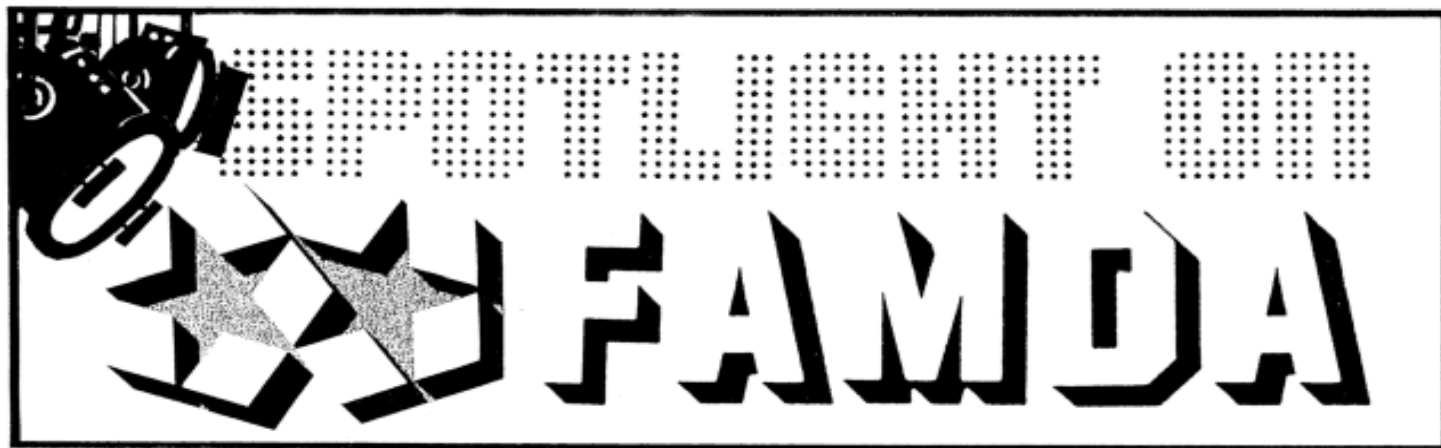


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September/October 2010



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DIARY DATES

FAMDA

... SPELLING BEE

5 — 13 November

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

TWILIGHT JAZZ

Steve Sedergreen & Friends

Sunday 21 November

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Music Theatre Guild Awards

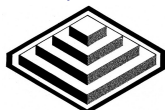
Saturday 4 December

Yarra Valley Grammar, Ringwood

Vic Drama League Awards

Sunday 5 December

Merrimu Receptions, Chadstone



GAT Awards

Saturday 11 December

Mesley Hall, Leongatha

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is buzzing into Foster

FAMDA excitedly presents

TONY AWARD WINNER
The 25th Annual Putnam County
SPELLING BEE

Music and Lyrics by William Finn
Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Conceived by Rebecca Feldman
Additional Material by Jay Reiss

Originally produced on Broadway by
David Stone, James L. Nederlander, Barbara Whitman, Patrick Caullo
Barrington Stage Company, Second Stage Theatre

8:00pm 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 November
2:00pm 7 & 13 November 2010

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (NY)

Discount early bird bookings available til 4 October



Join six quirky adolescents as they vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime, the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. The show centres around a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous American Putnam Valley Middle School. 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. See the six kids face off in the battle of their lives. The competition is intense. Three adults adjudicate the proceedings: a nostalgic former spelling bee winner, a mildly insane Vice Principal and the Official Comfort Counsellor completing his community service to the State of New York.

The words are outrageous. Let the spelling (and the singing) begin!

Composed by William Finn, author of *Falsettos* and *A New Brain*, *Spelling Bee* includes a score full of infectious and playful songs.

Nominated for an incredible six 2005 Tony awards and winner of two, *Spelling Bee* will charm and delight with its frivolous fun.

This fresh musical comedy embraces the weird, welcomes the awkward and celebrates overachieving angst.

Often chaotic, always unique, this hilarious take on American pop culture is a true delight so that this bright new musical comedy will warm your heart and bring side splitting entertainment to Foster!

It's the funniest thing in seven consonants! Jubilant and touching, this Tony Award-winning musical comedy is a delight.

Amid infectious songs such as "My Friend, the Dictionary," "Woe Is Me, and "I Speak Six Languages," the nerdy and wordy learn that winning isn't everything.

See FAMDA bring it all to life in Foster 5 – 13 November 2010.

Bookings open at Main Street Revelations on 6 October. Early bird discount bookings are currently available.

STEVE SEDERGREEN RETURNING TO FOSTER



Noted jazz musician, Steve Sedergreen, and his trio provided a wonderful evening of twilight jazz in Foster back in February and will be returning for another great evening of fine musicianship on Sunday 21 November at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre.

Steve is one of Melbourne's jazz identities, known as a leading pianist, arranger of jazz projects and as an educator. Steve's passion for teaching jazz as well as his unique hands-on approach uses the best of both worlds - combining the relevant and necessary theory of music with the practicalities of performance experience.

Some of Steve Sedergreen's students from Monash University, including Foster's David Dower, will be joining in the music making on the night.

Watch out for further information and booking details

PROM COAST SINGERS



Choir members meet at the Anglican Church Hall in Station Rd. Foster at 7:30 each Tuesday. Current projects include rehearsing Christmas carols for the community carols on Sunday, 19 December. New members are welcome.

