratulate the committee on its willingness to bring Ballarat audiences such an exciting show. She would also like to thank the creative team, cast and crew for their dedication and professionalism and her husband for his support.

ARSENAL - THE BAND



ADAM CAMERON Guitar

Adam is a singer and guitarist with experience in different styles of music and various rock bands. He is half of the popular Pink Moon acoustic duo as well as a guitar and music teacher. Adam's love for 80s Rock and Hair Metal was seen in the tribute band Tranquil Mayhem where he took people into the new year in two consecutive years at The Karova Lounge.



DAVE CLARK Drums

Dave has become a regular fixture of the Ballarat music scene over the past 20 years. His theatre credits include "Half A Sixpence", "Oliver", "Les Miserables", "Urinetown", "Rent" and "High School Musical". Dave currently teaches drum kit and percussion and performs with local bands "Motor City Sounds", "Mad Cow", "deborahN" and "The Greene Brothers". Dave enjoys the challenge of playing a variety of musical styles, from Jazz to Soul...to 80s Rock!



JASON HUBBLE Keyboards

Rock of Ages marks Jason's return to the stage, after first appearing as the organist in BLOC's 2003 Sweeney Todd, he is stoked to be joining Arsenal on stage, this time with considerably more hair. After taking a break to pursue a solo career, it is great to be back playing in the band. Thanks must go to his personal roadie Sam for doing the heavy lifting!



LYNDON KRISS Guitar

Lyndon has been making music in the Ballarat area for longer than he is willing to admit. Lyndon regularly plays in MirLyn - a Cello and acoustic guitar duo with his wife Miriam, Well Strung - a classical / spanish / gypsy jazz / latin guitar duo with friend Adam Seery and also Motor City Sounds - a 60's Motown funk band. Lyndon has lost count of the number of musicals he has played in over the last twenty or so years but does have some favourites. J C Superstar, Les Miserables, West Side Story, Bat Boy, Working and Hairspray just to name a few. Lyndon has owned and operated SOUNDTRAX 919 Recording Studio for around twenty five years, and is at present Head of Contemporary Music at Ballarat and Clarendon College.



SHANE PEARSON

Bass

ROCK ON!!!! This has been Shane's philosophy since beginning bass lessons when he was 13! He completed a Diploma of Music Performance in Ballarat before continuing a professional career playing and teaching around Ballarat and Melbourne. Shane has been part of many local bands in Ballarat and Melbourne with his career highlight being part of a show band on board the cruise ship Celebrity Constellation in Europe. Rock of Ages is Shane's 27th theatre show on bass. His favourites include 42nd Street, Cabaret, Cats, The Wiz, Rent, Hairspray, Anything Goes and is excited about being given the opportunity to play in Rock of Ages! Enjoy the show and ROCK ON!!!!



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THE CAST



JOSHUA MCGUANE Drew

Joshua began performing at a young age after watching his father perform in Les Miserables and then performing a rendition of 'Red and Black' in front of his school at the age of 6 alongside his younger brother. Theatre credits include 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' (Chorus). 'Oklahoma' (Ensemble/Cord Elam), 'Little Shop of Horrors' (Orin Scrovello), 'The Wedding Singer' (Robbie Hart), 'The Producers' (Director/Roger Debris), 'The Wizard of Oz' (The Cowardly Lion), 'Hairspray' (Ensemble), 'The Wedding Singer' (Sammy), 'RENT!' (Collins), 'FAME' (Nick Piazza), 'Miss Saigon' (Ensemble) and 'A Few Good Men' (Harold Dawson). Most recently Joshua directed 'The Wedding Singer' with Altona City Theatre. This is his first show in Ballarat and he is thrilled to be crossing off a dream role with the role of Drew. Joshua would like to thank the production team for such a wonderful opportunity, the cast for being so amazing to work with and special thanks to his family for always supporting him. Joshua would like to dedicate this show to his little sister who is away in France on exchange and will miss the show



