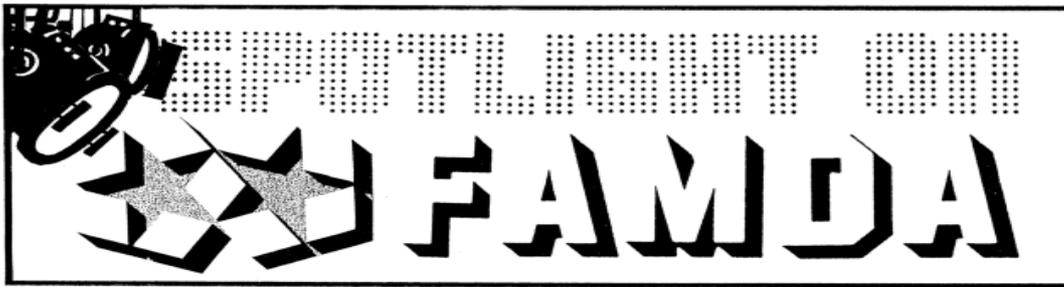


Foster Amateur Music & Drama Association Inc.



May 2012

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DREAMBOATS



Dreamboats is a fantasy musical written especially for FAMDA by Edwin Coad and Paddy Broberg.

In *Dreamboats* beds turn into boats, toys come to life and actors get to play at being various characters. 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.

This exciting production is being directed by Beth Millar who is keen to see as many people as possible involved in creating this fabulous musical adventure.

Find out how you can be involved in *Dreamboats* by coming to the info arvo or contacting Edwin Coad. As well as actors, singers and dancers FAMDA wants to hear from folk interested in making scenery, costumes and puppets, stage hands, make-up, hairdressing, food service and any of the myriad tasks which go into staging a musical.

DREAMBOATS

by Edwin Coad & Paddy Broberg

INFORMATION AFTERNOON

2pm Sunday 27 May

AUDITIONS

by appointment

Monday & Tuesday 28 & 29 May
 @ Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

For audition appointments contact

Edwin Coad: 5689 1305

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DREAMBOATS - CAST NEEDED

OLIVER ~ 8 or 9, matter-of-fact, a little old-fashioned, serious, a reader, wears glasses

VANESSA ~ 8 or 9, feminine, dreamy, interested in fantasy and magic

JAKE ~ 9 - 11, sporty, gregarious, computer games, popular, brave

CATHY ~ 9 - 11, perky, a bit of a tomboy, a leader, strong sense of fair play

EDWARD BEAR ~ Oliver's toy, proper, dependable, old-fashioned, ordered

MARY FAIRY ~ Vanessa's toy, determined, scatty but with insight

PIRATE PETE ~ Jake's toy, all bark and no bite, has his own fantasy life

BANJO THE CLOWN ~ Cathy's toy, earnest, tries hard, androgynous, sometimes scary

BENNY FESTER ~ bully, clever, thoughtful, manipulative, bossy, hides his vulnerability

BREWSTER BOYLE (BRUISER) ~ bully, tough, not very bright, a follower

CLOTHILDE CARBUNKLE (CLOTTIE) ~ street smart, bitchy, admires Benny,

wants his approval, enjoys being a bully

LADDERMAN ~ zany, vague, happy, helpful, wise, very tall (stiltwalker)

FAIRY QUEEN ~ beautiful, scatty, bit of a bimbo

QUEEN BEEATRICE ~ imperious, sharp, but motherly

PIRATE CHIEF ~ appears to be fierce but not really, gruff

RINGMASTER ~ hearty, kind, helpful

OFFSTAGE VOICES (4) ~ motherly and fatherly

PUPPETEERS (6 or 9) ~ Night Mares and Circus Ponies

Chorus/Dance troupe WATER SPRITES ~ represent the water - ballet

STEP CHILDREN ~ small stilts - rap

FAIRIES ~ pretty, bright, light, airy - ballet

BEES ~ workers and drones - tappers

PIRATES ~ also have dialogue - jazz

CIRCUS PERFORMERS ~ march, circus tricks and acrobatics

Notes

- The four child characters can be performed by similar age child actors, or older actors playing younger
- Benny, Brewster & Clothilde, the 3 bullies, should be performed by teen-aged actors
- Mary Fairy played by a girl / adult actor
- Banjo can be either a male or female actor
- Pirate Pete & Edward Bear - each is a male actor
- The Fairy Queen, Queen Beeatrice, adult female actors
- Ringmaster, Pirate Chief and Ladderman, adult male actors
- All characters need to be able to sing
- The puppet operators need to be agile. Circus performers will need some circus skills

PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY REST OF SEASON 2012

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

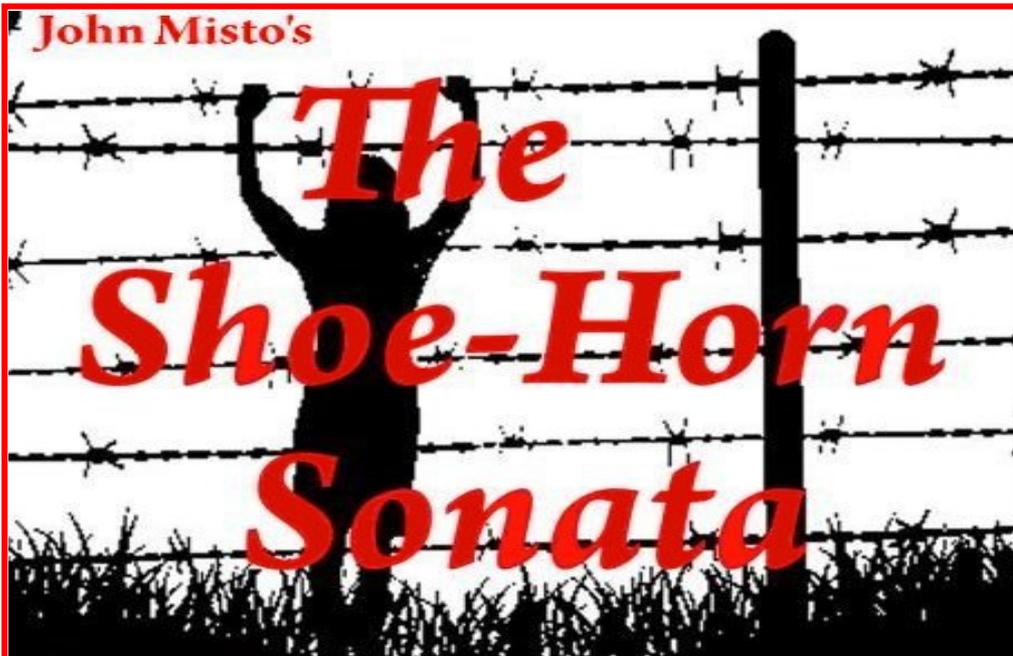
Norwegian Wood - 2011 - Japan - Drama/Romance - (MA)

Friday 2 November

Lantana - 2001 - Australia - Drama (M)

Friday 7 December

Tabloid - 2011 - USA - Documentary - M



The Shoe-Horn Sonata is a play that deals with the brutality of World War II by looking at the stories of two fictional characters, Bridie and Sheila. In 1945 they were freed from a Japanese POW camp deep in the jungles of Sumatra where thousands of women and children had lived and died virtually forgotten by their own governments.

Half a century later the filming of a television documentary forces them to relive the past, contact the present and question the future. Woven into their fifty years of separation are a shoe-horn and the threads of loyalty and love which form their 'uncommon bond'.

The playwright, John Misto, was concerned that the pain and suffering that many women endured at the hands of their Japanese captors after the fall of Singapore had been forgotten. He said "I do not have the power to build a memorial so I wrote a play instead." The resulting play has a poignant story based on historical facts, yet laced with gentle humour and an uplifting ending.

FAMDA will be staging this award winning and powerful play in Foster in July.

David Baggallay is directing the production with Marg Rudge and Jean Moore in the key roles.

Current Theatrical Events

Latrobe Theatre Company
Disney's My Son Pinocchio
 1:30 & 7:30 26 & 1:30 27 May
 Esso BHP Billiton Centre, Sale
www.latrobetheatrecompany.org.au
 Sale Box Office: 5143 3200

Warragul Theatre Company
CARMEN, THE MUSICAL
 8pm 24 & 25 + 2pm & 8pm 26 May
 West Gippsland Arts Centre
www.warragultheatrecompany.org.au
 5624 2456

Maffra Dramatic Society
*JOSEPH & THE AMAZING
 TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT*
 7:30 26 May & 2pm Sunday 27 May
 Maffra Memorial Hall
 7:30 2 June & 2pm Sunday 3 June
 Entertainment Centre, Sale
 5147 2135 (Maffra) 5143 3200 (Sale)
www.maffradramatics.com

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group
ANYTHING GOES
 26 May – 9 June
 8pm Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays
 2pm 27 May, 2 & 9 June & 5pm 3 June
 Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre
 5672 1083

WINTER BLUES DOUBLE COMEDY FEATURE

Next Prom Coast Film Night

Blow away the winter blues at the Prom Coast Film Society's June offering Friday night, 1 June at Fish Creek Hall.

