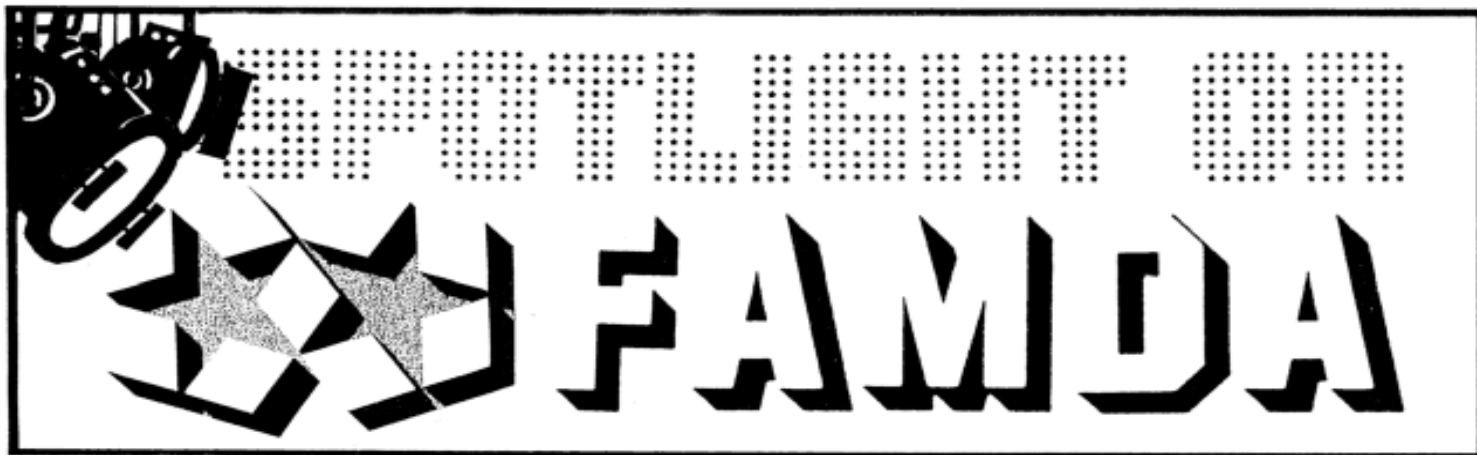


Foster Amateur Music & Drama Association Inc.



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FAMDA DIARY

CABARETRO - Info Session
Sunday 30 January @ 2pm
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

PLAY READING
Friday 11 February @ 7:30pm
Oberon Room, Fish Creek Hotel

HEROES - Info & Auditions
Sunday 13 February @ 2pm
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Annual General Meeting
Thursday 10 March @ 8pm
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

CABARETRO
1, 2 & 8 April @ FWMAC

Arty Farty Trivia Party II
Saturday 21 May @ FWMAC

HEROES
17 - 25 June @ FWMAC
ONE ACT PLAY FEST
13 & 14 August @ FWMAC

With the New Year — it's AUDITIONS TIME

Cafe CABARETRO

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Foster's turn to experience sophisticated entertainment with the audience dining.

PRESENTED BY FAMDA FOR THREE NIGHTS ONLY

Fine dining – Friday 1 & Saturday 2 April 2011

Concert style – Friday 8 April, opening the Prom Coast Seachange Festival

You are invited to an Information Afternoon on Sunday 30th January at 2.00 pm. at FWMAC.

Inquiries and expressions of interest to John Laurie 0400 921 717, 5689 1377 or to his email, johnrobertlaurie@gmail.com

HEROES

A Gentle Comedy

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

Le Vent des Peupliers (The Wind in the Poplars)

Heroes is a play set in August 1959 in a French retirement home for WWI veterans.

The setting is outside on a terrace in the garden of a convent hospital. The French word *hôpital* means not just a place where the sick are treated, but one of refuge and residence, like the Chelsea Hospital for army pensioners and invalided soldiers.

On this terrace-refuge, this prison without walls, three old military pensioners are in revolt against Sister Madelaine, allegorical figure of power. Gustav, Philippe and Henri pass their time, dreaming about young women and arguing over whether a statue of a dog is alive. Every morning they meet to look past the cemetery to the restless poplars on the hill beyond, whose ability to move about in the wind mocks the inmates' own stifling stagnation and dreams of escape. They hatch a plan to make a break for freedom, taking the dog with them, in order to live again. Fired by the idea of the trip beyond the garden, the men embark on a story that is at once funny, poignant and absurd.

