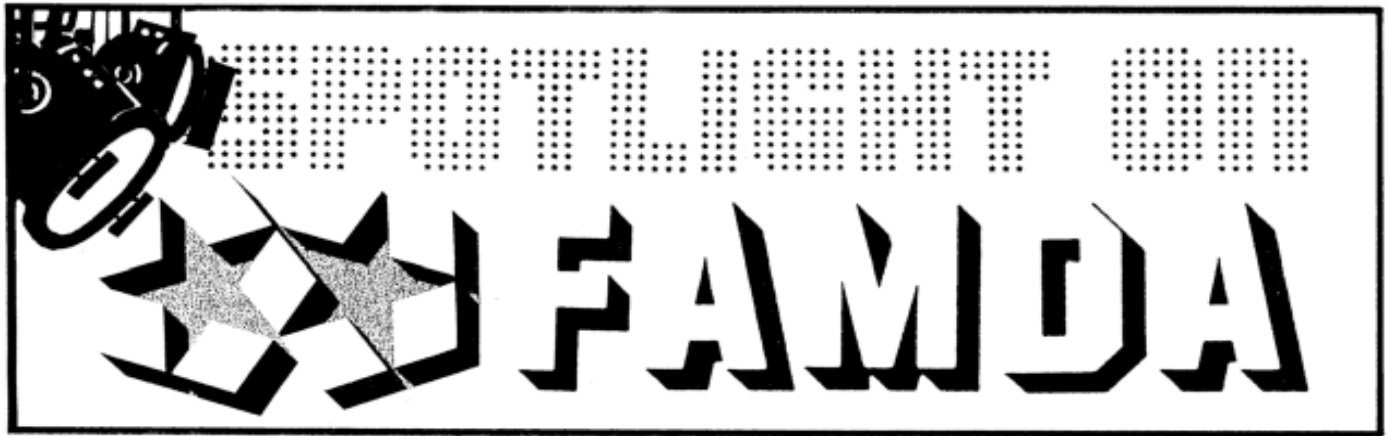


Foster Amateur Music & Drama Association Inc.



September 2009

Coming Events

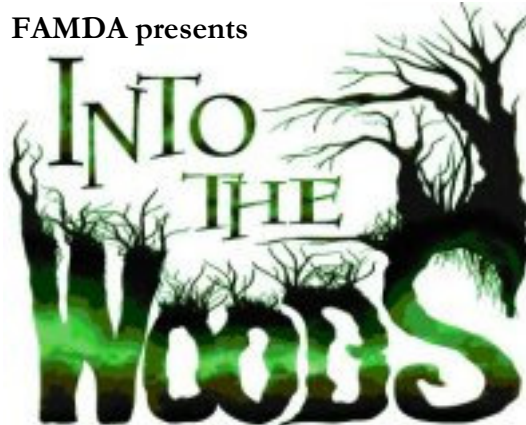
- **MADS @ Meeniyen**
Lord Chatterley's Demise
28 August—6 Sept
- **Latrobe Theatre**
Beauty and the Beast
@ Warragul
4—12 September
- **Wonthaggi Centenary**
Celebration—5 Sept @
Wonthaggi Union
- **Leongatha Lyric - A**
Little Hotel on the Side
11—19 September
- **FAMDA**
Into the Woods
Foster Arts Centre
2—17 October
- **Wonthaggi Theatrical**
Razzle Dazzle Ruby Show
20 & 21 November
Wonthaggi Union



Performance Times

Gala Opening Night
Friday 2 October 8:00pm
Saturday 3 Oct - 8:00pm
Sunday 4 Oct - 2:00pm
Thursday 8 Oct - 8:00pm
Friday 9 Oct - 8:00pm
Saturday 10 Oct - 8:00pm
Sunday 11 Oct - 2:00pm
Thursday 15 Oct - 8:00pm
Friday 16 Oct - 8:00pm
Saturday 17 Oct - 8:00pm

FAMDA presents



Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Book by JAMES LAPINE

Originally directed on Broadway by James Lapine

Staged by FAMDA

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

2—17 October 2009

Beautiful girls, handsome princes, a fairy god-mother, love, gold, the palace, the wedding, the wolf, the woods, happily ever after - they are all the stock ingredients of children's storybooks.

