

Wedding Singer, at Willy.

Review By Cheryl Threadgold

■ The historic Williamstown Mechanics Institute will be rocking until May 17 as Williamstown Musical Theatre Company presents their entertaining production of *The Wedding Singer, A New Musical*.

This company's shows are always vocally strong and this, combined with Scott Ponsford's first class, snappy choreography and good direction, rousing music rendered by musical director Adrian Szondy's orchestra plus a highly talented cast, makes for a memorable production.

Set in 1985, *The Wedding Singer* tells the story of rock star wannabe Robbie Hart, New Jersey's favourite wedding singer. Turanga Merito delivers an excellent, charismatic portrayal of Robbie, equalled by the delightful and polished performance of his romantic co-lead, Alexandra Clover (Julia Sullivan).

Strong all-round performances are also enjoyed from their fellow performers, including Ingrid Gray (Holly), Nathan Gill (Sammy), Stuart Dodge (Glen), Mark Spencer (George), Bianca Giorgetti (Linda), Trish Coyne (Angie) and Natalie Black (Rosie), whose comedic timing is terrific.

The show exudes enthusiastic vitality and the talented support cast demonstrate their versatility by adeptly playing various colourful roles as well as singing and dancing.

The set is cleverly designed by David Parsons and well done to stage manager Caroline Behnane's



● Alexandra Clover (Julia Sullivan) and Turanga Merito (Robbie Hart) are co-leads in Williamstown Musical Theatre Company's production of *The Wedding Singer, A New Musical*, being presented until May 17 at the Williamstown Mechanics Institute. Bookings www.wmtc.org.au or 1300 881 545.

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backstage crew for their efficiently organised work in a small area during set changes.

Congratulations to all concerned with presenting this energetic, feel-good show. Word will get around and it won't be long before the "Full House" sign displayed outside the theatre on opening night, will deservedly be there for every performance.

The Wedding Singer runs until May 17 at the Williamstown Mechanics Institute, Cnr. Melbourne Rd. and Electra St., Williamstown.

For bookings ring 1300 881 545 or visit www.wmtc.org.au

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