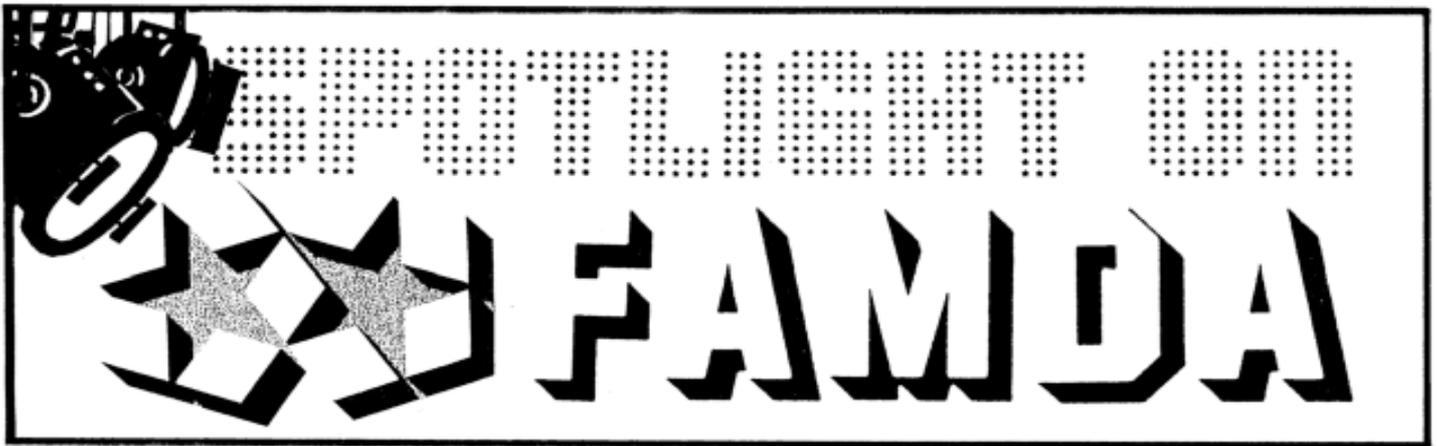


Foster Amateur Music & Drama Association Inc.



March 2010



AGM

8:00 Thursday 11 March

Foster War Memorial
Arts Centre

Entertainment,
coffee, tea & glasses provided

Please BYO plate or bottle
for shared supper

All welcome

WANTED

PROM COAST SINGERS

Expressions of interest are
invited for
the positions of

Musical director
Accompanist (piano)

Enquiries to Andrew Jamieson
by 18 March 2010
Phone 5683 2683 or
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Current FAMDA Committee

Acting Chair: Max Hastings
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FAMDA Annual General Meeting



It's time for FAMDA's AGM and you're invited.

FAMDA's 57th Annual General Meeting starts at 8:00 Thursday, 11 March 2010 at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre.

FAMDA members, past present and future are invited to be involved.

FAMDA is seeking new blood, in the form of people with fresh ideas and enthusiasm, to join the committee.

All positions are vacant and nomination forms are available from Main Street Revelations, 31 Main St., Foster or can be downloaded from the website – www.famda.org.au.

Completed forms must be mailed to FAMDA, P. O. Box 186, Foster 3960, emailed to mjh@dcsi.net.au or left at Revelations by 5:00pm Friday 5 March.

Speaking in Tongues

Unfortunately FAMDA's planned May production of this thrilling Australian drama by Andrew Bovell has been cancelled. Despite an extensive search we were short of one man to complete the cast.

FAMDA is now looking for another play and another director for a production in the May / June period as Max is not available after mid May. Aspiring directors should contact any member of the current committee.

We are also keen to hear from people interested in being involved in staging our entries in the South Gippsland One Act Play Festival hosted by FAMDA on the weekend of Saturday 7 August and possibly touring the plays to other play festivals.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GAT WINNERS

The Gippsland Associated Theatre awards were announced in a glittering spectacle hosted by FAMDA at the Foster Arts Centre on Saturday 12 December.

Warragul Theatre Company's musical based on characters from Dr. Seuss' stories, *Sensical*, was declared to be the most outstanding musical staged by a Gippsland company in 2009.