ERIN SHAY Sherrie

A multi-talented performer, Erin has built her career in a variety of roles in the entertainment industry. As a singer/songwriter/musician she has performed as the support act for Australian artists Vanessa Amorosi, Shannon Noll and James Reyne. She is currently recording her debut album with respected producer Sam Panetta at Melodic Music (Kylie Minogue, Crowded House, KissChasy), with the first single due out in mid-2016. Trained at the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School, Erin is an accomplished dancer, acrobat and theatre performer with credits including lead roles at Universal Studios Singapore and Japan. She has also studied screen acting at 16th Street Acting Studio and Brave Studios and has landed roles in TV & Film productions, including international feature film 'Crush' and upcoming short film 'Telepathy' with Pia Miranda.

Erin is thrilled to be playing Sherrie and has thoroughly enjoyed pushing boundaries to bring 80's rock to life in this role! She thanks the cast and crew for this opportunity, her vocal coach Tim Smith and her family for their ongoing love and support.



KEITH MCNAMARA Lonny

Keith first worked with Lyric in 1993 when he joined the cast of Les Miserables. Since then he has performed in over 15 stage musicals including Jesus Christ Superstar and Titanic. He also studied music theatre at the VCA where he played Frederick in A Little Night Music Keith spent five years touring, writing & recording as the lead singer of the hard rock band Storm Front. Their album Round 1 was released nationally in 2002 & the single Sleaze made headlines with its controversial music video. Keith's solo album Above The Rain became one of the most widely owned independent releases of 2006 with the video singles I'm Not The One & Through Different Eyes receiving national airplay. Keith has appeared on MTV's Most Wanted, performed on Chanel 7's Morning Show and toured as an opening act for Shannon Noll, Rick Price and Eric Martin from Mr Big. Keith recently made his return to the Ballarat stage as Piangi in The Phantom of the Opera and as Thuy in BLOC's Miss Saigon. Keith would like to dedicate his performance to the late Ronnie James Dio & the girls of the Hollywood Tropicana



DAVID HARFORD Stacee Jaxx

David started his performance career singing and dancing on the beach one summer holiday...for anyone who would pay him the attention, mostly his mum. He continued developing his new-found skills throughout his school years landing many a lead role in his high school musicals. After school David moved to Ballarat to study musical theatre at what was then known as the Ballarat Arts Academy (now Federation University). Although since completing his course David has focused his career on choreographing and directing, some of the roles David has played over the years include, Riff in West Side Story, Padre in Man of La Mancha, Bishop Cauchon in Joan – A New Australian Musical, Joey in Pal Joey, Hortentio in Kiss Me Kate, Jack in Anthony Crowley's Australian premier production of Villain of Flowers, Kane/Zach in Dean Bryant and Matthew Frank's original Australian production of Prodigal.

David is excited and maybe a tad nervous to be returning to the stage after a 10-year break, he would like to thank Ballarat Lyric for all their support and Stephen O'Neil and Andy McCalman for their faith and encouragement.

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STEPHEN ARMATI Dennis

This is Stephen's first production with Lyric. He has previously played the role of "Engineer" in BLOC's 2015 production of Miss Saigon. He has also performed the role of "Amos" (Chicago BLOC), "Chris" (Miss Saigon AWTCO), winning a ZONTA Award for "Best Lead Male in a Musical" as well as "Pirate King" (Pirates of Penzance AWTCO), "Beast" (Beauty & the Beast AWTCO), "Comfort Counsellor" (Putnams 25th Annual Spelling Bee Livid Productions) and "Sir Galahad/Dennis" (Spamalot Livid Productions). A featured soloist in both Albury & Wodonga Carols and A Night on Broadway, Stephen has also worked professionally in "Strange Bedfellows - A new musical" alongside John Wood, Peter Cousins and Collette Mann working with Kellie Dickerson, John Foreman and Roger Hodgeman. He hopes that you enjoy the mix of mullets and spandex that is.......Rock of Ages!!!!!



