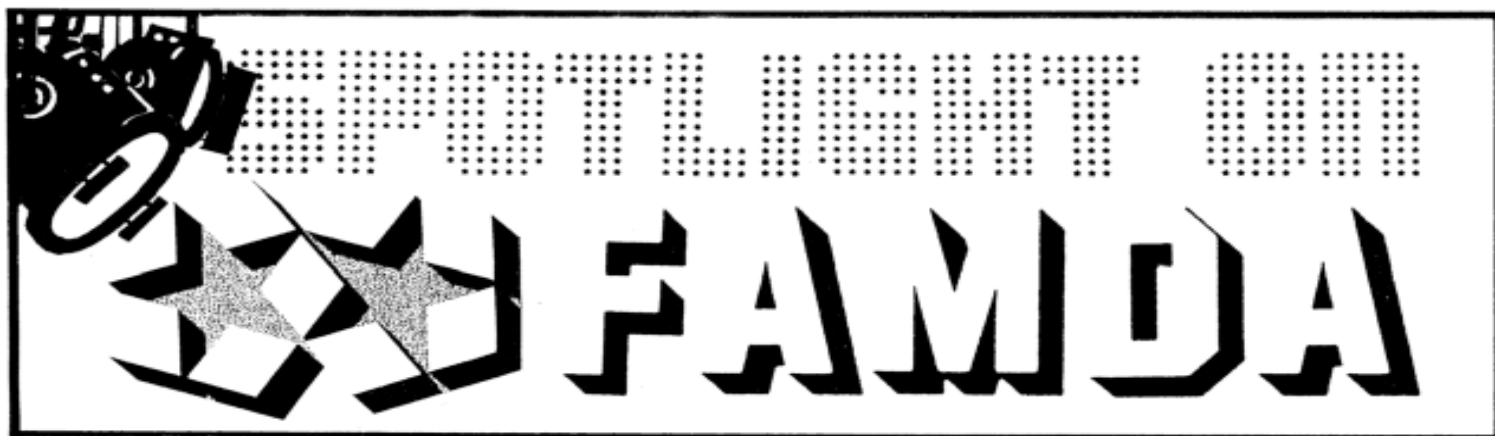


# Foster Amateur Music & Drama Association Inc.



MAY – JUNE 2011



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## FAMDA DIARY

## HEROES

**Gala opening Friday 17 June**

**8pm 17, 18, 24 & 25 June**

**2pm 19 & 25 June**

**Foster War Memorial Arts Centre**

## ONE ACT PLAY FEST

**13 & 14 August @ FWMAC**



**Rehearsals 7:30 Tuesday nights**  
**Foster Anglican Church hall**

## Choral Festival

**Sing South Gippsland!**



**September 17-18, 2011**

## PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY

**Monthly—First Friday**  
**8pm Fish Creek Hall**



Meet the trivia champions—Georgina Williamson, Amy Kindellan, Melina Newman, Jan & David Gallacher, Liz Kindellan, Genevieve Davies, Wendy & Ross Williamson — winners at FAMDA's Arty-Farty Trivia Party in the newly painted FWMAC on 21st May.

The party was to be a huge success with 130 people present and lots of fun and games presided over by Tania Pell as MC and Andrew Oldroyd as the quizmaster.

Bob Morris was the lucky winner of the Celia Rosser print generously donated by Andrew Rosser as the major raffle prize. Thanks to Marilyn Ardley, Anda & Yianni Banikos, Deborah Harris, Jason Pell (South Coast Joinery), Anne Roussac-Hoyne, Kerry Spokes and Fleur Wheeler, several others went home with their own piece of local artwork purchased at the silent auction.

Sponsors, Ando's Bakery, Cadbury's, Dino the Butcher, Elsie's Florist, Essential Body Basics, Foster IGA, Foster Seafood, Melbourne Theatre Company, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, OK Pizza & Pasta, Parks Victoria, Prom Meats, Pulham's Furniture, RACV Inverloch and Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, contributed to the prize pool while the talented vocal duo, John Laurie & Natalie Burrows, added to the party atmosphere. Thanks to all who contributed to the party's success.



## HEROES



A gentle comedy translated from French and adapted by Tom Stoppard  
from *Le Vent des Peupliers* [The Wind in the Poplars] by Gérald Sibleyras

**FAMDA will stage 'Heroes' at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre**  
**17, 18, 24, 25 June @ 8:00pm and Sunday 19 June 2011 @ 2:00pm**

**'Heroes' is directed by Andrew Oldroyd and features a multi-award-winning team**  
**Actors, Bruce Grainger, Max Hastings and Murray Maclean**  
**Set Design by Geoff Davey and Music by Rob Ellis**

**Tickets on sale 1 June at Main Street Revelations, 31 Main St., Foster**

**0400 867 872**



# HEROES

**FAMDA's next venture is the comedy, *Heroes*, with an all star cast.**  
*Heroes* is Tom Stoppard's English language adaptation of Gerald Sibley's play, *Le Vent de Peupliers*. Because its literal translation, *The Wind in the Willows*, was thought to be distractingly similar to Kenneth Graham's *The Wind in the Willows* and *Veterans* was already taken, it became *Heroes*, which is equally misleading as heroism isn't the point. Actually, there's very little reference to war experiences in *Heroes*, which won the 2006 Olivier Award for Best New Comedy in London and four Molière nominations in its native France in 2003

*Heroes* is set in a French military hospital in 1959 where three World War I veterans live out their days sitting on a terrace dreaming and arguing in a prison without walls. They hatch a plan to make a break for freedom and embark on a story that is funny, poignant and also absurd.