FAMDA will stage *Heroes* at the Foster Arts Centre on 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 June 2011

Director: Andrew Oldroyd **Cast requirements: 3 males aged 50+**

Auditions: Sunday 13 February @ FWMAC **Details: famda@dcsi.net.au 5683 2313**

Lyric Theatre is urgently seeking females for its upcoming Season of One Act Plays running over two weeks at the end of March. Auditions have just been held and there are two unfilled female roles. There is currently a role in the play 'No Chocolates by Request' being directed by Jack Millar and also a role available for the play 'Lost' directed by Sacha Lamont. We encourage any interested women to contact Lyric ASAP! See www.lyrictheatre.net.au or ring Jack Millar on 5668 2605 or Sacha Lamont on 0422 257 081 for details.

Leongatha Lyric will stage *Jekyll and Hyde the Musical* in July directed by Nathan Eva. Information Day: 2pm Sunday 6 Feb @ Lyric Theatre Egger Studio, Watsons Rd. Leongatha
Audition dates: Sunday 13, Monday & Thursday 17 February.
For information or enquiries please contact Production Manager, Mark Eva, on 0422 894 149.

WELCOME TO THE PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY

Did you know that the letters of F A M D A originally stood for Film, Art, Music & Drama Association?

FAMDA is returning to its roots with the proposal to form the Prom Coast Film Society.

The aim of the project is to provide access to high quality non-mainstream films in a community setting plus the opportunity for social discussion and interaction.

It is proposed that the Prom Coast Film Society would become a financially self supporting sub-group of the main FAMDA body similar to the Prom Coast Singers.

As mandated by the Australian Council of Film Societies (ACOFs) members would need to have a separate subscription to the Prom Coast Film Society.

The plan is to show "art house" films in the Fish Creek Memorial Hall on the First? Friday of each month, catering for both for both locals and weekenders.

Planning is well under way to set up all the legal and financial aspects.

Watch for details of an exciting program and how you can become a member of the Prom Coast Film Society.



Who will win 'THE HOLY GRAIL'?

- A Night of theatre sports, trivia & humiliation.
- Watch: local performers battle it out for theatre's Holy Grail.
- When: 7.30pm Friday 28th January
- Where: Leongatha Dakers Centre, Cnr Smith and Gray Streets

Last time Leongatha Lyric's theatre challenge was won by a team called

Wonda – comprising Rory Godbold & Lindy Waldron from Wonthaggi Theatrical Group and Max Adam & Dianne Paragreen from FAMDA.

Rhonda Hanily, Peter Gilbert, Kerena McLaren and Paul Smith represented Lyric providing spirited competition but Dianne proved to be the queen of musical theatre trivia.

Leongatha Lyric has now called for reinforcements from Latrobe Theatre Company and all theatre people are invited to lend their support for an evening of theatrical fun & games.

To be part of the FAMDA contingent on the night, contact Tania Pell 0427 832 303.



REHEARSALS
RESUME
TUESDAYS from
15 MARCH 2011

REALLY EXCITING NEWS

PCS is hosting a choral festival over the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2011. Not only are we to have a get-together with other choirs, but we have invited the fabulous Australian choral composer, conductor and educator, Stephen Leek, to spend the weekend with us, and he has ACCEPTED!

The choir needs to begin preparing for a concert sometime in July, which will be a forerunner to the program we present at the festival in September. All PCS members, past, present & future are invited to come on board for this exciting venture!

FAMDA PLAY READING

FAMDA's next very social play reading will be at 7:30 on Friday 11 February in the Oberon Room at the Fish Creek Hotel.

The literary menu will involve one-act plays already selected as possible entries for the next One-Act Play Festival, and is guaranteed to provide lots of fun and laughter.

New participants are always welcome and you can volunteer to read or sit back and be thoroughly entertained, just as you choose.

If you want to dine at the hotel before the reading, please notify the Fish Creek Hotel directly on 5683 2404, or email famda@dcsi.net.au or call Tania on 0427 832 303.



It's on Again!

FAMDA AGM ~ Thursday 11 March

The Arty-Farty Trivia Party

Saturday 21 May

Other Gippsland Theatre 2011

Latrobe Theatre Company
THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Traralgon February 18 – 27
Sale March 5-6 Warragul March 12-13

Leongatha Lyric Theatre
ONE ACT PLAYS

18 - 26 March Dakers Centre

Warragul Theatre Company
GUYS AND DOLLS 12 – 28 May

Production Line Theatre
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

20 – 29 May Bairnsdale

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group
CABARET 27 May – 12 June

Leongatha Lyric Theatre
JEKYLL AND HYDE

15 – 30 July



Wonthaggi's Will Hanley plays Gabriel

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