

Graduate Ben Taylor stars in **Blackbustler**; a delightful song-and-dance romance between a bashful teenage boy and the publican's daughter. Written and directed by S. F. Tusa, a filmmaker of Torres Strait Islander/Samoan descent. The film has been accepted in the Sydney International Film Festival and will screen on ABC later this Year.



The Actors Workshop

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Industry News

Screen Queensland is inviting you to *An Afternoon with SBS*, followed by refreshments and informal networking. This is an exciting opportunity to be briefed on the future trends at SBS as well as to hear from both John Godfrey, Senior Commissioning Editor for Contemporary and Indigenous documentaries and Joseph Maxwell, Commissioning Editor for Science and History documentaries.

Click here for free registration - closing 10th July, be quick!



Eye of the Alumni: Yivan Cable

Little Jingles, Big Waves...

TAW Graduate **Yivan Cable** is making waves with her latest project: **Little Jingles Music**. *LJM* is a world class audio production conceived by Yivan, and was brought to life by award winning producer **Michael Wade**, and international singer **Venetta Feilds**. In Yivan's words: "*Little Jingles* is an album of early learning tools for parents and educators alike, of uber-cool, fun pop tracks for our little ones. Our aim is to educate while we entertain." *LJM* is featured in **Valleyarm** - The leading digital distributor in the Asia Pacific Region. The concept is already spreading its wings internationally. "One of our compilations **Four Seasons** recently went to **Music Matters Asia** - the platform, which houses an extraordinary show case of events covering all that matters in music, entertainment, technology and media. Our album is available world wide on online retail outlets including **iTunes**, and of course has its own **twitter**, **facebook** & **YouTube** accounts for the latest updates." Check out the website to see for yourself. www.littlejinglesmusic.com.au



Yivan Cable

A project of this scale comes with its own challenges, yet Yivan found she worked harder on herself than the actual job. She reveals turning to the local library when "...educating myself in all that I want to become." And seeks inspiration from others who "act on their dreams and turn them into reality": the likes of The Wiggles, Steve Jobs, Richard Branson, Darren Hardy, Jim Rohn and Ray Kroc. There's a lot to be said for someone that can take a project from concept to delivery and Yivan offers some valuable first hand advice for those finding themselves at the precipice of a new idea: "Know who you are, your values and what it is that you want and then just go for it! Also remember that you need others to help you achieve your dreams and turn them into a reality. 'What is an independent artist?...' Someone who knows that it can't be done without the help of others."

Yivan's time at **The Actors Workshop** allowed her to build confidence, trust and belief in herself. "It shows in the level of professionalism in my achievements as a musician, and how I have attracted world class professionals to collaborate in this project."

Future dreams for Yivan and *LJM*? "Pioneer Educational Songs world wide! For *LJM* to be a trusted and respected household name and brand, reaching millions of children."

Watch this space - We wish you all the best Yivan!

In the Works

* 2nd year student **Andrea Costa Lima** is taking off! Having recently completed the lead in the short film **Red Wedding** for **JMC Academy** written by **Russ Welsh** and directed by **Scott Bradley**; the supporting role in a **Griffith Film School** 3rd year short titled **Ira**, written and directed by **Nils Nilsson**; she landed the lead role for Oscar Nominated **Peter Hegedus'** short film **Welcome to The Lucky Country**, featured on the Noticeboard. And most recently she has scored the lead role in the one act play **Lover Leapt**, to be performed at **The Gold Coast Little Theatre** in July! For bookings call **5532 2096** or visit www.gclt.com.au

* **Bronte Pearce** is playing the lead role of **Jessica** in **Matt Minter's** Web series **The Origin of Dark Vixen**. She also plays **Sarah** in a comedic series pilot with **BubbleHead Productions** and has recently featured in the **48 Hour Film Project** with **Tamara McLaughlin**, **Lucas Kruger**, **Andrea Costa Lima**, **Luke Constable**, **Lorretta Kung**, **Daniel Frawley**, and **Andrew Lowe**.

* **Kris Maric (PRODUCER)** has just finished work on Gold Coast film **The Professional Idiot**. It made its festival debut at the **Gold Coast Film Festival** and picked up the 2012 Audience Award. Check it out [here](#) and on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

* **Ellen Hardisty** heads to London for the RADA Summer School Shakespeare Intensive this Jul/Aug.