There is all this and more in Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's grown-up fairy tale, *Into the Woods*.

Here the mix also includes curses, lechery, theft, seduction, pain, magic, infidelity, loss, betrayal, mayhem and death. It's quite a journey and, when combined with Stephen Sondheim's witty songs and FAMDA's fabulous cast, there is a magical theatrical experience ahead.

The saga combines elements of Grimm Brothers' fairy tales such as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack and the Beanstalk plus an original story about a baker and his wife who have to reverse a curse in order to have a child.

By the end of Act I all the characters have achieved what they wanted, having been involved in a bit of skulduggery to do so.

In Act II the dreams start to unravel and we learn not only that "nice is different than good" but also to be careful what you wish for and that all actions have their consequences.

BOOK TICKETS NOW

Gala opening - 2 Oct All tickets: \$38

Other shows: Adult: \$30

Conc. / Group (10+): \$25

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The deeper themes of the show include parent-child relationships and the individual's responsibility to the community, also accepting responsibility, morality, wish fulfillment and its results. The witch isn't just an ugly old hag but a symbol of moral ambivalence. She is the only character who always tells the truth. James Lapine, author of the book for *Into the Woods*, said that the most unpleasant person (the witch) has the truest things to say and the "nicer" people are less honest.

Into the Woods opened on Broadway in 1987 and ran for 764 performances. The original production won the 1988 New York Drama Critics' Circle Award and the Drama Desk Award for Best Musical, and the original cast recording won a Grammy Award. Tony Awards went to Joanna Gleason (best actress in a musical), James Lapine (best book of a musical) and Stephen Sondheim (best original score).

South Gippsland audiences have the chance now to enjoy this famous Broadway musical. FAMDA is fortunate to have two local musicians working on the directorial team with John Laurie as the director and Paddy Broberg as his assistant.

Pamela Coad is the Musical Director for the show and the design elements are being cared for by Gavin Van Eede, (set design), Anda Banikos designing costumes plus Andrew Oldroyd and Brian Paragreen taking care of lighting and sound.

The cast, listed overleaf, involves a talented mix of actors from all over South Gippsland so you are bound to be in for a treat.

Book tickets now for the big adventure.



SOUTH GIPPSLAND ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

FAMDA hosted its ninth Play Festival at Foster Arts Centre on 7 & 8 August with over one hundred in the audience at each of the three adult sessions and a surprising number keen enough to be there also to enjoy the young actors on Saturday morning. The format for the festival with plenty of cabaret style seating and the invitation to bring your own drinks and nibbles meant that it was a very friendly social event and the calibre of the plays provided a wonderful smorgasbord of theatrical entertainment. The adjudicator, Melbourne theatrical icon, Gaye Gay, provided interesting commentary after each session and spoke with great enthusiasm and conviction on the plays presented. Thanks to FAMDA's generous sponsors, award winners were presented with trophies plus substantial cheques. Beaumaris Theatre Company, as the presenters of the winning play, *An Englishman Abroad*, went home \$1000 richer. The most outstanding actors, Aldo King as Mike in *St Francis Talks to the Birds* and Jenny Tudor as Coral Browne in *An Englishman Abroad*, and Rita Crispin as that play's director all received cheques for \$250 as well as their trophies.

Congratulations to all who contributed to making the festival such a success, particularly Festival organiser - Bruce Crowl, adjudicator - Gaye Gay, FAMDA's sponsors, the theatre companies who entered plays in the Festival and the audience members who came along to enjoy it all.

