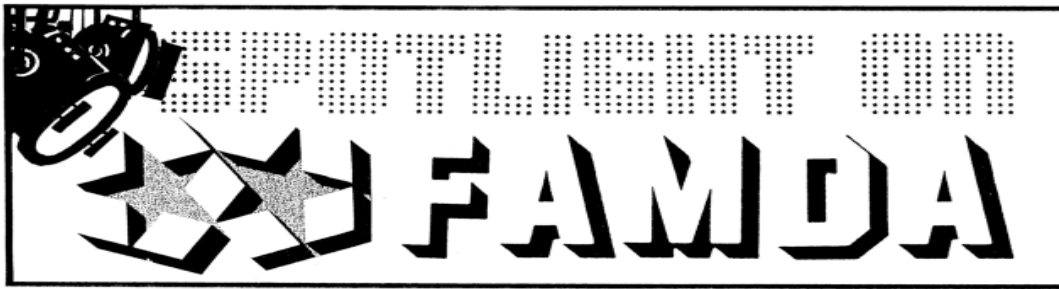


Foster Amateur Music & Drama Association Inc.



February 2012

FAMDA Committee 2011–12

President: Tania Pell

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DREAMBOATS



Edwin Coad has written a fantasy play called *Dreamboats* especially for FAMDA.

In 2009 Edwin created the wonderful summer holiday attraction, *Bush Magic*, where part of the charm was in having puppets on stage with both child and adult actors. These techniques also apply to *Dreamboats* with opportunities for people of all ages to be involved on stage and as members of the audience.

In *Dreamboats* beds turn into boats, toys come to life and actors get to play at being various characters such as a fairy, a pirate, a bear and a clown. There are 4 major roles for upper primary children, 3 roles for bigger kids and several roles for adults. Also needed on stage are 9 puppeteers and a corps de ballet of up to 20.

The creative team includes Paddy Broberg composing the music and Lisa Pellin in charge of the choreography, John Laurie as band leader and vocal coach, Pamela Coad. FAMDA would love to hear from people interested in set and costume design or keen to be involved in puppet making.

Dreamboats also needs the help of people interested in scenery construction – carpentry, steel work, welding, painting; costume construction – pattern making, sewing; props – construction, sourcing; stage crew; make up, hairdressing and wigs. Volunteer your services if you would like to help out.

FAMDA plans to stage *Dreamboats* 28 September—4 October with auditions scheduled in May and rehearsals starting in June.

Anyone interested in being involved, or just curious about the play, is invited to a *Dreamboats* reading at the family friendly time of 7:00pm on Friday 24 February in the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre. There is no charge, just bring a supper contribution.

INVITATION

Want to know more about Dreamboats and how you can be involved?

Find out about FAMDA's exciting new fantasy musical for people of all ages.

PLAY READING

DREAMBOATS

by Edwin Coad

7pm Friday 24 February
Foster Arts Centre

All welcome. No charge.

Bring a plate or drinks for shared supper.

PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY SEASON 2012

Friday 3 February

Slumdog Millionaire – 2008 – India – Crime/Drama (MA)

Friday 2 March

Oranges & Sunshine – 2011 – Australia – Drama (M)

Friday 30 March

Bobby – 2007 – USA – Drama (M)

Friday 4 May

The Hunter – 2011 – Australia – Drama (M)

Friday 1 June – *Winter Blues Double*

6pm **A Fish Called Wanda** – 1988 – USA/UK – Comedy (M)

8pm **Young Frankenstein** – 1974 – US – Comedy – (PG)

Friday 6 July – *NAIDOC Week*

The Tall Man – 2011 – Australia – Indigenous Documentary (M)

Friday 3 August

Another Year – 2011 – UK – Drama (M)

Friday 7 September

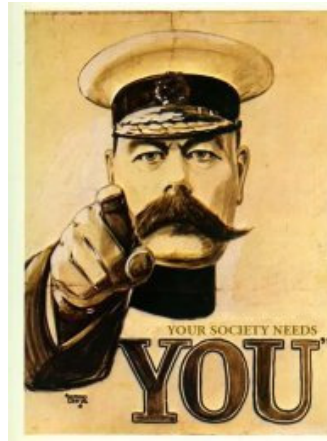
Barney's Version – 2010 – USA – Drama (M)

Friday 5 October

Norwegian Wood – 2011 – Japan – Drama/Romance – (MA)

Friday 2 November

Lantana – 2001 – Australia – Drama (M)



It's AGM time and FAMDA needs new faces on an expanded 2012 committee

All FAMDA committee positions are vacant and Tania Pell and Norm Willoughby are not renominating as president and treasurer.