There is great excitement at plans for a major choral festival to be held in Foster in September 2011.

For more details, contact: Andrew Jamieson on 5683 2683 or acjammo@ozemail.com.au or Shirley Wilson via 5682 1363, 1413 278 204 or saw@tadaust.org.au

PLAY READING ~ LOSING LOUIS

A small group gathered for FAMDA's most recent friendly play reading on Sunday 12 September at The Rhythm Café, Bridge St., Foster.

They enjoyed finding out about the twists, turns and family secrets of the Ellis family in the entertaining comedy, "Losing Louis", first staged in England in 2005.

Watch out for details of our next play reading.

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Tenth South Gippsland
One Act Play Festival
21 & 22 August 2010

The Tenth South Gippsland One Act Play Festival, held in Foster in August, proved to be a very popular and enjoyable event. Adjudicator, Gaye Gay, awarded the coveted Most Outstanding Production Award to Hartwell Players for an entertaining play called *Fur Better or Worse* about a cat.

The play also earned the Most Outstanding Director award for Laura Bradley and the trophy for the Most Outstanding Actor Award which went to James Shaw as Felix, the cat.

The runner-up award in the best play category went to Frankston Theatre Group for *A Dog's Life* which featured four adults playing dogs.

The Most Outstanding Female Actor accolade was won by Genya Mik as Daphne in Pop Culture Theatre's drama, *Waiting for Doggett*.

Leongatha Lyric Theatre did well with their production of *The Droitwich Discovery*.

Michael Dixon received the Victorian Drama League Encouragement Award, Ivan Koetsveld was presented with the Adjudicator's Choice Award and the company also received the Design Award for the props used in the production.

Shelby Fisher of the Latrobe Theatre Company won the award for the best Youth Performance.

FAMDA's production of *Living on the Edge*, written specially for the company by local writer, Ruth Carson, earned nominations for best play, best director (Jan Bull) and best male actor (Bruce Grainger).

Congratulations to all participants and to those who made it all happen. A full list of winners and nominees is included.

* WINNERS & NOMINEES

Most Outstanding Youth Performance

* Shelby Fisher, Miss Quackenbush - *Laffin School* ~ Latrobe Theatre Company

Victorian Drama League Encouragement Award

* Michael Dixon, Oliver - *The Droitwich Discovery* ~ Leongatha Lyric Theatre

Adjudicator's Choice Award

* Ivan Koetsveld, Terry Shakespeare - *The Droitwich Discovery* ~ Leongatha Lyric Theatre

Most Outstanding Design

* Leongatha Lyric Theatre ~ *The Droitwich Discovery*

Hartwell Players ~ *Fur Better or Worse*

Frankston Theatre Group ~ *A Dog's Life*

Most Outstanding Actor – Male

* James Shaw, Felix - *Fur Better or Worse* ~ Hartwell Players

Stephen Mitchell, Chad - *Separating the Dust* ~ Cosmic Players

Aston Elliot, Michael - *Separating the Dust* ~ Cosmic Players

Roy Thompson, Fritz - *A Dog's Life* ~ Frankston Theatre Group

Keith Gledhill, Ben - *A Dog's Life* ~ Frankston Theatre Group

Ivan Koetsveld, Terry Shakespeare - *The Droitwich Discovery* ~ Leongatha Lyric Theatre

Bruce Grainger, Jack - *Living on the Edge* ~ FAMDA

Most Outstanding Actor – Female

* Genya Mik, Daphne - *Waiting for Doggett* ~ Pop Culture Theatre

Rosie Renye, Toni - *Fur Better or Worse* ~ Hartwell Players

Aynsley Watson, Robyn - *Fur Better or Worse* ~ Hartwell Players

Angie Tonkin, Erica Banks - *Cleanness* ~ Pop Culture Theatre

Christine Davies, Fifi - *A Dog's Life* ~ Frankston Theatre Group

Janet Glenhill, Ginger - *A Dog's Life* ~ Frankston Theatre Group

Most Outstanding Director

* Laura Bradley - *Fur Better or Worse* ~ Hartwell Players

Annette O'Shea - *Lost* ~ Latrobe Theatre Company

Aron Toman - *The Droitwich Discovery* ~ Leongatha Lyric Theatre

Jan Bull - *Living on the Edge* ~ FAMDA

Most Outstanding Play

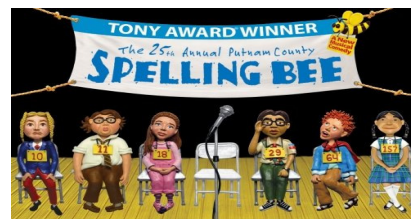
* Hartwell Players ~ *Fur Better or Worse*

RUNNER-UP - Frankston Theatre Group ~ *A Dog's Life*

Pop Culture ~ *Waiting for Doggett*

Leongatha Lyric Theatre ~ *The Droitwich Discovery*

FAMDA ~ *Living on the Edge*



FAMDA CAST

Rona: Nicole Cooper

Leaf Coneybear: Ivan Koetsveld

Marcy Park: Katelyn Ardley

William Barfée: Emmi Latham

Chip Tolentino: Josh Gardiner

Olive Ostrovsky: Gabrielle Vening

Logianne: Jemma Eva

Douglas Panch: Noel Stringer

Mitch Mahoney: Paul Smith