

August–September 2011



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FAMDA DIARY

Choral Festival

Sing South Gippsland!



September 17-18, 2011

**Composer / Conductor
Music Educator**

Stephen Leek

Choral Workshops

2:30pm Saturday 17/9

10:30am Sunday 18/9

Public Performances

8:00pm Saturday 17/9

2:30pm Sunday 18/9

Foster Arts Centre

PROM COAST

FILM SOCIETY

Monthly — First Friday

8pm Fish Creek Hall

ELEVENTH ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL



The happy crew from Pop Culture Theatre, winners of the Bruce Crowl Award for their slick and hilarious staging of 'The Seven Deadly Sins'.

'Fawk' was the runner up play with a dazzling display of physical theatre and Shakespearean language. Staged by Nuworks Theatre Company, 'Fawk' also captured awards for the Male Leading Actor, Support Actor, Youth Performance and the Design Award.

Leongatha Lyric won the Youth Production trophy for 'A Dog's Life' with Michael Dixon earning a nomination in the Youth Performance category as Fritz.

The adjudicator's award went to Latrobe Theatre Company's cast of 'The Singing Princess'.

Hartwell Players, winners of last year's Most Outstanding Production trophy, this year earned two awards for their staging of the drama, 'Mrs Thally M'.

Festival adjudicator, Malcolm Sussman, commented on the amazing number of 'home-grown' plays on stage, many of them directed by their writers, and how good it was to see such a huge variety of innovative work emerging from this process.

Bruce Crowl, the instigator of the festival and its convenor for the past eleven years, was a little embarrassed, but quite chuffed, to learn that from now on the Most Outstanding Production in the festival will receive the Bruce Crowl award.

At the awards presentation Bruce spoke enthusiastically of the development of the festival since the local Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank has come on board. Four years ago, when Bendigo Bank first sponsored the Festival. there were seven plays entered. The number has grown each year to reach seventeen in 2011.

Bruce was delighted to announce that Bendigo Bank has committed itself to sponsoring the Festival for the next five years which means another five years of bringing an amazing variety of theatre to South Gippsland audiences each August.

Don't miss it!

The 12th festival will be staged on 11 & 12 August 2012.

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CABARETS, REQUIEMS, ANYTHING

Concerts - Sunday 4 September @ 4pm & 7:30pm

Carmel Slater would like to let you know that, having been involved in two very successful, recent musical events (Larry Hills' Miners' Requiem and the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's 2011 production of 'Cabaret'), she is very proud to present two exciting concerts of 'Cabarets, Requiems, Anything' to be held at the Wonthaggi Town Hall on Sunday September 4 @ 4pm & 7.30pm.

The program (identical for both concerts) will cover a variety of vocal solos, duos, ensembles, and choral numbers taken from both 'Cabaret' and 'The Miners' Requiem', as well as other beautiful songs such as 'Stars' (Les Mis), 'Why God Why' (Miss Saigon) and a few special surprises. A sure hit will be the premiere presentation of the 'Blokcs' Chorus' singing the moving Bui Doi from Miss Saigon, featuring soloist Tim Gessel.

A star studded line-up of soloists including Elly Poletti, Britt Lewis, Charles Gruen, Josh Gardiner, Will Hanley, John Watson, and Karen Milkins-Hendry will perform as well as the Bass Coast Chorale and the newly formed 'Blokcs' Chorus'. Accompaniment will be provided by Hilary Harrison on flute and Carmel on keyboard.

A very special feature of the concert will be the CD launch of the encore performance of 'The Miners' Requiem' which was performed at the final Wonthaggi centenary celebration concert held in March 2011.

Proceeds from the first concert will go towards the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, whilst the 7.30pm concert will benefit Bryn's School, (a volunteer organization run by the Hendry family which builds schools in developing countries.....see www.brynsschools.net).

Tickets are \$20 adults or \$15 concession. Tickets are already selling quickly so please book on 0428 622 801 or at slatercarmel@yahoo.com.au ASAP to reserve your seat!

PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY

The next film is *FOOD, Inc.* screening on Friday 2 September

Food, Inc. is a 2009 American documentary film directed by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Robert Kenner. The film examines corporate farming in the United States, concluding that agribusiness produces food that is unhealthy in a way that is environmentally harmful and abusive of both animals and employees. The film is narrated by Michael Pollan and Eric Schlosser.

