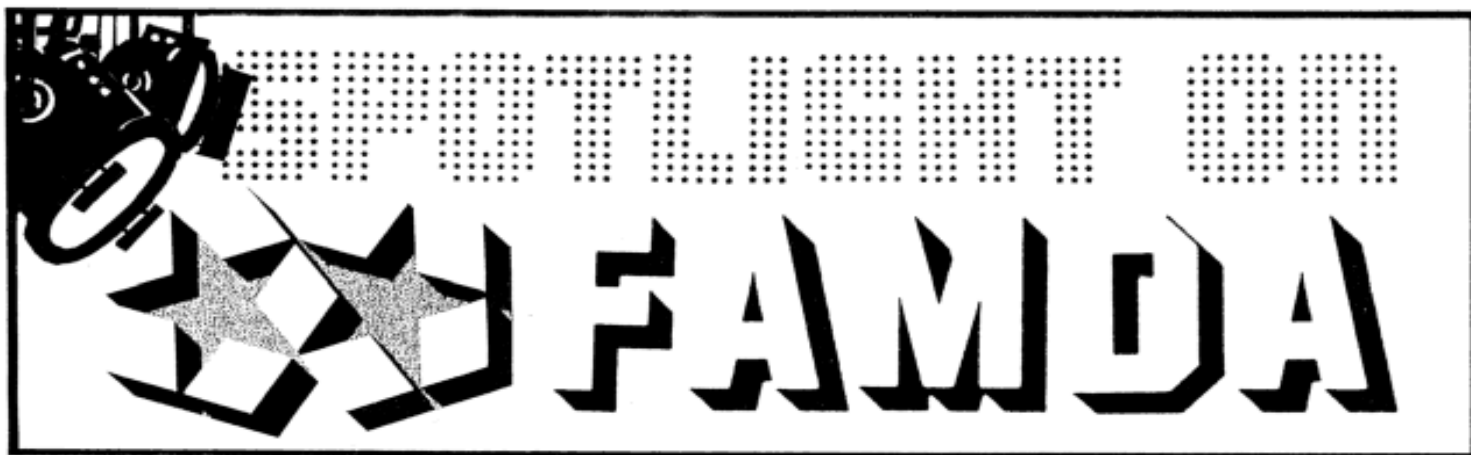


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DIARY DATES

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... SPELLING BEE

5 — 13 November

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

TWILIGHT JAZZ

Steve Sedergreen & Friends
6pm Sunday 21 November

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

RISING STARS

Young Musicians

8pm Sunday 28 November

Celia Rosser Gallery, Fish Creek

AWARDS NIGHTS

Music Theatre Guild Awards

Saturday 4 December

Yarra Valley Grammar, Ringwood

Vic Drama League Awards

Sunday 5 December

Merrimu Receptions, Murrumbidgee



GAT Awards

Saturday 11 December

Mesley Hall, Leongatha

**THE 25TH
ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY
SPELLING BEE**

LAST 4 SHOWS

11, 12, 13 Nov @ 8pm

Saturday 13 Nov @ 2pm

Don't miss out!

TWILIGHT JAZZ IN FOSTER



We are all in for an amazing musical treat.

FAMDA is hosting a fantastic feast of great jazz as Steve Sedergreen and his trio +1 return to Foster for a twilight show at the Foster Arts Centre on Sunday 21 November.

We are SO fortunate to have the chance to hear music of this standard right here in Foster.

Steve Sedergreen has a great musical pedigree – he is the son of the great jazz pianist, Bob Sedergreen.

He is one of Melbourne's jazz identities, known as a leading pianist, arranger of jazz projects and as an educator.

The talented trio, consisting of James Clark on bass and Michael Jordan on drums and featuring Steve Sedergreen on

piano and keyboard, is returning to Foster with an exciting extra inclusion. As a special treat for all jazz lovers, the world-renowned trumpeter Gil Askey will also be performing. Gil was a recent guest on *Spicks and Specks* and is a legend behind many Motown tracks from the likes of Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder.

Also performing as part of the exciting music making will be some of Steve Sedergreen's tertiary student's including Foster-born David Dower.

Steve Sedergreen and friends will be playing their special brand of jazz at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre, Main Street, Foster from 6:00pm on Sunday 21st November.

This music recital is being hosted by FAMDA as a fundraiser.

Tickets are just \$25 or \$20 concession and are on sale at Main Street Revelations, Foster, 0400 867 872. Tickets will be on sale at the door. so come along, and bring your friends.



**Carmel Slater presents
rising stars**

piano – clarinet – sax – voice



Two identical concerts featuring stunning performances by the best of local 'rising stars'!!

