

THE MIRTHQUAKERS

The Mirthquakers was a costume comedy revue troupe put together and directed by Vic Roberts for a season at Brisbane's Cremorne Theatre in 1928. The troupe made its debut on 18 February, following on from Elton Black's New Follies. Among the performers engaged for the opening weeks were Bert Le Blanc, George Moon and Dan Morris, Linda Foy, George Moon Jr, American specialty dancers Helen and Frank and Paul Daly. While the entertainment largely comprised vaudeville turns and revue-style sketches, the troupe staged at least one full length musical comedy, *Great Scott*, in March.

The Mirthquakers remained at the Cremorne until 15 June, giving way to a new revue company known as The Hustlers. The final month saw the troupe's line-up bolstered by the inclusion of the Great Levante and Indian digger Mohamet Kassim.

Following the close of the Mirthquakers' season Bert le Blanc formed a re-organised Travesty Stars troupe for a tour of North Queensland (and later Northern NSW). At least two of the Mirthquakers were engaged for the two, these being Gladys Cole and Mohamet Kassim. In September Vic Roberts took over Paul Daly's Supremes during its Perth season, renaming the troupe the Smilestones.

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PERSONNEL

1. **Troupe members** incl. George Brown, Doreen Carroll, Gladys Cole, Paul Daly, Emmie Ensor, Linda Foy, Lilian Gray, Paul Gray, Helen and Frank, Nellie Lafferty, Bert Le Blanc, George Moon, George Moon Jr, Dan Morris, Pimple and Shadow, Vic Roberts, Rolling Rollos, Doris Whimp.
2. **Special guest artists** incl. The Great Levante, Mahomet Kassim.
3. **Production team:** Bill Butland (music director), Vic Roberts (director)
4. **Additional notes and/or historical clarification:**
 - **Gladys Cole:** Piano accordion.
 - **Emmie Ensor:** Dancer.
 - **Helen and Frank:** American specialty dancers.
 - **Rolling Rollos:** Exhibition skaters. One of their feature acts was "The Loop of Death."

FURTHER REFERENCE

- "[Bright Show at Cremorne.](#)" BC: 30 Apr. (1928), 19.
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- "[Cremorne Theatre.](#)" BC: 9 Apr. (1928), 11.
- "[Cremorne Theatre.](#)" BC: 16 Apr. (1928), 24.
- "[Cremorne Theatre.](#)" BC: 14 May (1928), 21.
- "[Cremorne Theatre.](#)" BC: 28 May (1928), 18.
- "[Entertainments: Cremorne.](#)" BC: 26 Mar. (1928), 18.
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