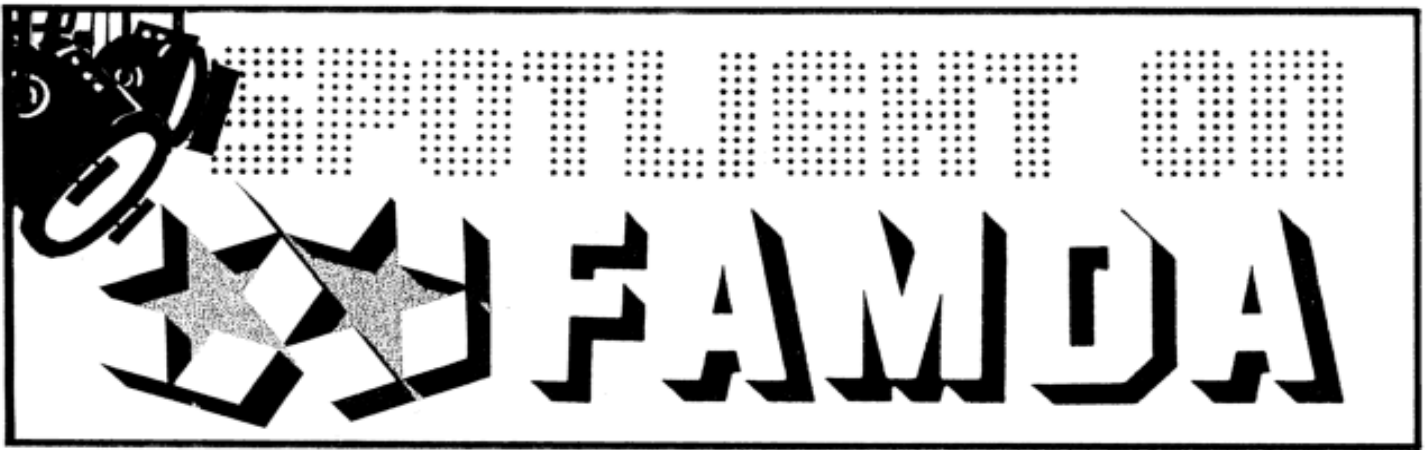


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ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL



A one act play festival gives the chance for a friendly theatrical competition.

You can see new plays, support your friends, meet new people and be thoroughly entertained.

It's all on the menu as FAMDA hosts the tenth annual South Gippsland One Act Play Festival at the Foster Arts Centre on Saturday and Sunday, 21 & 22 August.

This year the adjudicator is respected Melbourne theatrical identity, Gaye Gay.

The festival is shaping up to be bigger and better than usual with more entries than ever before, including several youth entries.

Despite the competitive element, the festival is always a very friendly and social occasion with audience members and companies being given the choice of concert style seating or sitting at tables with their own drinks and nibbles.

To allow time for more socialising, Catherine McGlead is offering an **in-house catering package. (BYO drinks).**

For dinner on Saturday night she is offering curries and rice with a vegetarian option plus dessert for \$20 served in the FWMAC supper room.

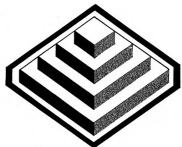
To enjoy the convenience and camaraderie of this in-house dinner you book by contacting Catherine via 0407 543 371, famda@dcsi.net.au by Monday 16 August.

Supper on Saturday night and afternoon tea on both days of the festival will be available for \$5 each session.

Catherine is also selling Sunday lunch, soup and a bread roll, for \$4.00.

Festival ticket prices are \$8.00 per session, \$15.00 for two sessions or a complete Festival pass for \$20.00. Session and festival tickets will be available at the door.

A schedule with estimated starting times for each play is included with this newsletter.



Gippsland Associated Theatre

FAMDA

ONE ACT PLAY FEST

21 & 22 August

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Leongatha Lyric
EDUCATING RITA

3—18 September

Dakers Centre, Leongatha
(Mushroom Crafts 5662 3940)

FAMDA

... SPELLING BEE

5 — 13 November

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre
(Main Street Revelations, Foster)

GAT AWARDS

11 December


Hosted by Leongatha Lyric

FAMDA'S NEXT EXCITING PROJECT



5 — 13 NOVEMBER 2010



 Leongatha Lyric Theatre
 Presents

EDUCATING RITA

A COMEDY
 BY **WILLY RUSSELL**


A heart warming and poignant comedy
 by the creator of *Shirley Valentine* and
Blood Brothers

8:00pm 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 September
 2:00pm Sundays 5 & 12 September

Dakers Centre, Leongatha
 Cnr. Smith & Watts Streets

Bookings: **Mushroom Crafts 5662 3940**
Early bird discount currently applies

A moment of nostalgia—FAMDA staged this play
 in 1999 with Judy Barnard and David Baggally
 playing Rita and Frank, directed by Max Hastings.