SUSAN JACKSON Justice

Susan has been a performer for many years and is excited to return to Ballarat Lyric Theatre in her first featured role. Susan began performing as a singer fronting many local bands before entering musical theatre with Ballarat Lyric Theatre's The Phantom of the Opera in 2014 as part of the ensemble. Susan then followed this in 2015, being a part of BLOC's Miss Saigon. Susan is currently the lead singer of covers duo The Sour Apple Smoothies and also teaches singing through Jackson's School of Music, The Coward Lemke Music School and Darley Music.



ABIGAIL GRACE **Regina**

Abigail commenced dancing at the age of three and has trained in a range of dance styles. Her passion for musical theatre led her to complete a Bachelor of Performing Arts (Music Theatre) in 2011 at Federation University Australia (formally known as the University of Ballarat). Abigail's credits include RENT (Maureen Johnson), The Rhinoceros Project (Grocer's Wife), The Other Side of Ego Cabarets (Commrade Abigail), Oklahoma! (Dance Captain/Dance Ensemble), Seussical The Musical (Gertrude McFuzz), Sound of Music (Louisa), Singin' in the Rain (Dancer), and Pirates of Penzance (Sergeant of Police). Abigail has also performed as Tracy Turnblad in Ballarat Lyric Theatre's HAIRSPRAY, as well as Enid Hoopes in Ballarat Lyric's Legally Blonde. She is currently represented by United Entertainment Agency. When not performing Abby teaches Music and Drama to High school students. Abby is especially excited to be performing alongside one of her talented exstudents, Sam Apineru.



REUBEN MORGAN Franz

Born and raised in Ballarat, Reuben has been performing for over 14 years. Studying violin & classical ballet since the age of 6, Reuben's previous theatrical experience includes 'Tony' in West Side Story, 'Dance Captain' in Phantom of the Opera & Miss Saigon, roles with Ballarat National Theatre and a student role in the Queensland Ballet's 'Cinderella'. Reuben learns singing from Connie Lemke and violin from Nicci Dellar whilst also teaching violin, cello, singing and ballet at several schools around Ballarat. In his spare time Reuben regularly plays with the Ballarat Symphony Orchestra, composes his own musicals and is an award-winning filmmaker. Reuben would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him during the epic journey that has been Rock of Ages and hopes you enjoy the show!



GEORDIE WORLAND Hertz

Geordie fell in love with performing Music Theatre when he debuted in Les Miserables in 2002. Geordie has gone on to play many roles, originally in Sydney. In 2012 he made an appearance in Sunset Boulevard before making an appearance as Pat Denning in 42nd St. 2013 saw Geordie in The Phantom of the Opera and as Eddie in FLW's The Wild Party. In 2014 he founded his own Theatre Company, The Collective, which he acted as Executive Producer on their critically acclaimed and Green Room nominated Australian Professional Premiere of Jason Robert Brown's Parade. In 2015 Geordie performed in a sellout season of Miss Saigon, playing Captain Schultz and The Club owner for Footlight Productions. In September he starred in the lead role of Reverend Shaw in OCPAC's Footloose to rave reviews. Geordie has trained in Meisner Technique with Ward Studios (New York/Melbourne) in 2014 and has studied voice and singing with David Rogers Smith and David Wisken. In 2010 Geordie was a semifinalist in the highly sought after Rob Guest Endowment.



MATT MERCER Mayor

Matt says that his Rock Of Ages experience has been the highlight of his stage career to date, it is true that this is his first and only production but it certainly won't be his last.

Matt, his wife and his 7 children moved to Ballarat in 2015 after living in Parkes and Western NSW for 8 years. He has never sung anywhere outside the bathroom, at least while sober. He cannot believe how accepted he has been by the company and how willing everyone has been to help him and teach him how to be a better performer. He is astounded by the amount of talent that all of the cast have and the knowledge of Stephen, David and Andrew. I guess he is an example of the saying that you are never too old to try something new.

He is eternally grateful to his beautiful wife Nicole and his amazing kids Pat, Madeleine, Thomas, Scarlett, Heath, Jed and Bede who have made it possible for him to be in this production.



