

SHOWTIME 2024: The Awesome Eighties

"TOTALLY RADICAL A WESOME EIGHTIES BOOMBOX SHOW"

SUMMARY *Showtime 2024: The Awesome Eighties* is a retro-celebration concert featuring a selection of classic rock, pop and novelty songs from the best decade for music: the 1980's. Featuring a LIVE cover band of talented local musicians and an exciting ensemble of live performers, including solos, duets, and groups, all dressed in fabulous 1980's fashions. Some audience participation will also be encouraged for selected numbers and choruses.

DATES

Auditions	Sat	12 Oct 2024,	10am to 2pm (only those required)
Preview	Wed	27 Nov 2024,	8pm
Shows	Fri	29 Nov 2024,	8pm
	Sat	30 Nov 2024,	8pm
	Sun	01 Dec 2024,	2pm (matinee)

CONCERT The Showtime concert will include the following performances of hit songs from the 1980s:-

- 12 x solo performers
- 4 x duets
- 4 x small group numbers
- 4 x large group numbers
- a large ensemble singing the chorus of several songs

REHEARSALS

- Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm, starting from 15th Oct.
- Not every performer will be required to attend every rehearsal.
- Thurs 14/11/2024 changed to Wed 13/11/2024 due to committee meeting.
- Some soloists and duets will only be required at a few rehearsals.

REGISTER All prospective performers will be required to register by completing an online JotForm, which is available on our website www.playerstheatre.org.au or by clicking on this link [#####](#). Alternatively, you may contact the director directly (see details below) and he will register you.

Information required: contact details; preference of solo/duet or ensemble; list your three preferred 1980s songs. You may choose your own or from the list of suggestions below. (See appendices)

AUDITIONS Auditions will NOT be necessary for every performer if pre-approved by the Director but auditions may be required for inexperienced performers or new/non-members. The director will advise you.

- You can perform solo OR as a duo/trio OR with your own group if you prefer
- Sing any popular song from the 1980s of your choice
- OR sing a 1980s song from a list of artists below. (See below appendices)
- Provide your own backing track (or you may sing *acapella*.)
- You may use your natural voice OR impersonate the original artist.
- Costumes, wigs or props may be used if desired but are not required.
- A good singing voice is an *advantage*, but other factors will be considered.

LOCATION Auditions will be held at The Players Theatre, 33a Lord Street, Port Macquarie.

COST Free to audition, but if you are cast, you must be financial members of The Players Theatre Inc.
(All memberships are half price if purchased after auditions)

REQUIRED - Willingness to attend all performances, and as many rehearsals as possible.
- A current valid Working With Children certification (or application) prior to the first rehearsal.

CASTING - All performers should expect notification of the result within 48 hours.
- If successful the director will confirm your involvement by phone.
- If unsuccessful, you will be notified by email.
- Acceptance that the director's casting decision is final
- Pre-approved performers will also receive a confirmation request.
- All parts, songs and roles may be changed later at the discretion of the Director.

SONG CRITERIA

1. Must be from the 1980s or representative of that era.
2. Must be family-friendly and suitable to perform for all ages.
3. Must be reasonably well-known or recognisable.
4. Preferably fun and upbeat, but emotional ballads also considered.
5. Medleys and 'Glee-style' mashups will also be considered.

ENQUIRIES Director Paul Bishop
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APPENDIX 1: SAMPLE LIST OF 1980s ARTISTS

