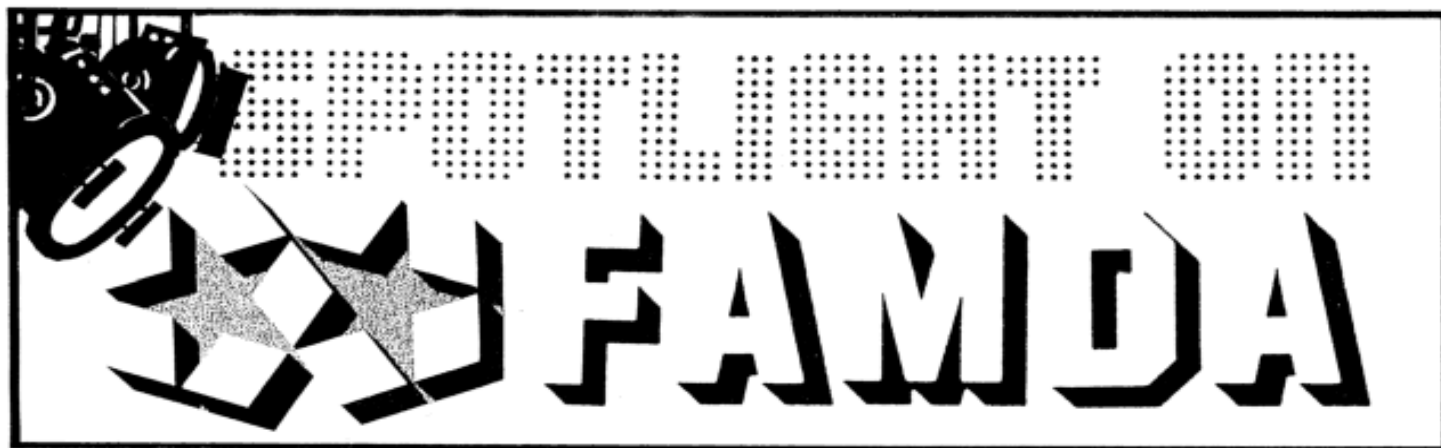


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## DIARY DATES

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

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Sunday 5 December  
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Saturday 11 December  
Mesley Hall, Leongatha



FAMDA excitedly presents

## the H-i-l-a-r-i-o-u-s Musical Comedy



*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 Catullo  
Barrington Stage Company, Second Stage Theatre

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

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# THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Blessed with William Finn's bouncy melodies and clever character-building lyrics, this clever and witty musical comedy is thoroughly entertaining and fast paced, designed to keep the audience alternately mesmerized and in stitches.

This catchy little show is destined to be a big crowd pleaser FAMDA, brings this charming and clever musical comedy to Foster .

With a cast of only nine people, the story concerns six precocious, quirky and neurotic children, in the throes of puberty, as they compete for the title of spelling bee champion. In each performance four audience members are also invited to join the contestants. Supervising the children are three adults with a few problems of their own.

The former Putnam County Spelling Champion, Rona Perretti, is played by Nicole Cooper who says it's great not to be playing a witch as she did twice last year in both Leongatha Lyric's *The Witches of Eastwick* and FAMDA's *Into the Woods*.

Co-hosting the competition with Rona is the word reader, Vice Principal Douglas Panch, played by Noel Stringer who fondly remembers playing Mr. Brownlow in FAMDA's *Oliver!* in which Spelling Bee's director, Nathan Eva, had the title role.

The third adult role is the comfort counsellor, Mitch Mahoney, performing his court-mandated community service. Mitch is played by Paul Smith whose stage credits include both Jesus & the devil in the Lyric shows, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *The Witches of Eastwick*.

The quirky spellers are played by some of South Gippsland's most talented and experienced young actors. Katelyn Ardley's stage performances include South Gippsland Secondary College's *Chicago* and FAMDA's *The Producers* and *Into the Woods*.

Jemma Eva trained for ten years with the Lisa Pellin Dances and performed in Lyric shows such as *Kiss Me Kate* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Since moving to Melbourne to study performing arts she has been in shows like *Footloose* and *The Wedding Singer*.

Josh Gardiner is fresh from another involvement in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. He was in Lyric's *Grease* and Wonthaggi's *Les Misérables*. In 2009 he played Michael Spofford in Lyric's *The Witches of Eastwick*, performed in the short season of the musical *Barnum* at the Comedy Theatre in Melbourne and then starred as Jack in FAMDA's *Into the Woods*.

Ivan Koetsveld's theatrical talent came to the fore when he performed in *Two Weeks with the Queen* for Leongatha Lyric. His most recent feat was winning the Adjudicator's Award at the South Gippsland One Act Play Festival and an acting nomination at the Monash Festival for his performance in Lyric's *The Droitwich Discovery*.

Emmi Latham recently performed as Nancy in Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's *Oliver!* having previously been on stage in shows like *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Singin' in the Rain* and *West Side Story* while Gabrielle Vening was the Strawberry Seller in Wonthaggi's recent *Oliver!* Previous shows include Lyric's *The Witches of Eastwick* and Wonthaggi's *Les Misérables*.

Don't miss the chance to see this talented cast bring *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* to life in Foster 5 – 13 November in a full-fledged musical with a parade of catchy tunes by the Tony award winning William Finn.

## STEVE SEDERGREEN RETURNING TO FOSTER

Noted jazz musician, Steve Sedergreen, is returning to Foster for another wonderful evening of twilight jazz at **6:00pm 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.

Gil Askey, recently seen on *Spicks & Specks*, will be playing trumpet and some of Steve's students from Monash University, including Foster's David Dower, will be joining in the music making on the night. Tickets will be on sale at Main Street Revelations and at the door..



# HEROES

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Tom Stoppard's

English language adaptation of  
Gerald Sibleyras' French play

Le Vent de Peupliers (The Wind in the Poplars)

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