FAMDA needs enthusiastic and dedicated people to join in the administration of this key cultural organisation with interests in theatre, also films and the choir.

Please consider how you can help contribute to running FAMDA in 2012—2013.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.famda.org.au or collected from Main Street Revelations.

Nominations & notices of motion must be submitted by 5:00pm Friday 2 March to famda@dcsi.net.au or PO Box 186, Foster.

YOU ARE INVITED TO FAMDA'S 59th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8:00 Thursday 9 March 2012

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Entertainment provided after the formal AGM

Please bring a plate or bottle for a shared supper.

THEATRE AWARDS 2011

The **Gippsland Associated Theatre** awards were announced at Trafalgar on 3 December with FAMDA's production of *Heroes* winning three major awards.



Bruce Grainger was judged to be the Most Outstanding Lead Male Actor in a play for his performance as Henri.

Andrew Oldroyd won the Most Outstanding Director trophy in his first involvement as a director of a full length play while being mentored by Max Hastings. FAMDA also won the Alby Fisher Memorial Award for Creative Design for the beautiful moving dog, the work of **Bruce Crawl, Max Hastings & Brendan Ryan**. In addition **Jennifer Paragreen** earned a Judge's Award for the well set out and informative program.

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group won both the major awards with *Cabaret* being judged best Musical and *Minfields and Miniskirts* winning the Most Outstanding Play trophy.

The 2011 **Victorian Drama League** awards were announced on 4 December with twenty eight companies vying for the judges' attention.

FAMDA was thrilled to receive six nominations for *Heroes*.

Nominations went to
Geoff Davey - Set Design
Rob Ellis - Sound Design
Andrew Oldroyd x 2 for Lighting Design and also as **Director of a Comedy**
Bruce Grainger was nominated as a lead male performer in a Comedy
 FAMDA's *Heroes* was one of 5 plays nominated as **Best Comedy**

The award for Best Comedy went to Beaumaris Theatre Company for its staging of *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre won the Best Drama trophy for *Death of a Salesman*.



The **Victorian Music Theatre Guild** Best Musical brick went to **Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's** *Cabaret*, in a tie with *The Boy from Oz* staged by leading note theatre from Ballarat.

Other awards won by Wonthaggi's *Cabaret*: **Colin Mitchell x 2** – Direction and Costumes
Elly Poletti as Fräulein Kost x 2 - Female Performer in a Supporting Role and Gladys Moncrieff Award for First Performance in a Featured Role
Britt Lewis as Sally Bowles - Junior Performer in an Open Production. **Congratulations all!**



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Coming Theatrical Events

Little Shop of Horrors
Cardinia Performing Arts Company
 8pm 25 February, 3 & 9 March
 2pm Sundays, 7pm 8 March
 Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham

Habeas Corpus
Leongatha Lyric Theatre
 23—31 March
 Mesley Hall, Leongatha

It's My Party—& I'll die if I want to
Break A Leg Theatre
 23—31 March

Little Theatre, Latrobe PAC Traralgon

Disney's My Son Pinocchio
Latrobe Theatre Company

11—20 May
 Little Theatre, Latrobe PAC Traralgon
 26 & 27 May

Esso BHP Billiton Centre, Sale

Anything Goes
Wonthaggi Theatrical Group
 May—June
 Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre

The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
Leongatha Lyric Theatre
 13—28 July
 Mesley Hall, Leongatha

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PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY



The next film screening at 8pm on Friday 2 March is the 2010 Australian drama, *Oranges and Sunshine*, based on a true story.

Directed by Jim Loach with screenplay by Rona Munro, the film tells the story of Margaret Humphreys, a social worker from Nottingham who holds the British government accountable for child migration schemes to Australia and Canada. She makes it her mission to reunite the children with their estranged families in Britain and to bring worldwide attention to the cause.

Deported children were promised oranges and sunshine but what they got was hard labour and life in institutions such as Keaney College in Western Australia.

The cast includes Hugo Weaving, David Wenham, Emily Watson, Tara Morice, Neil Pigot and Greg Stone.

The Prom Coast Film Society shows films at 8pm on the first Friday of each month. Subscriptions are just \$70 for the full year or \$28 for three consecutive months.

Members can bring a friend using a guest pass. New members are welcome.

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