The Banksia Café will be open before the concerts and during the interval....arrive early for a coffee, wine or snack

Proceeds from the first concert go towards the Leongatha Primary School for a new piano.

Proceeds of the second concert will benefit FAMDA.

Tickets: \$20 adults, \$15 concession. Booking details:
5662 2801, 0428 622 801 or slatercarmel@yahoo.com.au
Payments to 84 Brown St, Leongatha before the concert day.

Celia Rosser Gallery

Promontory Road, Fish Creek

4:30 & 8:00pm

Sunday 28 November

**Carmel Slater
Robert Beardwood
David Dower
Josh Hooke
Josh Gardiner
Georgia Kaye-Helmut
Elly Poletti
Tamika Ball
Charlotte Brew
Rachel & Adrian Xu
Andrew Neilson**

MAKE A BEELINE FOR FAMDA'S NEW MUSICAL

Local theatre groups may well have saved their best until last as Foster's FAMDA successfully opened a quirky little musical on Friday 5 November.

It hasn't got any recognisable songs or well-known characters and it's been saddled with an almost un-marketable name, but 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee' was thoroughly entertaining, delightfully light-hearted and a very funny production all round. Making his debut as a director of a musical, Leongatha's Nathan Eva could not have been more impressive. Not only did he cast the production superbly, featuring in particular some of the region's highly talented young actors, but he also added dozens of unexpected elements, he gave his cast a licence to have fun and he put it all together in record time... bravo Nathan!

By necessity and design his set was simple but effective. Andrew Oldroyd was a wiz on the lights, Cheryl Connor was a stand-out in John Laurie's orchestra and the tricky production appeared to run without a hitch.

But by far the accolades go to the cast of nine and here it's top marks to the eventual winner of the spelling bee, Wonthaggi's Emmi Latham, who was completely unrecognisable from her role as Nancy in WTG's Oliver, for which she is certain to win a GAT nomination next month. If anything, she was better as William Barfée: (or The Foot as he might easily be nicknamed) in *Spelling Bee*, completely immersing herself in the character role assumed by Magda Szubanski for MTC's 2006 production. Gabrielle Vening's delightful voice shone through, Jemima Eva and Ivan Koetsveld gave engaging and energetic performances while Josh Gardiner handled some difficult elements with fun and flair.

The other speller, Katelyn Ardley, who starred in FAMDA's 'Into The Woods' as Little Red did so again as 'Marcy'. Organisers of the spelling bee, Nicole Cooper, Noel Stringer and Paul Smith were perfectly cast in their roles and hats off to the men for their expert changes.

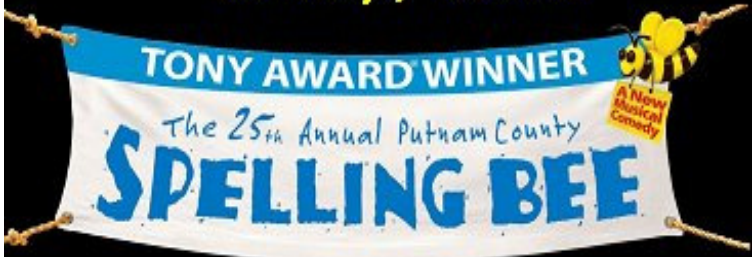
This was the ideal show to put on so close to the festive season but hurry if you don't want to miss it.

There are only four more performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights this week, November 11, 12 and 13 plus a 2:00pm matinée on Saturday afternoon.

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FINAL SHOWS

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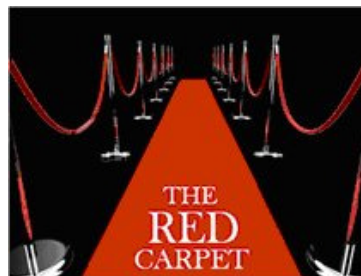
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

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Leongatha Lyric Theatre is proud to host the
2010 Gippsland Associated Theatre Awards.

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Formal Dress to Impress for your Red Carpet Entrance!



Saturday 11 December
Mesley Hall
(Nerrena Rd, Leongatha)
Time: 7:30 for 8:00pm
Cost: Tickets \$25.00
BYO Drinks & nibbles
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For more details and bookings contact
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HEROES

A Gentle Comedy

Tom Stoppard's
English language adaptation of
Gerald Sibleyras' French play

Le Vent de Peupliers (The Wind in the Poplars)

To be staged by FAMDA May 2011 @ Foster War Memorial Arts Centre
Directed by Andrew Oldroyd Cast required 3 x males aged 50+

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