This month we're featuring two fabulous comedies *A Fish Called Wanda* and *Young Frankenstein*. You can come to either or both of these films, for the price of one. If you want to take in both films, feel free to bring something to eat in between films.



A Fish Called Wanda is first up at 6pm. If you haven't seen this film or not seen it for a long time, it's a hilarious film about the robbery of a diamond collection starring John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline. Kevin Kline won an Oscar for his performance as Otto and both John Cleese and Michael Palin won BAFTAs for their performances.

Young Frankenstein will follow at 8pm, a classic Mel Brooks comedy. Respected medical lecturer Dr. Frederick Frankenstein (Gene Wilder) inherits his infamous grandfather's estate in Transylvania. Following his arrival at the castle, Dr. Frankenstein soon begins to recreate his grandfather's experiments with the help of servants Igor (Marty Feldman), Inga (Teri Garr) and the fearsome Frau Blücher (Cloris Leachman). After he creates his own monster (Peter Boyle), new complications ensue with the arrival of the doctor's fiancée, Elizabeth (Madeline Kahn).

The Prom Coast Film Society is open to members but membership is simple. If you are not yet a member, come along and pay for three consecutive films at a cost of \$28.

This is very cheap movie-going and you will be surrounded by other enthusiastic supporters in a welcoming setting.

Wine and snacks are available before the film and the committee provides a supper (gold coin donation) after the film ends so you can meet others, socialise and discuss the film in a friendly atmosphere.



FAMDA members were saddened at the sudden passing of our life member, Verna Anderson, on 28 April 2012. During the 1980s and 1990s Verna spent many evenings sitting patiently at a piano, wrapped in a blanket faithfully tapping out tunes as FAMDA's rehearsal pianist for shows such as 'The Music Man', 'Fiddler on the Roof', 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum', 'Follow the Star' and 'Oklahoma!'. Verna was involved on stage in 'Annie' and thoroughly enjoyed singing in a FAMDA chorus. This experience ultimately led to her becoming a foundation member of the Prom Coast Singers. With the Prom Coast Singers Verna was one of the most reliable sopranos and she also quietly took over the administration of our week-to-week finances and records, working competently behind the scenes, along with Shirley Wilson, never seeking the limelight, just doing the job quietly and efficiently. Verna will be sadly missed from FAMDA and the Prom Coast Singers' ranks.



The 12th Annual Foster One Act Play Festival

11 & 12 August 2012

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Don't miss this great opportunity to see theatre companies from all over the state staging an amazing variety of plays with \$2500+ prizes as inducement!

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Entries for the 12th Foster One-Act Play Festival close on 17 July.

FAMDA would like to have its own play entry (or entries) in the festival.

Anyone interested in directing or performing in a one act play is asked to contact Edwin Coad 5689 1305 or pandecoad@skymesh.com.au so that FAMDA can start planning its entries.

Information Evening for Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's next production *Secret Bridesmaids' Business* ~ an Australian comedy by Elizabeth Coleman

7.30 pm on Tuesday, 5th June 2012 at the Town Hall, Baillieu St East, Wonthaggi

Anyone interested in an on-stage or off-stage role in the production, or just interested in learning more about it, is encouraged to attend.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday, 12th and Thursday, 14th June 2012. Rehearsals start on Sunday, 17th June.

There are 6 speaking roles in the play: 5 females (one is 50-60, the others 25-35), and one male (30-40).

For more information, or to book an audition time if you are unable to come to the Information Evening, contact the *Secret Bridesmaids' Business* Production Coordinator, David Wall, 5672 4289 (AH) or d.wall@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Performance dates for *Secret Bridesmaids' Business*

8pm Friday 17 & Saturday 18 August, 2pm Sunday 19 August, 8pm Friday 24 August, 2pm & 8pm Saturday 25 August

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