

Teens to shine on stage for new Aladdin show

DISNEY'S Aladdin is being retold by children in a new show from The Regals Musical Society.

With two casts in 10 alternating shows, *Aladdin Junior* will be performed until this Saturday at Rockdale Town Hall.

Musical director Stacey Wilson said it had been

magical to watch the transformation of the young performers during the months of rehearsals, many of whom were new to the musical genre.

"These young performers have brought passion and dedication along with astounding talent to their roles," Wilson said.

"By day, they've focused on

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

For Malabar's Jonah Simmons, (pictured) the show is his first outside of school.

"I play Prince Baba of Ganoush," the 13-year-old said.

"I love playing this role because I get a big dance solo and I love to dance."

Jonah is currently attending the Australian Performing Arts Grammar School and hopes to perform on Broadway in the future.

• To watch the kids perform, call Peter Sharatt on 0466 069 973 to book your tickets.