A-HA	TOTO	B52s	U2	BANANARAMA	JOHN COUGAR MELLENCAMP
BAND AID		BANGLES		BILLY IDOL	MIKE & THE MECHANICS
BILLY JOEL		BLONDIE		BOBBY McFERRIN	OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN
BON JOVI		BONNIE TYLER		TIFFANY	MENTAL AS ANYTHING
BRYAN ADAMS		CHER		CULTURE CLUB	KATRINA AND WAVES
CYNDI LAUPER		DAVID BOWIE		DEAD OR ALIVE	WHITNEY HOUSTON
DIRE STRAITS		DOLLY PARTON		KENNY ROGERS	BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
DURAN DURAN		ELTON JOHN		EUROPE	WEATHER GIRLS
EURHYTHMICS		FOREIGNER		FOREIGNER	VILLAGE PEOPLE
GENESIS		GEORGE MICHAEL		GO-GOs, THE	TWISTED SISTER
GUNS N ROSES		HALL & OATES		HOODOO GURUS	TIGHT FIT
HUMAN LEAGUE		IRENE CARA		JENNIFER RUSH	THE POLICE
JOAN JETT		JOE COCKER		VAN HALEN	ROBERT PALMER
JOE COCKER		ZZ TOP		SHEENA EASTON	JASON DONOVAN
JOHN FARNHAM		JOHN LENNON		JOURNEY	STEVIE WONDER
JUICE NEWTON		KATE BUSH		WAITRESSES	MICHAEL JACKSON
KENNY LOGGINS		KIM CARNES		KYLIE MINOGUE	JENNIFER WARNES
LIONEL RICHIE		DIANA ROSS		SOFT CELL	SALT & PEPA
MADONNA		MEN AT WORK		RICK ASTLEY	ROXETTE
SURVIVOR		WHAM		BUCK'S FIZZ	STARSHIP
NENA		PAT BENATAR		PRINCE	TINA TURNER
PHIL COLLINS		PINK FLOYD		HEART	SIMPLE MINDS
QUEEN		DRAGON		ICEHOUSE	PROCLAIMERS
INXS		HOODOO GURUS		MIDNIGHT OIL	AUSTRALIAN CRAWL
CROWDED HOUSE		ICEHOUSE		SPLIT ENZ	HUNTERS & COLLECTORS

APPENDIX 2: PREFERRED SONGS (DIRECTOR'S FAVOURITES)

The following songs are strongly recommended for consideration. Any performer who nominates one of these will be highly regarded by the director when making the casting decision.

This includes solos, duets, and small groups.

<u>ARTIST</u>	<u>SONG</u>	<u>PERFORMERS</u>
A-HA	TAKE ON ME	GROUP
B52s	LOVE SHACK	TRIO
BANGLES	WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN	DUO/TRIO
BETTE MIDLER	WIND BENEATH MY WINGS or THE ROSE	SOLO
BON JOVI	LIVIN' ON A PRAYER	DUET + GROUP
BONNIE TYLER	TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART	DUET + CHORUS
CYNDI LAUPER	GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN	(GIRLS) GROUP
DIANA ROSS & LIONEL RICHIE	ENDLESS LOVE	DUET
(DIRTY DANCING MOVIE)	I HAD THE TIME OF MY LIFE	DUET
ELTON JOHN	I'M STILL STANDING	SOLO
FOREIGNER	I WANNA KNOW WHAT LOVE IS	SOLO + CHORUS
JOHN FARNHAM	YOU'RE THE VOICE	SOLO + GROUP
JOHN LENNON	HAPPY XMAS (WAR IS OVER)	SOLO + CHORUS
JOURNEY	DON'T STOP BELIEVING	DUET + GROUP
KATRINA & WAVES	WALKING ON SUNSHINE	SOLO
KENNY LOGGINS	FOOTLOOSE	SOLO + GROUP
KENNY ROGERS & DOLLY P.	ISLANDS IN THE STREAM	DUET
KYLIE MINOGUE	LOCOMOTION	SOLO + GROUP
LIONEL RICHIE	DANCING ON THE CEILING	SOLO
MADONNA	LIKE A PRAYER / MATERIAL GIRL	SOLO + CHORUS
MIKE & THE MECHANICS	THE LIVING YEARS	SOLO + CHORUS
NENA	99 LUFT BALLOONS (GERMAN)	SOLO
OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN	PHYSICAL	SOLO + MALE CHORUS
PAT BENATAR	HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT	SOLO
PROCLAIMERS	500 MILES	DUET
QUEEN	I WANT TO BREAK FREE or RADIO GAGA	SOLO + GROUP
RICK ASTLEY	NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP	SOLO
ROBERT PALMER	SIMPLY IRRESTIBLE	SOLO + DANCERS?
SHEENA EASTON	MORNING TRAIN	SOLO + GROUP
SIMPLE MINDS	DON'T YOU (FORGET ABOUT ME)	SOLO + GROUP
STARSHIP	WE BUILT THIS CITY	DUO/TRIO + CHORUS
STEVIE WONDER	I JUST CALLED TO SAY I LOVE YOU	MULTI / GROUP
TINA TURNER	SIMPLY THE BEST	SOLO + GROUP
TOTO	AFRICA	SOLO/DUET (HARMONY)
WEATHER GIRLS	IT'S RAINING MEN	TRIO/GROUP
WHAM	WAKE ME UP BEFORE YOU GO GO or LAST CHRIS	TMAS SOLO
WHITNEY HOUSTON	I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY	SOLO