Latrobe Theatre Company's *Who Goes Bare?* won the Comedy / Drama section.

FAMDA's staging of Stephen Sondheim's 'Into the Woods' earned four major awards.

Andrew Oldroyd won the most outstanding lighting award. It was the fourth consecutive occasion on which Andrew has won this trophy and no mean feat as, on this occasion, not only had he designed the lighting plot, he also had a major on stage role as the Baker.

Fiona Watts won the award for the most outstanding lead actress in a musical for her performance as the Baker's Wife.

The most outstanding junior male award went to Josh Gardiner for his performance as Jack. Louise Dower, followed up her success at the Victorian Music Theatre Guild awards by winning the junior female award as Milky White, Jack's cow in *Into the Woods*.

Congratulations also to Tania Pell who took on the responsibility of organising the event.

TWILIGHT DELIGHT



The Steve Sedergreen Trio provided a near capacity audience with a wonderful evening of twilight jazz in Foster on Sunday 7 February 2010.

The Trio, comprising Steve Sedergreen on piano, James Clark on bass and Michael Jordan on drums and occasional vocals, began the evening with "Watch What Happens".

What happened was a great feast of music with songs ranging from "Someday My Prince Will Come", "Corcovado (Quiet Nights)" and "Sunny Side of the Street" to "Don't Get Around Much Anymore".

In the second half of the program some of Steve Sedergreen's students from Monash University joined in the music making.

The audience was delighted by local David Dower's piano interpretation of "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and "All the Things You Are". Max Pfeifer augmented the Trio playing "Georgia" on trumpet and Chloe Dempsey thrilled the audience as the drummer for "Caravan".

The performance resulted in a great boost to FAMDA's depleted coffers and a good time was had by all, audience and musicians alike.



Gippsland Associated Theatre
Musical Productions 2010

Leongatha Lyric
HIGH SOCIETY
30 April — 15 May

Warragul Theatre Company
LES MISÉRABLES
14—29 May

Production Line Bairnsdale
THE PAJAMA GAME
21—30 May

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group
OLIVER!
28 May — 12 June

PROM COAST SINGERS SEEK A MUSICAL DIRECTOR

The Prom Coast Singers is a choir founded nearly eleven years ago under the auspices of FAMDA and with the inspiring leadership of Paddy Broberg as Musical Director.

In the intervening period they have grown into a group now 30 to 40 strong, attracting singers of many and varied backgrounds from all over South Gippsland. The choir is wholly un auditioned and rehearsals are held generally on Tuesday nights in the Foster Anglican Church Hall for two to four months before a performance.

With the imminent retirement of the founding director, the Singers are now seeking a Director with sound choral and general musical skills to continue to inspire them with a common love of singing and a willingness to work hard to achieve their best.

The Musical Director has the responsibility to plan the choir's musical activities including the selection of music as well as the conduct of rehearsals and direction of the ultimate performances.

The position is not salaried although travel expenses can be met. The Choir also wishes to hear from people willing to work as rehearsal pianists.

Anyone interested in working as either the choral director or rehearsal pianist for the Prom Coast Singers is invited to contact Andrew Jamieson on 5683 2683 or acjammo@ozemail.com.au

Victorian Drama League Awards



Congratulations to Rob Ellis, John Laurie and Jules Schmidt on earning a VDL Judge's award for their creativity in composing, playing and recording the "dinner music" for FAMDA's play, *Dinner at Hugo's*, which was staged in May 2009.

Encore Theatre, from Clayton, earned the VDL best drama award for their outstanding production of *Wit* and the best comedy award went to Geelong Repertory for *Popular Mechanicals*.

Our GAT Judge

FAMDA is proud to announce that Andrew Oldroyd has accepted nomination as our GAT Judge for 2010. His experience, both academic and professional, as well as his sheer theatrical talent will bring valuable assets to the judging panel.

PLANNING DAYS On 16 January several FAMDA members and guests spent a very productive day at Linda Giddy's discussing forward directions and strategies for FAMDA. A further planning day is scheduled for Saturday 6 March. If you would like to be involved, contact Linda on 5689 1379.

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