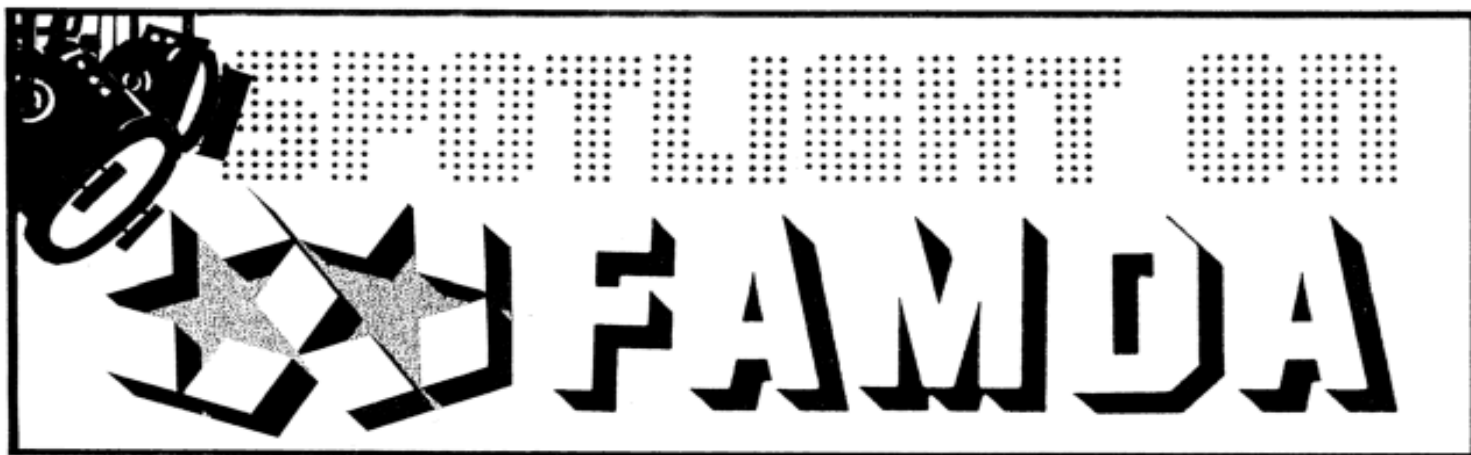


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Happy Christmas



*Best wishes for
great theatre
in 2011*

COMING IN 2011

FAMDA THEATRICAL EVENTS

PLAY READING
Friday 11 February
Venue to be confirmed

CABARETRO
1, 2 & 8 April
Foster Arts Centre

HEROES
June
Foster Arts Centre

SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Congratulations to everyone who contributed to making FAMDA the big winner in the 2010 Gippsland Associated Theatre awards when our production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* took out the coveted award for the Most Outstanding Musical.

Nathan Eva's enthusiasm and inspirational leadership was rewarded with the Most Outstanding Director award.

Ivan Koetsveld and Jemima Eva earned Supporting Actor awards. Paul Smith received the Most Outstanding Cameo Performance accolade and the entire cast won the Most Outstanding Ensemble award.

In addition there were two judges' awards given to FAMDA.

Ann Roffe presented her award to "the Singers and Orchestra in the "I Love You" song" while Lawrie Fildes chose to award the "innovative and entertaining use of the audience as part of Spelling Bee".

There was certainly plenty of competition.

Wonthaggi's *Oliver!* scored awards in the big production design areas of Direction (Kirk Skinner), Choreography (Anthea Donohue), Set (Tad Hendry) and Costumes (Isaac Lummis) while the awards for leading roles in a musical went to Charles Gruen as Jean Valjean and Britt Lewis as Eponine in Warragul Theatre Company's *Les Misérables*. Junior performance awards were won by Aubrey Gaylard as Gavroche in *Les Misérables* and Kelsea Timmers who played Dinah in Leongatha Lyric's *High Society*.

