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# GREASEPAINT, LIGHTS & APPLAUSE

Hands up those of you who have stood in front of the mirror, hairbrush in hand and belted out a little song and dance routine? We've all nurtured secret dreams and aspirations of letting the musical diva inside claim his or her spotlight on stage. For members of **The Company of Theatre Arts**, it's more than just wishful thinking and starry dreams.

This month, for the first time, The Company, as it is fondly known, is bringing its latest show, *One Hit Wonders* to The Heritage Theatre in Hillcrest. This song and dance review is a mix of songs from performers who have had only one of their recorded songs enter the charts, and in some cases, were never heard of again. The likes of Golden Earing with *Radar Love*, Otis Redding with *Dock of the Bay*, Debbie Boone with *You Light*



Scott Mc Connell, Lauren Alblas, Jaco de Wet, Neil Snyder, Janine de Froberville and Georgina Mabbett in a scene from the show, *One Hit Wonders*

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Heritage audiences will enjoy an evening of song and dance with performers from The Company of Theatre Arts

up my Life, the Weather Girls and Raining Men, Los de Rio with Macarana, The Body Rockers with The Way you Move and many more.

It promises to be a fun, toe tapping evening for the whole family and runs from 21 September until 3 October.

The Company is a non-profile amateur theatrical organisation that has been entertaining local audiences in the greater Durban area for more than 23 years. It has no official home, but its dedicated troupe of performers manage to put on one production a year. Productions are aimed at giving up-and-coming performers the opportunity to utilise the tried and tested song and dance recipe as a stepping stone to launch a professional career, whilst giving others a chance to enjoy what they love doing most!

The company was formed in 1985 and has since entertained audiences with its highly successful traditional London Pub Evenings as well as its more adventurous productions that included comedy, melodrama, musicals and musical reviews. All this by a group of amateur thespians who thrive on the smell of greasepaint, the feel of the stage beneath their feet and the thrill of an audience's applause. So what makes them do it, show after show, the long hours of rehearsals, sacrificing evenings and weekends from family and friends, to entertain others? "All sorts of reasons: the lights, the costumes, the

makeup, the chaos backstage, getting changed in the wings, the adrenaline rush before going on stage, the uniqueness of live theatre, the audience, the clapping and cheering, the curtain calls, the shooters in the dressing room when it goes right, when it goes wrong, hoping it'll be alright on the night, the people, the fantasy," said a spokesperson for The Company.

And therein lies the sustainability of a performing group like The Company. They're self-sufficient, self-funding, and offer a quality of entertainment which the commercial theatres are happy to host. And best of all, it's just as much fun for those on stage as it is for the audience!

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#### SHOW TIMES

R190 Wednesday - Saturday  
(2 Course Supper)  
7pm for 8:30pm show

R165 Tuesday  
(2 Course Supper)  
7pm for 8:30pm show

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(2 Course Lunch)  
12.30pm for 2pm show

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