

SHOWTIME 2024: The Awesome '80s

"TOTALLY RADICAL A WESOME EIGHTIES BOOMBOX SHOW"

SUMMARY *Showtime 2024: The Awesome '80s* is a retro-celebration concert featuring a selection of classic rock, pop and novelty songs from the most totally radical decade for music: the awesome 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 fabulously trendy 1980's fashions. Some audience participation will also be encouraged for selected numbers and choruses.

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| DATES | Auditions | Sat | 12 Oct 2024, | 10am to 2pm (only if required) |
| | Rehearsals Start | Tues | 15 Oct 2024 | 6.30pm |
| | Preview | Tues | 26 Nov 2024, | 7pm |
| | Shows | Fri | 29 Nov 2024, | 7.30pm |
| | | Sat | 30 Nov 2024, | 7.30pm |
| | | Sun | 01 Dec 2024, | 2pm (matinee) |

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

- approx. 20 solos / duets
- approx. 4 group numbers
- hopefully a few encores!
- possibly some medleys or mash-up numbers
- a large ensemble singing the chorus of several songs
- some audience participation encourage in selected songs

- REHEARSALS**
- Mostly Tuesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm, until Tues 19th Nov
 - A few dress rehearsals between 19/11/24 and opening night
 - Not every solo performer will be required to attend every rehearsal
 - Ensemble encouraged to attend all rehearsals
 - Early rehearsals will be with backing tracks, then with a live band

REGISTER All prospective performers will be required to register by completing an online JotForm by clicking on this link (also available on our website) <https://form.jotform.com/242520975511858> 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 three preferred 1980s songs. (You may select from the list of suggestions below or choose your own songs.)

AUDITIONS Saturday 12th October 2024, from 10.00am to 2.00pm (if required)

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 appendices below)
- Provide your own backing track (or you may sing *acapella*)
- You may use your natural voice OR impersonate the original artist
- 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 or renewed after July)
- REQUIRED**
- Attend all performances, and as many rehearsals as possible.
 - A current valid Working With Children Check (or application)
 - Willing to be filmed for publicity photos and videos
- CASTING**
- All performers should expect notification of the result within 48 hours.
 - If successful the director will confirm your involvement by phone or email.
 - If unsuccessful, you will be notified by email.
 - Acceptance that the director's casting decision is final, including song choices
 - Pre-approved performers will also receive a confirmation notification.
 - 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 catchy, fun and upbeat
- ENQUIRIES**
- Director Paul Bishop Ph 0448 121212
Email: paulb@playerstheatre.org.au
- Assistants Margaret Nicolson, Gillian Mason
- Band Leader Jeff Barnsley

SHOWTIME TIMELINE:

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| Sat | 28 Sept 2024 | 10am | Information Session - Performer registrations commence |
| Sat | 12 Oct 2024 | 10am | Auditions (only if required) |
| Sun | 13 Oct 2024 | 6pm | Cast Notified, Committee Notified |
| Mon | 14 Oct 2024 | 6pm | Song List Published |
| Tues | 15 Oct 2024 | 6.30pm | Rehearsals Start – Meet & Greet, Singalong |
| Tues | 22 Oct 2024 | 6.30pm | Rehearsal – backing tracks |
| Tues | 29 Oct 2024 | 6.30pm | Rehearsal – backing tracks |
| Tues | 05 Nov 2024 | 6.30pm | Rehearsal – live band |
| Tues | 12 Nov 2024 | 6.30pm | Rehearsal – live band |
| Tues | 19 Nov 2024 | 6.30pm | Rehearsal – Act One (1980s Costumes) |
| Thurs | 21 Nov 2024 | 6.30pm | Rehearsal – Act Two (1980s Costumes) |
| Sun | 24 Nov 2024 | 12.00pm | Double Run – Full Dress Rehearsal |
| Tues | 26 Nov 2024 | 7.00pm | Preview Night |
| Fri | 29 Nov 2024, | 8pm | Show |
| Sat | 30 Nov 2024, | 8pm | Show |
| Sun | 01 Dec 2024, | 2pm | Matinee |

APPENDIX 1: 1980s ARTISTS - SAMPLE LIST OF SUGGESTIONS

YOU MAY SELECT A SONG BY ONE OF THESE ARTISTS **OR** ANY OTHER 1980s ARTIST/SONG OF YOUR CHOICE

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| A-HA | B52s | 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 | PAUL SIMON | 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 |
| U2 | TOTO | KATE BUSH | PETER GABRIEL |