Hear Prom Coast Singers @ Community Carols FWMAC 7:30 Sunday 19 December

Watch out for audition details for FAMDA's next productions

Cafe CABARET

PARIS BERLIN NEW YORK BUENOS AIRES FOSTER

Foster's turn to experience sophisticated entertainment with the audience dining.

STAGED BY FAMDA FOR THREE NIGHTS ONLY

Dining Friday 1 & Saturday 2 April

Concert style Friday 8 April ~ opening the Prom Coast Seachange Festival

For more details contact Nicole Cooper - 0429 821 545

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HEROES



A Gentle Comedy

Tom Stoppard's English language adaptation of Gerald Sibleyras' French play
Le Vent de Peupliers (The Wind in the Poplars)

To be staged by FAMDA June 2011 @ Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Directed by Andrew Oldroyd

Cast required 3 x males aged 50+



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Victorian Music Theatre Guild Awards



Gwen Derrick with Wayne Moloney

Congratulations Gwen Derrick, the foundation stone of Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, on earning the 2010 Edith Harry Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Musical Theatre. WTG celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2009 and Gwen has been involved in the administration of the group through all that time, working as a performer, director, costume manager, mentor and font of theatrical knowledge.

FAMDA's Spelling Bee received two acknowledgements from MTGV judges.

Josh Gardiner was nominated as Junior Performer in an Open Production for his performance as Chip Tolentino.

Nathan Eva earned a commendation for his direction of *Spelling Bee*.

Wonthaggi's *Oliver!* earned two commendations – Wayne Moloney as Fagin and Tad Hendry & Rick Pendry for the London townscape.

Well done all!

Gippsland Associated Theatre results

In the plays category David Tattersall & Jo Street won awards for their outstanding efforts as lead actors in Leongatha Lyric's *Educating Rita*

The Drama / Comedy section was however dominated by Break a Leg Theatre's production of *Brassed Off* which won the Best Drama or Comedy Award as well as the awards for Most Outstanding Direction (Dan Clancey) and Support Actors Anthony Kennedy as Phil and Christine Skicko as Vera.

Brassed Off also won GAT awards for Technical Achievement, and Most Outstanding Program (Wayne Musgrove).

The Alby Fisher Memorial Award for Creative Design went to Latrobe Theatre Co for the set dressing in its touring production of *Hay Fever*.

For a complete list of nominees and winners visit www.famda.org.au

Other Gippsland Theatre 2011

Latrobe Theatre Company

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Traralgon February 18 – 27

Sale March 5-6 Warragul March 12-13

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

ONE ACT PLAYS

18 - 26 March Dakers Centre

Warragul Theatre Company

GUYS AND DOLLS 12 – 28 May

Production Line Theatre

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

20 – 29 May Bairnsdale

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

CABARET 27 May – 12 June

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

JEKYLL AND HYDE

15 – 30 July

Who will be the winners of "THE HOLY GRAIL"?

- A Night of Theatre sports, Trivia & Humiliation.
- Watch: Local performers battle it out for Theatre's Holy Grail.
- When: 7.30pm Friday 28th January
- Venue: Leongatha Dakers Centre, Cnr Smith and Gray Streets

Last time Leongatha Lyric's theatre challenge was won by a team called Wonda – comprising Rory Godbold & Lindy Waldron from Wonthaggi Theatrical Group and Max Adam & Dianne Paragreen from FAMDA.. Rhonda Hanily, Peter Gilbert, Kerena McLaren and Paul Smith represented Lyric providing spirited competition but Dianne proved to be the queen of musical theatre trivia. Leongatha Lyric has now called for reinforcements from Latrobe Theatre Company and all theatre companies are invited to lend their support for an evening of theatrical fun and games. Keep posted for booking details.



STOP PRESS

- ◆ FAMDA's next play reading - Friday 11 February. Venue to be confirmed
- ◆ Louise Dower is off to the Victorian Drama League Youth Performing Arts Summer School sponsored by FAMDA
- ◆ Wonthaggi's Will Hanily to play Gabriel in the Victorian premiere of Kiss of the Spiderwoman staged by SHooSH! Productions 4—12 February