

# Young cast's magical ride

## DISNEY ALADDIN JR

THE Regals Musical Society will showcase the talents of more than 70 children when it presents *Disney Aladdin Jr* at the Rockdale Town Hall from May 11 to 19.

The musical features a cast of young people all under the age of 18.

There are two casts rehearsing for the show; the "Genies" cast consists of 44 children aged 7-12 years, and the "Royals" cast of 34 children are 13-18 years old.

The youthful production reflects the St George district society's commitment to community-based theatre and nurturing the talent of its members.

It is the first time that many of these children have performed in a musical but the cast also contains a number of experienced actors some of whom have performed professionally on stage and screen.

Musical director of *Disney Aladdin Jr*, Stacey Wilson, said the young performers have brought passion and dedication along with astounding talent to their roles. "They have been surprised



**COLOURFUL COSTUMES:** Members of the Royals Cast for the upcoming production of *Disney Aladdin Jr* being presented by the Regals Musical Society.

by the hard work, and have stepped up admirably to the challenge," Ms Wilson said.

"Many of these young performers are on stage in their first ever musical and I hope they've loved it, believed the

hard work was worth it, and will be back for more.

"Amateur music theatre is renowned for passionate and dedicated performers and these children are no different. By day, they've focused



**OUT OF THE BOTTLE:** Genies cast members (from left) Ava Crewes, Xion Jarvis, Max Fernandez reprise the roles of Jasmine, Genie and Aladdin respectively.



**VILLAIN:** Blake O'Mara plays the role of Jafar who is bent on overtaking the kingdom through the power of the genie.

on school, but by night, they've absorbed themselves in attending rehearsals, and practising all their songs, lines and dance moves.

"Their parents should also be acknowledged for their

commitment to the show and for their belief in their child performers."

Regal's president Peter Sharratt said the society had a proud history spanning 70 years.

"We are proud to be able to provide these marvellous young performers with an opportunity to present a Disney show in a venue that has seen the absolute best of community theatre talent over the years," Mr Sharratt said.

"It is great to be giving these kids an opportunity to stand in the spotlight and showcase their talent, and to share with family, friends and the wider audience the obvious joy it gives them to perform in a musical."

Based on the iconic animated film, with an Academy Award-winning score, *Disney's Aladdin Jr* will send audiences soaring on a flying carpet ride filled with romance and adventure.

When the street urchin, Aladdin, vies for the attention of the beautiful princess, Jasmine, he uses a genie's magic power to become a prince in order to marry her, but it is their shared desire for freedom that unites them.

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