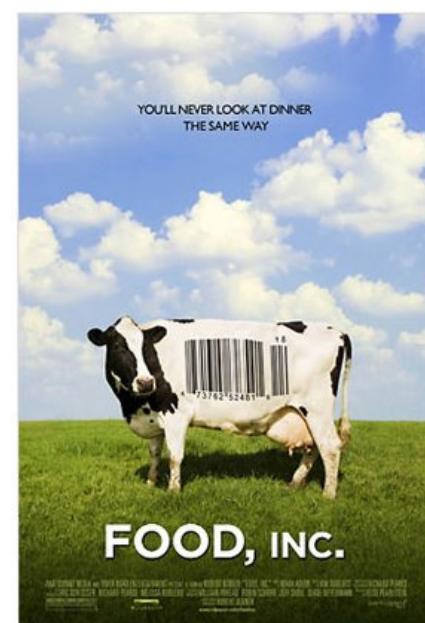
The first segment concerns the industrial production of meat (chicken, beef, and pork), calling it inhumane and economically & environmentally unsustainable.

The second segment looks at the industrial production of grains and vegetables, primarily corn and soy beans, again labeling this economically and environmentally unsustainable.

The film's third and final segment is about the economic and legal power, such as food label laws, of the major food companies the profits of which are based on supplying cheap but contaminated food, the heavy use of petroleum-based chemicals (largely pesticides and fertilizers), and the promotion of unhealthy food consumption habits by the American public.

The Prom Coast Film Society shows films at 8pm on the first Friday of each month. Subscriptions are \$75 for the year or \$28 for 3 consecutive months.

Members can bring a friend using a guest pass. New members are welcome.



Gippsland Theatre

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group
MINEFIELDS & MINISKIRTS
19, 20, 21, 26 & 27 August

Latrobe Theatre Company
BLITHE SPIRIT
Saturday shows 2pm & 8pm
12, 19, & 26 November

Break A Leg Theatre
THREE DAYS OF RAIN
November

Gippsland Associated Theatre
AWARDS NIGHT
Saturday 3 December
Trafalgar Public Hall

PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY

Next Film

2 September 8pm @ Fish Creek Hall

Food, Inc.

(2010) US - Documentary - PG

Friday 7th October

BONUS MOVIE 6pm —Australian Rules
A Clockwork Orange (1971) UK - Drama - R

Friday 4th November

The Father of My Children (2010) France - Subtitled - M

Friday 2nd December

The King's Speech (2010) UK - Drama/History - M

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Have you a project you would like to see FAMDA stage?

Do you have a desire to direct a show?

FAMDA wants to hear from you if you have a suggestion as to how you would like to get yourself involved by helping FAMDA stage a show in 2011, 2012 or even 2013.

Contact any member of the FAMDA Committee now with your proposal.



Foster One Act Play Festival

Saturday 13 August
Sunday 14 August 2011

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

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RESULTS

Most Outstanding Production

* POP CULTURE THEATRE – *The Seven Deadly Sins* by Simon Denver adapted by Michael Olsen

Runner-Up Most Outstanding Production

* NUWORKS THEATRE - *Fawk* by David Dunn

Most Outstanding Director

* DAVID DUNN – *Fawk* ~ Nuworks Theatre

Edna Bartlett - *Der Kriminalkommisar* ~ Peridot Theatre

Denise Wellington - *It's All in the Timing* ~ Peridot Theatre

Michaela Smith - *Mrs Thally F* ~ Hartwell Players

John Jennings – *The Seven Deadly Sins* ~ Pop Culture Theatre

Ann Marie O'Neill - *Committed* ~ Hartwell Players

Aron Toman - *The Singing Princess* ~ Latrobe Theatre Company

Most Outstanding Actor – Male

* DANN BARBER, Iago – *Fawk* ~ Nuworks Theatre

Tommy Clifas, George – *Mirror Image* ~ Lady Scorpio Productions

Sean Hand, Arnold Skinner – *Clutterbuck* ~ Pop Culture Theatre

Most Outstanding Actor – Female

* DEBORAH McKELVEY, Vonnie – *Mrs Thally F* ~ Hartwell Players

Bronwyn Cameron, Sally Saunders - *It's All in the Timing* ~ Peridot Theatre

Janis Schneider, Jane McAdams - *It's All in the Timing* ~ Peridot Theatre

Mary Walker, Princess Madeline - *The Singing Princess* ~ Latrobe Theatre Company