DANIEL LAMECH Ja'Keith

Over the last 21 years Daniel has sung with the Darwin Youth & Children's Choir, Pandanus Performers and Gondwana Voices. He has performed all over Australia, in the Sydney Opera House, at the 2001 Centenary of Federation and in parts of America with Gondwana's 2005 choral tour. Daniel has studied musical theatre at WAAPA and Ballarat Arts Academy, before exploring Cabaret and Burlesque. Recently, Daniel has been performing in the Ballarat theatre scene with Lyrics' "Hairspray", Maytes' "RENT" and BLOCs' "Chicago" & "Miss Saigon". This is Daniel's second Lyric musical and he's excited to share some 80s rock with you.

THE VENUS GIRLS



TEGAN BOWDEN

Originally from Hobart, Tegan has been dancing for nineteen years. She performed in many productions including Cats and Rent before moving to Sydney to study at Brent Street Studios. Tegan's credits include Neighbours (Bianca), Time of Our Lives (Rachel), No Exit (Estelle), Brilliant Lies (Suzie), Metamorphoses (Narrator/Alcyone) and most recently for Ballarat Lyric Theatre Hairspray (Penny Pingleton) and Legally Blonde (Kate/Chutney/ Dance Captain). Outside of performing, Tegan has recently completed a Bachelor of Nursing and Paramedicine at ACU. She is excited to be part of another Lyric production.



OLIVIA CONDOUS

Olivia finished Year 12 in 2015 and is very excited to be a part of Rock of Ages! She has been studying voice, drama and various styles of dance from a very young age, learning with Connie Lemke, Sally Vawdrey and Dance School of Distinction respectively. Olivia hopes to continue her passion for music theatre in her future studies and continue to perform in more productions! She has previously performed in several shows, including 'The Buddy Holly Story', 'The Addams Family', 'Little Shop of Horrors' and most recently BLOC's 'Miss Saigon'. She is thrilled to be on stage with Ballarat Lyric Theatre for the first time!

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CHARLOTTE HAMILTON

Charlotte has been dancing since she was four years of age. She has studied dance at The Academy of Classical Ballet in Ballarat, where she also completed her certificate in Ballet Teaching Studies [RAD]. She has studied full time dance training at The Space Dance and Arts Centre. Charlotte has performed in Phantom of the Opera with Ballarat Lyric Theatre and Miss Saigon with BLOC Music Theatre.



SIOBHAN HEENAN Waitress #1

Siobhan made her stage debut as a munchkin in BLOC's 2005 production of 'The Wizard Of Oz'. Since then she has danced in the chorus of seven BLOC shows, the most recent being 'Miss Saigon', Leading Note's production of 'The Boy from Oz' and performed as a principle in the numerous shows put on by SBC Productions. She studied dance and musical theatre at the Ballarat Centre of Music and the Arts for about 15 years before taking on a two year full time dance course at Patrick Studios Australia. This is her first production with Ballarat Lyric Theatre and she is absolutely thrilled to be a part of it.



KATE LEWIS

Kate has only recently returned to Ballarat after a 2 year contract dancing and performing at SeaWorld on the GoldCoast. Kate is thrilled to be back in her hometown working as a primary school teacher at Pleasant St Primary and dance teacher/choreographer at DanceMakers in Buninyong. Kate has been involved in theatre, teaching and dance for many years and has been in numerous shows with Ballarat Lyric Theatre including Chicago, Cats, Les Miserables and Hairspray. She is extremely excited to 'Rock the Stage' once more alongside an incredibly talented cast and under the direction of the brilliant creative team, Stephen O'Neil, Andy McCalman and David Harford. Kate would like to thank her family and friends for their continued support throughout the year.