* **Amanda Dettrick** made a short film involving fellow workshopper **Holly Chetcuti** titled **The Time Line** back in March/April; another short for the **48hour Project** with workshopppers **Greg Stone** and **Eleni Petridis** titled **The Vixen**; appeared in an indie feature film by **Peregrine Pictures** titled **Arana Plains**; appeared in a doco-drama filmed by **Cutting Edge**; worked on a **Griffith Film School Masters Project** titled **Max and Zen**; and is a Producer on a **GFS Project** titled **Max's Awful Weekend Off**. Nice work Amanda!

* **Tegan Devine** has just finished performing in **Nash Theatres The Merchant of Venice**.

* **Mercedes Porter** has recently joined **Play With Your Food Theatre Company**. On other fronts, she was in the short film **Then I Left** by **Two Dollar Films** for the **48hour Film Project** which won 5 awards: 2nd runner up best film, best director, best cinematographer, best editor and best makeup; In mid June she played **Snow White** in a **Griffith Uni** grad film called **Fables**; and will soon be filming a mockumentary with **Revue Factory**. Keep it up Mercedes!

* **Loretta Kung** has just completed a supporting role in Feature film **The Summit** with **Dark Road Media** directed by **Mike Holligan** and the not-for-profit Documentary - **Second Chance Program** Directed by **Jeff Holligan** of **Synergy Films**, Produced by **Cutting Edge**.

* **Gregory Stone** has just finished a lead role in an **SES Corporate Leadership DVD** for an **Interactive SES Leadership program**.

* **Nathan Wright** has had a number of jobs since our last newsletter including a Music video - **Level Complete** directed by **Anthony Cotterill** for **TAFE**, Short film - **Arrythmia** with the **Last Minute Artists** for the **48 Hour Film Festival**, Short film - **Max's Awful Weekend Off** directed by **Jason Fitzgerald** for **Griffith Masters**, Short film - **Drama** with **Revue Factory Productions** directed by **Aaron Singfield** and voice over - fundraising campaign video for **Mute** directed by **Tony Walsh**.

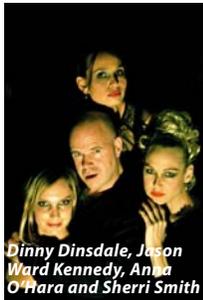
* **Andrew Lowe** has completed three Short Films: **A Just World** - **Doan Nguyen**, **Havoc** - **Nina Van Beest**, and **Max's Awful Weekend Off** - **Jason Fitzgerald**.

* **Dinny Dinsdale** performed in the **Alleyway Project** on the 14th and 15th of May in **Winn Lane Street Theatre** in the Valley as part of **The Anywhere Theatre Festival**.

Best in Show

Using four stories of the most famous classical beauties that ever lived, **Beauty is Difficult** is a contemporary play about love, desire, deceit and the tango.

It does not tell the story of each of the original texts but reacts to them and allows the audience to barrack for their favourite femme fatale.



Dinny Dinsdale, Jason Ward Kennedy, Anna O'Hara and Sherri Smith

Each night only one woman will die. Who will it be? It will be decided on the night by the actors, on the stage, in the midst of performance, tied in to the evocative tango sequence that frames the production. Every night there will a different outcome.

Graduates **Anna O'Hara** and **Dinny Dinsdale** are both performing in **Heartbeast Vicious Theatre Ensemble's** self-devised show **Beauty Is Difficult** Directed by **Michael Beh**. Anna plays **Anna Karenina** and Dinny plays **Emma Bovary**. Buy tickets [here](#).

Friends of the Workshop

Michael Thomson finished filming his first lead role in the **Chris Sun** thriller **Daddy's Little Girl** at the end of April. The trailer has just been released and can be viewed [here](#).

This confronting Gold Coast film will be sent to film festivals around the world. Check out Michael's interview for the film [here](#).



The Noticeboard



Peter Hegedus

Nearly the whole school took part in the recent filming of **Oscar Nominated Peter Hegedus'** upcoming short film **Welcome to the Lucky Country** this June. Students and graduates featured include: **Andrea Costa Lima**, **Mungo McKay**, **Ryan Viewers**, **Niki J Price**, **Brent Allen**, **Tamara McLaughlin**, **Jermia Turner** and a whole host of extras. Working with such a quality filmmaker is an invaluable experience for all of our students. Keep an eye out for its release!