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A THEATRICAL INVITATION

A play reading is a fantastic way to enjoy a social event and experience a night of do-it-yourself theatre with no rehearsals, no lines to learn and no need to read unless you volunteer!

FAMDA invites you to a play reading at 7:30 on Friday May 20 at Dianne & Robert Paragreen's home, 38 Devlin Road, Foster.

On the agenda are one act plays which might be suitable as a FAMDA entry in our August play festival.

There is no charge and you don't even have to be a FAMDA member. Anyone interested in theatre is most welcome.

Please bring a contribution to a shared supper and come along for an evening of theatrical fun.

DIRECTORS WANTED

The FAMDA Committee seeks expressions of interest from anyone keen to direct a play or a musical for FAMDA to stage in 2017 or 2018.

Plays could be either full length or one act plays suitable for inclusion in our August One Act Play Festival.

The committee would love to hear from anyone with a particular production in mind and is also willing to enter into discussions to find a mutually agreeable project.

Interested prospective directors are invited to contact FAMDA President, Tania Pell, on 0427 832 303.

May 2016

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .



FAMDA is very fortunate to have a strong, dedicated and talented team of people who generously volunteer their time and talents to drive the artistic and administrative needs of the company. A big thank you to the 2015 committee for their hard work and commitment, it is greatly appreciated, and a warm welcome to the 2016 committee. I look forward to the year ahead.

FAMDA is currently buzzing with activity as Chris Dickens with his cast and crew get into action with our up and coming show 'Torch', a musical that focuses on the great singers of the 1920's, 30's and 40's, their music and their lives.

Andrew Oldroyd is already in full swing, planning for the wickedly funny comedy, Jonathan Biggins' 'Australia Day' to be staged **14—23 October** with **auditions on Sunday June 19**.

If you are interested in auditions or being involved in any of our 2016 productions visit our website for more information and contact details.

Once again we will be running the very popular **South Gippsland One Act Play Festival** on the third weekend in August. The organisational skills of the one act play committee and the many volunteers who assist to present this amazing event are to be commended. This is definitely a weekend you should not miss. Entry forms can be found on our website.

FAMDA will be holding a **play reading** kindly hosted by Dianne and Robert Paragreen. The night will commence at 7:30 on the 20th of May at 38 Devlin Road Foster. Play readings are a good way to trial your own work, meet new people and have a laugh with old friends while being entertained. You can participate as little or as much as you like, the sessions are stimulating for both performers and audiences. We hope to see you there.

The **Prom Coast Singers** will be entertaining South Gippsland audiences in 2016 beginning with a performance at the **Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival** on Saturday, 21st of May.

On the first weekend in September the **Sing South Gippsland 2** choral workshop will be held, with the acclaimed Richard Gill as the musical director. Richard will work with Gippsland choirs with each choir presenting its own program and a joint performance by all involved. In December the choir will sing at Foster Community Carols by Candlelight.

New singers are welcome — 7:15 Tuesday evenings at Banksia Lodge, Jones Street, Foster.

The **Prom Coast Film Society** screens a film on the first Friday of every month at the Fish Creek Hall. To enjoy the 2016 season you can join for \$60 or take a three consecutive month subscription for \$25. Come along and join the next screening on the 3rd of June.

FAMDA is always looking for new and old members to get involved in all aspects of the company. We are looking to train in all areas of our craft and encourage people who are interested to contact any member of the committee.

For more information on 2016 productions and other FAMDA business please go to our website at famda.org.au or view us on Facebook.

Tania Pell

PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY

6 May: The Hunt Denmark / Sweden drama 2012

3 June: The Good Lie & The Wrecking Crew

8pm first Friday each month @ Fish Creek Hall



New Singers Welcome!

REHEARSALS 7:15 TUESDAY EVENINGS

PAG Room, old BANKSIA LODGE, Jones St., Foster

Join this friendly community choir in singing songs from Handel and Vivaldi to Cole Porter and Andrew Lloyd Webber and lots in between.

Now in training for Sing South Gippsland 2 with Richard Gill ~ 3 & 4 September

FAMDA's major play for 2016 is a wickedly funny comedy directed by Andrew Oldroyd to be staged 14 - 23 October.



Stacked with pithy one liners, 'Australia Day' is set in a fictional small country town, where preparations are under way for the annual Australia Day community celebration.

It involves six members of the organising committee as they plan out the program details while arguing over politics, patriotism and progress.

CAST REQUIRED

Brian

45-plus, Mayor of Coriole Shire and preselection candidate for the Liberal Party. Chair of the Australia Day Organising Committee. Small business owner, Rotarian.

Robert

45-plus, Deputy Mayor of Coriole Shire and loyal Deputy Chair of the Committee.

Maree

60-plus, President of the local Country Women's Association. Long-serving committee member.

