



Stuart Lumsden, Nathan Wright (centre) and Jordan Schiele in *The Boys*

Nathan Wright is performing in *The Boys* at *The Gold Coast Little Theatre*. The show runs Thurs - Sat from April 30 - May 21. Details can be found on the website www.gclt.com.au



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Industry News

Shorts on the Green - Final Call

Entries for this years *Shorts on the Green Short Film Festival* close Friday 3rd of June. The cut-off has been extended so take advantage and submit your best work to be showcased on July 2nd at *Cavil Ave Surfers Paradise*. The festival is Sponsored by *The Post Lounge, Able Video, Filmink and Birch, Carrol & Coyle*. A great opportunity to mix with Queensland's best young film makers. Download applications here.



Eye of the Alumni: The Revue Factory

Reinventing the production line...

Not content with sitting around waiting for the phone to ring, 4 years ago, Workshop graduates **Liesl Hinde**, and **Aaron Singfield**, banded together and formed **The Revue Factory** and set about creating their own work with creative input from **Sharna Barker** and **Craig I'Anson**. In this time they have collaborated on theatre shows, short films, TVC's, and a variety of other works, performing around Brisbane and the wider area.



Initially, they collaborated on theatre shows **Resto!**, **That Old Mistake** and **Spilt Milk** performing in **Short and Sweet** and **BITS theatre festivals**, then, after Aaron and Liesl went on to further training in film to expand their skills base, started making their own shorts and TVC's. Liesl says perhaps the most challenging part of self-devising is "finding the balance between being an artist and being a business person. You must find like-minded people, create your own work and don't be afraid to give it a go." Their film work includes **The Blessed** in collaboration with **Adam Green** from **Perception Pictures** and **The Realm** which won **Mercedes Porter** the **Best Actress** award at last year's **48hour Film Project**. They continue to mix it up with Theatre works including **Sir Phillip will have his Revenge** and **Confessions of a Dirt Eater** which has now been performed in Sydney and Melbourne.

Their next project is a short film with **Derek Draper**. "When it was first pitched to us we loved the concept and the fact that it is a current issue. Usually our short films have either been comedy or bloody. So this is something new for us and we are looking forward to it." In fact, so dedicated are they to the importance of self marketing that at the end of last year they formed **Brisbane Showreels** producing high quality showreels for actors. See Friends of the Workshop below for more info.

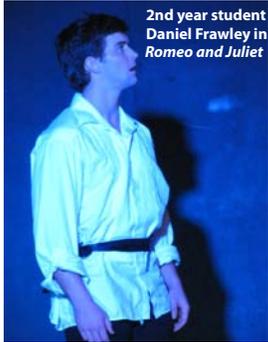
Don't wait for some-one else to give you work. Empower yourself, as the **Revue Factory** have, get out there and make your own. Liesl muses, "I think it is really important to create your own work. I believe that you can't be afraid of what others might say because at least you are doing something. And you will learn and improve on the next project. Get together, get creative and get your work out there. Above all, *Illegitimi non carborundum.*"

Best in Show

This autumn our students have tackled the classics; the 2nd years perfecting the subtleties of



1st year students (left to right, front to back): Sarah, Bronte, Alex, Luke, Loretta, Greg, Tamara, Travis, Andrea, Andrew, Nathan, Amy, Jermia, Lucas, Richard



2nd year student Daniel Frawley in *Romeo and Juliet*

Shakespeare while the 1st years belt out Greek Theatre pieces for their end of term theatre assessments. The 1st year students presented pieces from **Sophocles' Oedipus** and the 2nd year students treaded the boards performing scenes from **Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew** and **Romeo and Juliet**.

In the Works

* **Rebecka Harrington** has made it through to the semi-final of the **Triple J RAW** comedy competition. This is Australia's biggest open mic comedy competition - Congratulations Bek!
<http://comedyfestival.com.au/raw/>

* **Niki-J Witt** is appearing in **Eugene Gilfedder's Empire Burning** as part of the **Metro Arts Independents** between May 13-28. Niki also fight directed this show.

* **Sisters Of War** featuring several **Workshop Graduates** has been nominated for **3 Logie Awards**, including the **Silver Logie for Outstanding Drama Series**.

* **Ben Taylor** plays **Robert Mactier** in **The Digger** directed by **Serge Ou**. The film had its World Premiere on Anzac Day on the **Fox History Channel**.

* **Joel Spreadborough** is featured in the **Eagle Boys Ad** campaign.

* **Barbara Baugh** performed in **Anita Heiss' Paris Dreaming** at the **SLQ** on April 30th

* **Alex Stefirta** is filming a short film titled **I must be Dreaming**.

* **Sally Pitts** is currently touring Australia for 7 weeks with **Alpha** performing a **Kids Rock Theatre Show** version of **Cinderella**. Sally plays the ugly step sister and is having lots of fun!

* **Brodie Dwyer** has been cast as **Hero** in the **Phoenix Ensemble** production of **Much Ado About Nothing**. The show begins **July 22** and runs till **August 13**. Brodie also performed in **Black Forest** as part of the **Any-where Theatre Festival** May 06th - 08th.

* Also part of the **Any-where Theatre Festival**, **Mercedes Porter** is performing in a play called **The Fearful**. It runs from **10-14 May at 26-30 Ashington street, West End**. Tickets can be booked online at www.anywherfest.com (festival TVC by **Aaron Singfield** www.aaronsingfield.com)

* **Mercedes Porter** also shot a short film called **Grey** and a music video called **Here To Stay** for the band **Take Us to Vegas** last month.

Friends of the Workshop

The **Revue Factory** team are spreading their wings again to bring quality, affordable showreel services to Brisbane actors.

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A professional headshot is your passport to professional work. Contact David today and put your best foot forward. David works with you in a relaxed home studio environment, with plenty of time to shoot a variety of expressions and outfits as you capture photos which represent who you are. Many Workshop graduates have had their shots taken by David and are already seeing the results. Check out his photography at www.pbase.com/david_lazar Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "Headshots" Gallery. Contact David at: dvlazar@gmail.com