The comedy is gentle but, thanks to Stoppard's brilliant translation, the play never quite gives in to the overwhelming sense of sadness that hovers around the lives of these men, preferring instead to play up their eccentricities, their follies and their quiet desperation.

FAMDA has assembled a brilliant team to present *Heroes* to Foster audiences. Playing the three veterans are Bruce Grainger, Max Hastings and Murray Maclean (all of them multiple winners of Gippsland Theatre Awards).

The production team is first class with talents recognised by the Victorian Drama League as well as Gippsland Theatre. Andrew Oldroyd is directing, Geoff Davey is in charge of set design and Rob Ellis has composed music for the show as well as doing the sound.

Early bird discount tickets are available til 30th May (Download form from [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au)). Tickets on sale at Main Street Revelations from 1 June. Phone 0400 867 872 — Credit cards OK

## Wonthaggi Theatrical Group **CABARET**

Fred Ebb & John Kander's musical  
**Directed & designed by Colin Mitchell.**  
 8pm 27, 28 May, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 June  
 Sundays 2pm 29 May & 5pm 5 June  
 Bookings via Wonthaggi Workmen's Club  
**5672 1083**

## MOaRTZ presents a comedy **A BAD YEAR FOR TOMATOES**

8pm 27 & 28 May, 2, 3 & 4 June  
 Matinées 2pm 29 May & 4 June  
 St. Kieran's School Hall, Wirraway St., Moe  
 Bookings: **5127 6514**

## STEPHEN LEEK—SING SOUTH GIPPSLAND!

Pictured is Stephen Leek, composer, conductor, educator, publisher and artistic motivator. This versatile composer is much respected throughout the Australian and international community for his work that is suited to all ages and levels of technical skill.

Leek has devoted much of his time to generating stimulating and exciting workshops and repertoire to challenge both the youngest performers and also seasoned professionals, establishing performance practices and skills to enable all ages and skills levels to interpret, understand and appreciate the unique qualities of his own music and other Australian composers.

Stephen Leek is therefore much in demand as a facilitator of music workshops, which take creative arts experiences to the wider public and PCS is thrilled to announce that this phenomenally talented and inspiring musical force is coming to Foster.

**The Prom Coast Singers will be hosting a choral festival, called 'Sing South Gippsland!', which will include workshops by Stephen Leek on the weekend of 17 & 18 September at the FWMAC.**



## Sing South Gippsland!



September 17-18, 2011

This distinguished Australian choral composer, conductor and educator will provide an inspirational weekend of singing and the opportunity to get together with other Gippsland choirs. There will even be a special session for young singers. With such an inspirational guest conductor in attendance, the Prom Coast Singers invite choirs and individuals (young and older) to register to join in the festival. Further details and registration forms are available in the Prom Coast Singers' section on [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au)

## PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY

The next film is *The Kids Are All Right* screening on Friday 3 June.  
 Released in July 2010, this USA comedy / drama, directed and written by Lisa Cholodenko with Stuart Blumberg as co-writer, was one of Sundance 2010's big hits. Starring Julianne Moore, Annette Bening & Mark Ruffalo, it deals with two children conceived by artificial insemination who bring their birth father into their family life. *The Kids Are All Right* won the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion – Musical or Comedy and Annette Bening was awarded the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress. The film also earned 4 award nominations, including Best Picture, at the 83rd Academy Awards. 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 months. Members can bring a friend using a guest pass.

## Gippsland Theatre

Production Line Theatre  
**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**  
 20 May – 4 June Bairnsdale

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group  
**CABARET**

27 May – 12 June 5672 1083

MOaRTZ Theatre  
**A BAD YEAR FOR TOMATOES**  
 27 May – 4 June 5127 6514

Break A Leg Theatre  
**THE SERVANT OF 2 MASTERS**  
 17–25 June 5174 2077

Leongatha Lyric Theatre  
**JEKYLL AND HYDE**  
 15 – 30 July 5662 3940

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group  
**MINEFIELDS & MINISKIRTS**  
 19 - 27 August

## PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY

Next Film—Friday 3 June 8pm Fish Creek Hall  
**The Kids Are All Right**  
 (2010 ) US - Comedy Drama - MA

Friday 1st July

**The Tracker** (2003 ) Australia - Indigenous Drama - M

Friday 5th August

**Rosemary's Baby** (1968 ) US - Drama - M

Friday 2nd September

**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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