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SAMUEL APINERU

Sam is a fresh graduate from Melton, Staughton College. He was born and raised in New Zealand, with a Samoan nationality. He grew up with music since an early age and took on dancing as a hobby, making performing the obvious choice. Sam developed a passion for musical theatre landing him a spot as Performing Arts Captain 2015 at Staughton College. He has participated in a number of high school shows such as Blood Brothers (Narrator), A Comedy Of Errors (Antipholus of Syracus), Variety Show: Hairspray (Seaweed), Lion King (Singer, Dancer), Sound Of Music (Captain Von Trapp) and Grease (Doody).Sam is excited to be making his Ballarat Lyric Theatre production debut in Rock of Ages.



AARON BONELL-HUY

Aaron is 20 years of age and is currently in his final year of study at Federation University undertaking a Bachelor of Education in Physical Education and Mathematics. Aaron was privileged enough to be a part of The Phantom of the Opera with Lyric Theatre and also Anything Goes and Miss Saigon for BLOC music theatre. Aaron has enjoyed dancing for the last 8 years with Karen Mason, studying Jazz, Tap, Contemporary and Ballet. In the last two years Aaron has become heavily involved in Ballroom and Latin dancing and aspires to further his career in this field.



AIDAN BRADY

Aidan is very excited to be on stage in 'Rock of Ages'. This is his 3rd musical having started with Lyric Theatre's 2014 production of 'The Phantom of the Opera', he then performed in 'Miss Saigon' with BLOC last year. He learnt singing with Elizabeth Stewart for two and half years.

Aidan has found a true passion being on stage and is looking forward to growing and increasing his skill and experience. He is loving every moment of this show and can't wait for the audience to fall in love with it like he has!



MATTHEW HENDERSON

Matthew has spent many years involved in theatre both on stage and back stage. He has enjoyed almost 17 years of dancing, singing and musical shows, including BLOC's recent production of Miss Saigon. This will be Matthew's second on stage appearance with Ballarat Lyric Theatre and cannot wait to rock your socks off and hopes you enjoy the show.



DYLAN SHALLESS

Dylan has been performing in Ballarat Theatre since BLOC's OLIVER! in '01, and has since appeared in over 25 productions, musical and drama alike, first treading the boards for Lyric in Les Miserables ('09). Dylan has also dabbled with producing and directing with SBC Productions. Rock of Ages however has been an experience unlike any he has yet to witness, with a stellar cast and creative team, and an energy and passion in rehearsals that he has never witnessed. He hopes that the high voltage rock of this show melts your face as hard as it has his!!

PROTESTERS



MATTHEW BANDY

Singing and musical theatre have always been a lifelong passion for Matthew. Roles have included Aslan in BLOC's Junior production of Narnia, Audrey 2 in BCC's Little Shop of Horrors and a cast member in Chicago with BLOC. This is Matthew's first production with Ballarat Lyric Theatre and he is excited to be involved in such a great production as Rock of Ages. He has just finished studying an Advanced Diploma in Live Production and Theatrical Events at Fed Uni and is keen to once again sing and dance on stage in musical theatre.



ELEANOR DAVEY

Eleanor is so excited to be a part of Ballarat Lyric Theatre's production of Rock of Ages! This marks her second show with Lyric and she hopes that there will be many more to come. Over the years Eleanor has been involved in many of Ballarat Grammar's productions, playing the role of Wednesday in 'The Addams Family' and one of the Ronettes in 'Little Shop of Horrors.' She has studied singing for 7 years, and currently studies with Carolyn Bennett. This year she hopes to study Music Theatre or Performance at University. Enjoy the show!!



LIAM KELLY

This is Liam's first big musical EVER!!!! He studies Physical Education at Federation University Ballarat and in his spare time plays cricket, guitar, saxophone and loves to sing. As this is his first musical he cannot provide you with a list of productions he has been in but does remember being in a High School production some time ago about pirates that ripped off the best songs from every musical. Now that he is actually in a show, he has found a new group of amazing people that he can be himself around. Liam is having so much fun performing in Rock of Ages, so be sure to look out for him in many musicals to come.



BRAD MARTIN

Brad is currently studying a Bachelor of Film and Television at JMC Academy in South Melbourne. He has learnt a variety of dance styles at Ballarat Ballet Centre over the past 12 years, including jazz, tap and hip hop. Brad has also participated in a number OF shows on stage, starting with BLOC Juniors production of Narnia and most recently their production of Miss Saigon. In October he served as choreographer in BLOC Juniors 2015 show of Camp Rock. Brad wishes that you enjoy the show and rock on.