Most Outstanding Support Actor

* STUART BRUCE, Mouse – *Fawk* ~ Nuworks Theatre

Most Outstanding Design

* NUWORKS THEATRE – *Fawk*

Peridot Theatre – *Der Kriminalkommisar*

Latrobe Theatre Company – *The Singing Princess*

Most Outstanding Youth Production

* LEONGATHA LYRIC THEATRE – *A Dog's Life* by Pam Valentine

Most Outstanding Youth Performance

* NUWORKS THEATRE - Meg Dunn & Andrew Lopes ~ *Fawk*

Amy Mitchell, Margaret Shelly – *Art* ~ J.A.F.A. Theatre

Michael Dixon, Fritz – *A Dog's Life* ~ Leongatha Lyric Theatre

Madeline Hardie, Julie Waghorn – *Clutterbuck* ~ Pop Culture Theatre Company

Adjudicator's Choice Award

* LATROBE THEATRE COMPANY – The cast of *The Singing Princess*

Victorian Drama League Encouragement Award

* HARTWELL PLAYERS - Rachel Cox & Dominic Lee Watt, Young Dancers in *Mrs Thally F*



RAFFLE WINNERS

LARKRISE SOAP
Gwenda Bevan

WINDY RIDGE WINE
Norm Willoughby

WONTHAGGI THEATRE
Noela Dougall

AHERNS FRUIT MARKET
Peter Bell

Sing South Gippsland!



September 17-18, 2011

SING SOUTH GIPPSLAND is a non-competitive choral festival which will include two workshops by the world renowned Australian composer, conductor and educator, Stephen Leek.

Stephen is set to provide an inspirational weekend of singing and the opportunity to get together with other Gippsland choirs on 17 & 18 September at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre.

On both days Stephen Leek will lead us through a choral workshop and there will be a Saturday night concert and a Sunday afternoon performance to which the general public is invited

There are six great choirs participating with a total of around 100 singers which will be an excellent number for the Hall and allow a good time for performances on Saturday night when each choir will perform individually.

Joining the Prom Coast Singers (Foster) for the event will be Bec's Bonny Boners (Foster), the Bass Coast Chorale (Wonthaggi), South Gippsland Chorale (Leongatha), West Gippsland Chorale (Warragul) and Vivace (Phillip Island). The Bass Coast and South Gippsland Choralas will be singing together for this event.

There is still time for individual singers to register to participate in the workshops. The princely sum of \$25 covers the cost of the workshops plus attendance at the two public concerts.

Entry forms can be downloaded from www.famda.org.au.

Further details and bookings are available by contacting the chairman of the Sing South Gippsland Committee, Andrew Jamieson 0428 304 477 / 5683 2683 acjammo@ozemail.com.au

Tickets for the two public events of the Sing South Gippsland! Choral Festival will be available at the door.

Festival Concert	8:00 Saturday	\$15
Massed Choral Performance	2:30 Sunday	\$ 5

LAST CHANCE — FINAL TWO PERFORMANCES

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

MINEFIELDS AND MINISKIRTS

A drama about five Australian women and the effects of their involvement in the Vietnam War

8:00 Friday 26 & Saturday 27 August Wonthaggi Arts Centre



FESTIVAL PROGRAM

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2011

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| 1:30 | Registration commences for workshop participants |
| 2:30 - 4:00 | Choral workshop for all participants with Stephen Leek |
| 4:00 - 4:30 | Afternoon tea break |
| 4:30 - 6:00 | Sound check & rehearsals in situ for choirs individually |
| 6:30 - 7:30 | Festival Dinner |
| 8:00 - 10:30 | FESTIVAL CONCERT
performances by participating choirs finishing with commentary by Stephen Leek |
| 10:30 | Supper |

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2011

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| 10:30- 12:30 | Second Choral workshop for all participants with Stephen Leek |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Festival Lunch |
| 2:30 - 4:00 | CHORAL PERFORMANCE |