FESTIVAL RESULTS—Winners* and Nominees

Most Outstanding Youth Performance sponsored by IGA Foster

* Nungurner Primary School with Matthew O'Brien in Pigmalion

Victorian Drama League Encouragement Award

* Brad Boucher as Jerry Profit - Artistic Truth - Wonthaggi

Cameron Cook as Norman - Split Ends - Latrobe Theatre

Adjudicator's Choice Award sponsored by Warrawee Holiday Units

* Vicki Doak as Ginger - A Dog's Life - Encore Theatre

Claire Boucher as the Stewardess - Artistic Truth - Wonthaggi

Judy Degnan as Destina - Lady of the English - Latrobe Theatre

Tom Travers as the Tailor - An Englishman Abroad - Beaumaris

Foster Foodworks Most Outstanding Design

* Warrandyte Theatre Company for Borneo

Beaumaris Theatre Company for An Englishman Abroad

Warrandyte Theatre Company for St Francis Talks to the Birds

Warrandyte TC for The Mystery at Twickenham Vicarage

Encore Theatre Company for A Dog's Life

Most Outstanding Actor - Male

* Aldo King as Mike - St Francis Talks to the Birds - Warrandyte

David Baggallay as Colonel Santos - Viva Juarez! - FAMDA

Lloyd Morcom as Reg - Love or Nearest Offer - FAMDA

Nick Barker-Pendree as Guy Burgess - An Englishman Abroad - Beaumaris

David Howell as St Francis - St Francis Talks to the Birds - Warrandyte

John Milburn-Clark in The Mystery at Twickenham Vicarage - Warrandyte

Tom Travers as Ben - A Dog's Life - Encore Theatre, Clayton

Ray Dower Motors Most Outstanding Actor - Female

* Jenny Tudor as Coral Browne - An Englishman Abroad - Beaumaris

Naretha Williams as Sal - Borneo - Warrandyte Theatre Company

Toni McSweeney as Angelica - Borneo - Warrandyte

Simone Kiefer as Angela - St Francis Talks to the Birds - Warrandyte

Naomi Oosting as Sarah - The Mystery at Twickenham - Warrandyte

Gail Bradley as Fifi - A Dog's Life - Encore Theatre

IGA Foster Most Outstanding Director

* Rita Crispin - An Englishman Abroad - Beaumaris

David Tynan - St Francis Talks to the Birds - Warrandyte

Phyl Swindley - The Mystery at Twickenham Vicarage - Warrandyte

Barbara Bateman - A Dog's Life - Encore Theatre

Most Outstanding Play

* An Englishman Abroad - Beaumaris Theatre Company

2 - St Francis Talks to the Birds - Warrandyte

The Mystery at Twickenham Vicarage - Warrandyte

A Dog's Life - Encore Theatre

Wonthaggi Centenary

Join the starlets on the red carpet as Wonthaggi celebrates at 7:30 Saturday 5 September.

Spies at Wonthaggi Theatrical Group report that Mae West, Charlie Chaplin and Rudolf Valentino will be there to see Errol Flynn on screen.

Put on your glad rags and come to enjoy the fun.

Watch out too for Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's 40th birthday celebrations

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director Ragnold Dwyer

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FAMDA CAST LIST

(In order of appearance)

Narrator - Charles Gruen
Milky White - Louise Dower
Cinderella - Tamika Ball
Jack - Josh Gardiner
Baker - Andrew Oldroyd
Baker's Wife - Fiona Watts
Stepmother - Dianne Paragreen
Florinda - Lee-Anne Mitchell
Lucinda - Kerrie Giles
Jack's Mother - Hilary Stuchbery
Little Red Ridinghood - Katelyn Ardley
Witch - Nicole Cooper
Cinderella's Father - Ashley Stuchbery
Cinderella's Mother - Barbara Colbran
Wolf / Cinderella's Prince - Tim Gesell
Rapunzel - Bindi Dunstan
Rapunzel's Prince - Antony Norden
Granny / Giant's Wife - Barbara Colebran
Steward - James McIntyre



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