GEORGIE POTTER

Rock of Ages is Georgie's first production with Lyric. Her most recent show was the highly acclaimed "Miss Saigon" with BLOC. Some junior musicals include: Oliver!, The Wizard of Oz, Aladdin, Into the Woods (Cinderella's Stepmother), Narnia and The Addams Family (Pugsley).

Georgie's biggest rock star moment was when she recently kissed Robbie Williams. It was awesome.



CHLOE PRENDERGAST

Chloe is new to the stage, and happy to be making her musical theatre debut in this exhilarating show. Chloe has had five years of singing experience with Elizabeth Stewart, and recently begun a variety of dance classes with Ballarat Ballet Centre. Chloe has also been accepted into Federation University's Arts Academy, where she will eagerly begin her Musical Theatre studies this year. But for now, she hopes you all are sitting forward, feeling jittery with anticipation, ready to Feel The Noize!



KIMBERLEY SMITH

Kimberley began taking singing lessons when she was seven. Growing up in the south east she moved to Ballarat to attend University. She has taken up pole at Physipole Ballarat, competing in and winning her first competition in June of last year. This is her first production with Ballarat Lyric Theatre Company and is so excited to be apart of the cast of Rock of Ages and looks forward to many more to come."

POLE DANCERS:

We welcome Victoria Rosewarne and Shae Niehus into the Lyric family.

THE 'WILD' ANIMALS:

Chloe (Bruiser in Legally Blonde) and Chester (Rufus in Legally Blonde) rejoin Lyric in their long-awaited cameo roles.

Musical Numbers

SIDE A

JUST LIKE LIVIN' IN PARADISE NOTHIN' BUT A GOOD TIME SISTER CHRISTIAN WE BUILT THIS CITY TOO MUCH TIME ON MY HANDS I WANNA ROCK WE'RE NOT GONNA TAKE IT MORE THAN WORDS TO BE WITH YOU HEAVEN WAITING FOR A GIRL LIKE YOU WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE I WANT TO KNOW WHAT LOVE IS CUM ON FEEL THE NOIZE HARDEN MY HEART SHADOWS OF THE NIGHT **HERE I GO AGAIN**

SIDE B

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN ANY WAY YOU WANT IT HIGH ENOUGH BEAVER HUNT HATE MYSELF FOR LOVING YOU HEAT OF THE MOMENT HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT CAN'T FIGHT THIS FEELING EVERY ROSE HAS IT'S THORN KEEP ON LOVING YOU OH SHERRIE THE SEARCH IS OVER RENEGADE DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'

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Justice
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Franz
Hertz
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Ja'Keith

The Venus Girls

Tegan Bowden Olivia Condous Charlotte Hamilton Siobhan Heenan Kate Lewis

The Bourbon Room Boys

Samuel Apineru
Aaron Bonell-Huy
Aidan Brady
Matthew Henderson
Dylan Shalless

The Protesters

Matthew Bandy
Eleanor Davey
Liam Kelly
Brad Martin
Georgie Potter
Chloe Prendergast
Kimberley Smith

The Pole Dancers Victoria Rosewarne Shae Niehus The Animals Chloe and Chester Adam Cameron Dave Clark Jason Hubble Lyndon Kriss Shane Pearson

Joshua McGuane Erin Shay Keith McNamara David Harford Stephen Armati Susan Jackson Abigail Grace Reuben Morgan Geordie Worland Matt Mercer Daniel Lamech



Waitress #1

Ja'Keith Understudy

Joey Primo, Stacee Jaxx Understudy Father Drew Understudy

Mother

Constance, Regina Understudy

Constance Understudy

Behind The Scenes

Production Team

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Properties Manager:	Marnie Bone
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Sound Design:	Greg Ginger
Sound Operator:	Peter Thwait
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