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EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR BUGSY MALONE

Get the best seats AND \$1 off the normal price for each ticket

This offer is valid only until 15th June

See the attached booking sheet for further details

From the President

In April, the FAMDA Annual General Meeting was an excellent evening. We welcomed six new members to the committee while farewelling Marieke Ormsby and Jane Park who are thanked for their contributions to FAMDA. The new members are Annette Walker (secretary), Arie Bos, Barbara Partridge, Judy Barnard, Sarah Maclean and Sue Dower making a total of fourteen members.

Edwin, our outgoing president arranged a small talk by Harley McDonald-Eckersall, Leuca Maclean and Louis Wheeler whom we sponsored to the Victorian Drama League Junior Summer School. They gave a most impressive and informative talk of their experiences. We were also entertained by the very talented violinist and all round musician, Fiona Watts.

Rehearsals are now well under way for our latest musical 'Bugsy Malone' with a cast of over 45 children. In fact, apart from the pianist, nobody in the cast is older than 16! Our director (and Musical Director) Pamela Coad ably assisted by Sue Dower are doing a magnificent job. If you can assist with front of house, back stage or lighting please contact either Edwin Coad or myself.

Keep the weekend of August 9 and 10 free for our annual one act play festival. I believe FAMDA will be entering an original play this year.

Our second production for this year is the highly acclaimed Ronald Harwood comedy, 'Quartet', to be staged in early October. Watch out for further news of auditions and times.

We are also looking at producing a locally written musical set in the Sandy Point area featuring Australian songs from the 60s. It is hoped this will be performed in April 2015 for the Sea Change Festival.

Also in that month FAMDA, in conjunction with the RSL, will be performing a locally written one act play for the centenary of the ANZAC Landing.

We have identified a number of improvements to the back stage area of the F.W.M.A.C. in the form of communications, audio and lighting. These will be implemented over the coming months and should result in an enhancement in production management especially for the one act play festival.

Peter Clyne



From the mean streets of New York 1929, to the mean streets of Foster 2014 - FAMDA is about to stage **Bugsy Malone** with a cast of 45 talented and enthusiastic young performers.

The original film, written and directed by Alan Parker, has been adapted for the stage by the director and the song-writer Paul Williams. It is probably unique in that the film and play are both designed with adult characters played by young actors and that's the way FAMDA is playing it.

Bugsy, a man about town living in the dangerous streets of the prohibition era 1920's finds himself in the middle of a gang war between Fat Sam Stacetto and Dandy Dan fighting over control of the illegal sarsaparilla trade and the speakeasies.

Bugsy Malone creates a world where the splurge gun is a secret weapon and a custard pie can be life-threatening and where a young singer dreams of making it big in Hollywood.

PERFORMANCE DATES ~ 11 to 19 July

7:30 Friday 11, 2pm & 7:30 Saturday 12 and 2pm Sunday 13 July followed in the second week by shows at 7:30 Friday 18 July and 2pm & 7:30 Saturday 19 July @ Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

TICKET PRICES

Adults: \$28, **Concessions** (Pensioners, Seniors, Students 16+): \$22, **Children** (Under 16): \$15, **Family** (4 people): \$75 with any additional children in the family being \$10.00 each

Ticket sales open at Main Street Revelations in Foster on Wednesday 18th June but **you can take advantage of FAMDA's early bird discount of \$1 off the price of every ticket purchased before 15th June using the early bird booking form.**

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING . . . NOW!

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group – JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR ~ Andrew Lloyd Webber / Tim Rice rock opera

24 May – 8 June 8pm Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, 1:30 Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 June, twilight show 5pm Sunday 1 June
Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, Graham Street Bookings: Wonthaggi Workmen's Club **5672 1083**

FORTHCOMING GIPPSLAND SHOWS

Warragul Theatre Company – PHANTOM OF THE OPERA ~ A tale of mystery, love and despair, set at the 1870s Paris Opera

27th June – 12th July 2014 West Gippsland Arts Centre, Warragul www.warragultheatrecompany.org.au **5624 2456**

Sale Theatre Company – COSÌ ~ Louis Nowra's semi-autobiographical play set in a Melbourne mental institution in 1971

18 - 26 July 8pm 18, 19, **Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23, 25 & 26 July** Matinées: 2pm Sunday 20 & Saturday 26 July

Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre, 100 Foster St, Sale Bookings: www.ebbwec.com.au **5143 3200**

Leongatha Lyric Theatre – BLOOD BROTHERS ~ the third longest running musical in West End history

Written by Willy Russell (Educating Rita & Shirley Valentine) telling the tragic story of the Johnston twins

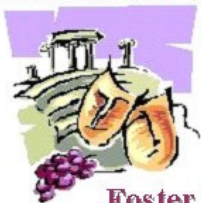
5 - 19 September Mesley Hall, Leongatha Secondary College, Nerrena Rd., Leongatha www.lyrictheatre.net.au

Bairnsdale Production Line Theatre - TEN TIMES TABLE ~ an Alan Ayckbourn comedy

24, 25 & 26 October Forge Theatre and Arts Hub, 80 McKean Street, Bairnsdale www.bairnsdaleproductionline.com.au **5152 1482**

MOaRTZ - STEPPING OUT - Tap dance classes, anyone? 24 October – 1 November www.moartz.org.au

Fourteenth Annual



SOUTH GIPPSLAND ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

9 & 10 August 2014

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

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Join the Prom Coast Film Society

The Society runs screenings at 8:00pm on the first Friday of each month at Fish Creek Hall

This month's screening - A double bill
SEARCHING FOR SUGAR MAN (Sixto Rodriguez)
STORIES OF ME (Paul Kelly)

On Friday night 6 June the Prom Coast Film Society invites all members to enjoy our winter blues beater with TWO documentaries about musicians. The first 'Searching for Sugar Man' starts at 8pm and, after a short break, will be followed by 'Stories of Me'. Both features are about singer-songwriters but the contrast in how their music has been received in their respective countries couldn't be more marked.

The Film Society committee will put on a light supper (for a gold coin donation per person) at the end of the first feature.

You can join on the night and your \$25 membership will also entitle you to come and to the next two PCFS screenings – Mad Bastards in July and Monsieur Lazhar in August.

Prom Coast
Film Society

Season 2014

1st Friday
8pm
Fish Creek Hall

7 February - Samsara
7 March - Seven Psychopaths
4 April - The Intouchables
2 May - Beautiful Kate
6 June - Searching for Sugarman
- Paul Kelly: Stories of Me
4 July - Mad Bastards
1 August - Monsieur Lazhar
5 September
- The Reluctant Fundamentalist
3 October - Django Unchained
7 November - The Angels' Share
5 December - Bernie

Subscription only, no single tickets
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