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2007 Adelaide Cabaret Festival announces cast of

The Beauty Spot

The **Adelaide Cabaret Festival** is delighted to announce the cast for one of its "Nearly Ready!" works in development - ***The Beauty Spot***, a hilarious new musical created by composer **David W. Young**. ***The Beauty Spot*** will be performed on **Saturday 23 June** at 2:30pm in the Dunstan Playhouse.

"Nearly Ready!" is an ongoing series in the **Adelaide Cabaret Festival** which showcases new musical theatre shows, still in the development process, by Australian writers and composers. Performances are presented in a workshop format and provide a fascinating opportunity for anyone interested in the creative process to observe directors, writers and performers at work.

The Beauty Spot is a witty and fast-paced black comedy which satirises the myth of beauty, and the lengths that some people will go to in order to obtain it.

The Beauty Spot is about Jane Fraser and her ambition to be on TV. Nothing will stop her: not blackmail, deceit nor the fact that she's not beautiful. So off she goes to the salon The Beauty Spot and its three makeover magicians, ruled by the chauvinistic Gregg Griggs. Will "Plain Jane" become "Perfect Jana"? Or will her ugly ambition ruin the show?

Local opera stars **Johanna Allen** and **Ben Rasheed** will play the central characters of Jane and Gregg. The rest of the cast is comprised of equally talented local performers **Cherie Boogaart**, **David Lampard**, **Melissa McCaig**, **Ian Muster** and **Libby O'Donovan**. The ***Beauty Spot*** is directed by Darren Yap.

The Beauty Spot was short-listed for last year's Pratt Prize for a New Musical Theatre Work and amassed rave reviews when staged as part of the Magnormos Music Theatre Readings Program in Melbourne last year.

"... *David Young's score is unceasingly melodic... the makings of a fun, catchy musical are all there.*" **The Age**.

All tickets are \$25 and can be booked through BASS on 131 246 or www.bass.net.au <<http://www.bass.net.au>>

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