Wally

55-plus, local builder and small scale developer. Long-serving committee member.

Helen

35-plus, local Greens councillor, a relatively new arrival to the shire from the state capital. New to the committee.

Chester

25-plus, newly arrived Australian-born Vietnamese primary school teacher. Very new to the committee.

AUDITIONS

2pm Sunday 19 June @ Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

For further information and audition bookings contact: the Director, Andrew Oldroyd via 0439 884 311 or famda@dcsi.net.au



SOUTH GIPPSLAND ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

19, 20 & 21 August 2016

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

FAMDA HOPES TO HAVE ITS OWN ENTRY IN THE FESTIVAL

COME & TEST DRIVE SOME ONE ACT PLAYS

PLAY READING AT DI PARAGREEN'S 7:30 FRIDAY MAY 20

DIRECTORS, ACTORS, AUDIENCE NEEDED ~ SAVE THE DATES



FAMDA subscriptions are now due.

- Adult: \$20.00
- Concession: \$15.00
- Family: \$35.00

Complete the membership form on page 4

Great torch singers of the 1920s, 30s & 40s their music & their lives



FAMDA presents **TORCH**
a musical written & directed by Chris Dickins
Glamorous Cabaret Entertainment

28 July — 6 August

8pm Thursdays, Fridays & Saturday 6 August
2pm Sunday 31 July

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Find out how you can become involved in this
exciting theatrical event

Check: www.famda.org.au

Contact: Chris Dickins 0428 560 842 christopherdickins3@gmail.com



PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY ~ 8pm First Fridays @ Fish Creek Hall

Future Films 2016

3 June – The Good Lie (Kenya / India / USA Drama 2014)

The Wrecking Crew (USA Music Documentary 2008)

1 July – Putuparri & the Rainmakers (Australia Drama 2015)

5 August – Four Lions (UK / France Comedy / Drama / Crime 2010)

2 September – Amour (France Drama / Romance 2012)

7 October – Brooklyn (Ireland / UK / Canada Drama / Romance 2015)

4 November – Nebraska (USA Adventure / Comedy / Drama / 2013)

2 December – Last Cab to Darwin (Australia Comedy / Drama / Romance 2015)

Tehran Taxi (Iran Documentary 2015)

Subscription (3 x consecutive months): \$25

The Prom Coast Film Society operates under the rules of the Victorian Film Society. Film attendees must be subscribers. Single entry is not available due to copyright restrictions on film societies.

Members may request a guest pass if they would like to bring along a friend.

To add to the social atmosphere wine and fruit juice is on sale by the glass at each screening. Supper is served at the conclusion of the film (for a gold coin donation) so you can meet others and socialise. Why not join in the fun with PCFS?



PCS NEWS

The Prom Coast Singers will be singing at the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival on Saturday afternoon 20th May. Come along and enjoy!

PCS will be hosting a weekend of singing when renowned conductor, **Richard Gill**, comes to Foster on **3 & 4 September** for choral workshops with other Gippsland choirs invited and culminating in a public performance similarly to Stephen Leek's 2011 visit.

With **Sing South Gippsland 2** in view, the choir welcomes new singers to rehearsals held each Tuesday night at 7:15 in the former Banksia Lodge in Jones Street, Foster. To learn more or to join the Prom Coast Singers, phone Andrew Jamieson on 5683 2683.



SING SOUTH GIPPSLAND 2



SEPTEMBER 3 & 4, 2016

NOW ON OR COMING SOON TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU . . .

Warragul Theatre Company – PARIS ~ *Jon English's rock musical of loves battle for ancient Troy with the beautiful Helen whose face could launch a thousand ships*

6 – 14 May 7:30 Fridays, Saturdays & Thursday 12 May Matinées 1:30 both Saturdays & Sunday 8 May
West Gippsland Arts Centre, Warragul www.warragultheatrecompany.org.au **5624 2456**

Bairnsdale Production Line Theatre – THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE ~ *a high-spirited musical romp that has all of New York dancing the Charleston* **6 – 22 May** 7:30 Fridays & Saturdays & Thursday 19 May 2pm Sundays
Forge Theatre and Arts Hub, McKean Street, Bairnsdale www.bairnsdaleproductionline.com.au **5152 1482**

Latrobe Theatre Company – DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID ~ *a hauntingly beautiful musical based on Hans Christian Andersen's beloved story and the classic animated film*

6 – 22 May 7:30 Fridays, Saturdays & Thursday 19 May 1:30 Saturdays & Sundays
Little Theatre, Latrobe Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon www.latrobetheatrecompany.org.au **5176 3333**

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group – EVITA ~ *Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice with the enigmatic story of Eva Perón*
28 May – 12 June 8pm Thursdays, Fridays & Sats 2pm June Saturdays Sundays 2pm 29 May, **5pm** 5 & 2pm 12 June
Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, Graham Street, Wonthaggi Bookings: www.wtg.org.au