FAMDA November production

**THE 25th ANNUAL
 PUTNAM COUNTY
 SPELLING BEE**

AUDITIONS

Saturday 28 August

Contact Nathan Eva

0401 626 673

PLAY READING INVITATION

You are invited to FAMDA's Friendly Play Reading.
 2:00pm Sunday 12 September at The Rhythm Café, Bridge St., Foster.
 Cost: \$6.00 for afternoon tea. Drinks @ bar prices.
 A full length modern comedy on the menu.
 Confirmation of numbers would be most appreciated. Email famda@dcsi.net.au or
 phone **Tania 0427 832 303** or **Andrew 0439 884 311**

PROM COAST SINGERS

All singers are invited to a fortnightly song fest at the Anglican Church Hall in Station Rd. Foster. Meeting time is 7:30 on the second & fourth Tuesday in each month with Christmas carols on the menu.
 Contact: Shirley Wilson via 5682 1363, 1413 278 204 or saw@tadaust.org.au

FAMDA'S ARTY-FARTY TRIVIA PARTY

The night, 17th July, was a huge success thanks to Quizmaster, Andrew Oldroyd, his helpers and the generosity of FAMDA's artistic friends.
 Several local artists generously donated works to be sold. There were drawings, paintings, photography, sculpture and woodwork by such noted South Gippsland artists as Marilyn Ardley, Ann Parry, Jason Pell (South Coast Joinery), Elizabeth Richardson, Anne Roussac-Hoyne and Kerry Spokes.
 The winning table was made up of Barbara Partridge, Arie Bos, Fleur & Graeme Wheeler, Llew, Jane & Tom Vale, and Bev & Don Nicoll. Congratulations all round.

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**Tenth Annual
SOUTH GIPPSLAND**



**ONE ACT
PLAY FESTIVAL**

Saturday & Sunday 21 & 22 August 2010

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Hosted by FAMDA

\$8.00 for 1 session

\$15.00 for 2

Festival pass \$20.00

Tickets will be available at Main Street Revelations, Foster and at the door

Table booking requests and
bookings for in-house dining on Saturday night
famda@dcsi.net.au or 0407 543 371

*Come and support your friends! See new plays! Meet new people!
Be thoroughly entertained - Eat, drink and enjoy!*



Six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who have barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser.

That's the story line for *The Twenty-Fifth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a musical comedy conceived by Rebecca Feldman with music & lyrics by William Finn, a book by Rachel Sheinkin.

The show centres around a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous American Putnam Valley Middle School where six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee, run by three equally quirky grown-ups.

The 2005 Broadway production, directed by James Lapine, earned good reviews and box-office success and was nominated for six Tony Awards, winning two, including Best Book.

Foster Amateur Music & Drama Association will be staging "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre on 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13 November.

Directing FAMDA's production is Nathan Eva who grew up in Leongatha and made his stage debut as Oliver in FAMDA's 2000 production of *Oliver!*.

John Laurie, director of *Into the Woods* for FAMDA in 2009, is the Musical Director.

CAST WANTED

FAMDA is looking for a cast to play the following roles:

Rona Lisa Peretti: The #1 Realtor in Putnam County, a former Putnam County Spelling Bee Champ and returning moderator. She is a sweet woman who loves children but can be very stern when it comes to dealing with Principal Panch, who has feelings for her that she most likely does not return.

Vice Principal Douglas Panch: After five years' absence from the Bee, Panch returns as judge. There was an "incident" at the 20th Annual Bee, but he claims to be in "a better place" now, thanks to a high-fiber diet and Jungian analysis.

Mitch Mahoney: The Official Comfort Counsellor. An ex-convict, Mitch is performing his community service with the Bee, and hands out juice boxes to losing students.

Olive Ostrovsky: A young newcomer to competitive spelling. Her mother is in an ashram in India, and her father is working late, as usual, but he is trying to come at some time during the bee. She made friends with her dictionary at a very young age, helping her make it to the competition.

William Barfée: A Putnam County Spelling Bee finalist last year, he was eliminated because of an allergic reaction to peanuts. His famous "Magic Foot" method of spelling has boosted him to spelling glory, even though he only has one working nostril and a touchy personality.

Logainne Schwartzandgrubienierre: Logainne is the youngest and most politically aware speller, often making comments about current political figures, with two overbearing gay men as parents. She is a bit of a neat freak and speaks with a lisp.

Marcy Park: She is the poster child for the Over-Achieving Asian, and attends a Catholic school called "Our Lady of Intermittent Sorrows." She is also not allowed to cry.

Leaf Coneybear: Leaf comes from a large family of former hippies and makes his own clothes. He spells words correctly while in a trance.

Chip Tolentino: A boy scout and champion of the 24th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, he returns to defend his title, but he finds puberty hitting at an inopportune moment.

Auditions will be held on Saturday 28 August at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre.

Contact Nathan Eva on 0401 626 673 to book your audition time.