Maffra Dramatic Society – CASH ON DELIVERY ~ *fast paced British farce about a con artist who has pocketed thousands of pounds by defrauding welfare authorities via claiming benefits for an army of fictitious lodgers*

10 – 18 June 8pm both Fridays, Saturday 11 & Thursday 16 June, 2pm Sunday 12 & Saturday 18 June
Stratford Court House www.maffradramatics.com

Leongatha Lyric Theatre – MARY POPPINS ~ *a truly magical musical*

1 – 16 July 7:30 Thursday, Fridays & Saturdays 1:30 Saturdays & Sundays
Mesley Hall, 1 Nerrena Rd., Leongatha www.lyrictheatre.net.au **0407 538 245**

PLOS Musical Productions – MISS SAIGON ~ *by Claude-Michel Schönberg & Alain Boublil, creators of Les Misérables – the Madam Butterfly story set a century later in Vietnam*

22 – 30 July 7:30 Fri 22, Sat 23, Wednesday – Friday, also 1:30 Sun 24 & Sat 30 July
Frankston Arts Centre, Davey Street www.plos.asn.au Tickets: www.artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au **9784 1060**

FAMDA – TORCH ~ *Musical about the songs and the lives of great female torch singers of the 1920s - 1940s*

28 July - 6 August 8pm Thursdays, Fridays & Saturday 6 August 2pm Sunday 31 July
Note: no performance Saturday 30 July Foster War Memorial Arts Centre, 79 Main St., Foster www.famda.org.au

Sale Theatre Company – LIFE AFTER GEORGE ~ *Charismatic, passionate and brilliant Professor Peter George has died, suddenly and shockingly, leaving behind three wives each successful in her own right and the 'it' girl of her generation*

29 July – 6 August 8pm Fridays, Saturdays & Thursday 4 August, 2pm Sunday 31 July
Eso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre, Sale www.ebbwec.com.au **5143 3200**

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group - THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

12 - 27 August August 12, 13, 14, 25, 26, 27
Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, Graham Street, Wonthaggi Bookings: www.wtg.org.au

FAMDA hosts the 16th SOUTH GIPPSLAND ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

19 - 21 August Foster War Memorial Arts Centre, 79 Main St., Foster

CPAC (Cardinia Performing Arts Company) – CATCH ME IF YOU CAN ~ *hilarious new musical based on the 2002 movie which starred Leonardo DiCaprio as a charming con man*

20 August - 2 September Sat 20 8pm, Sun 21 2pm, Sat 27 8pm, Sun 28 Aug 2pm, Thurs 1 Sept 7pm, Fri 2 8pm
Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham www.cardiniaperformingarts.com **0407 090 354 or 9587 1750**

MOaRTZ – SECRET BRIDESMAIDS' BUSINESS ~ *iconic Australian comedy*

2 – 10 September 8pm Friday 2, Sat 3, Thursday 8 & Friday 9 4pm Sunday 4, 2pm Sat 10
Monash Hall (AKA Yallourn North Hall), Reserve Street, Yallourn North **5127 6514 or 0438 579 987**

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group – LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS ~ *10 years after first staging it - a fresh, new production with a small ensemble during the September holidays*

22 September – 2 October 10 performances New venue @ State Coal Mine Historic Reserve! Bookings: www.wtg.org.au

Leongatha Lyric Theatre – A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM ~ *Vintage Shakespeare & a modern twist*

23 September - 1 October 8pm Fridays, Saturdays & Thursday 29 September 2pm Sunday 25 Sept. & Saturday 1 October
Mesley Hall, 1 Nerrena Road, Leongatha www.lyrictheatre.net.au **5662 4222**

FAMDA - AUSTRALIA DAY ~ *comedy set in a country town as the local committee makes plans for the main event*

14 - 23 October 8pm Fridays, Saturdays & Thursday 20 Oct, 2pm Sunday 16, Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 Oct
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre, 79 Main Street, Foster www.famda.org.au

Off the Leash Theatre – MILO'S WAKE ~ *A tragi-comedy with heart, about a first generation Irish Australian family*

16 - 30 October

LOW REZ PRESENTS: SO FAR

SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2016

7.30PM

Low Rez, one of Melbourne's premier male choirs, returns to Gippsland for one special evening. An all new show featuring songs from the 60's to today, especially arranged for our own voices.

Plus Special Guests:

Mezzo-Soprano Ursula Paez and Gippsland's own "The Bloke's Chorus"

Where: Fish Creek Memorial Hall, Fish Creek

When: Saturday 25th June from 7.30pm

Tickets: \$20

Tickets available at Gecko Studio Gallery Fish Creek
and Storehouse at Koonwarra



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