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GIPPSLAND THEATRE

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

PIPPIN ~ a Stephen Schwarz
(Godspell, Wicked) musical
23 May – 6 June

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

GYPSY ~ Celebrating their 50th
anniversary year, a classic musical
directed by Colin Mitchell
3 – 18 July

FAMDA

ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL ~
plays from across the state
8 & 9 August

CPAC (Pakenham)

THE ADDAMS FAMILY ~
musical based on the TV show
22 August – 4 September

MoArtz (Yallourn North)

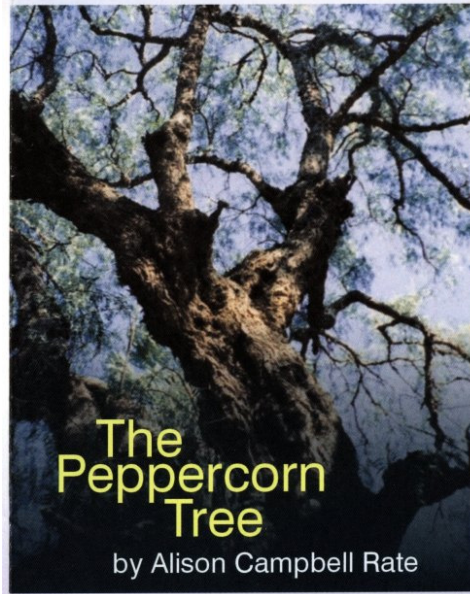
KINDLY KEEP IT COVERED ~
hilarious farce
4 – 12 September

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

DON PARTIES ON ~ the characters
from David Williamson's Don's Party
return years later
25 September – 3 October

FAMDA

THE PEPPERCORN TREE ~
a story of mateship, love, regret and
reconciliation
23 – 31 October



FAMDA's next major production
The Peppercorn Tree
To be staged 23 - 31 October 2015
directed by Bernadette Grainger

The play is a humourous yet deeply moving tale of mateship, love, regret and reconciliation.

Set in 1993 suburban Melbourne, this drama tells the story of Jonah Cloake who, during an early morning raid in World War II Tobruk, made a split second decision whose fallout took root and grew to overshadow his life and future relationships, especially with his wife and only son. Burying his guilt under a veneer of jibes and humour, Jonah succeeded in avoiding his past for decades until, 50 years later, he reluctantly agrees to record his memoirs with a biographer and so is forced to confront his demons.

CAST REQUIRED

- **Jonah Cloake** - aged about 75*
- **Grace Cloake** - his second wife, aged about 65*
- **Zoe Pilgrim** - aged about 45*
- **Michael Cloake** - aged about 50* * Ages are only a guideline
- **Evie Walker Cloake** - Jonah's first wife, in her 20s* with English accent

INFORMATION SESSION & AUDITIONS

Interested actors are invited to an information session about FAMDA's staging of 'The Peppercorn Tree' at 2pm Saturday July 4 at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre.

This session will be immediately followed by auditions being held by appointment.

Further auditions will be scheduled, if needed, at 7:30 on Monday 6 July.

Bernadette is planning to cast the play immediately after these auditions but rehearsals will not commence until late August .

More information is available on www.famda.org.au.

AUDITION BOOKINGS

For further details and to book an audition time, actors should contact the director Bernadette Grainger via 5664 9385 or 0439 394 704.



Fifteenth South Gippsland One Act Play Festival

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 August 2015 @ Foster War Memorial Arts Centre
Special Youth Section Saturday morning

Great prizes to be won — Enter a play now (Entries close 17 July)

Put the dates in your diary for some fabulous theatre
Come for a session or for the whole festival

Festival sponsored by Toora & District Community Branch and Foster Branch Bendigo Bank and South Gippsland Shire Council



April 2015 proved to be a very busy month for FAMDA personnel with involvement in several activities that were part of the Prom Coast Seachange Festival and the commemoration of the centenary of the ANZAC landing. Congratulations and thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Seachange Festival and top performances of *Waratah the Musical*, *The Catafalque Party* and *They Went With Songs* in which the Prom Coast Singers played an important part.

There are hopes that FAMDA can reprise *The Catafalque Party* as a youth production in the forthcoming South Gippsland One Act Play Festival.



This exciting new musical proved to be an important part of the Seachange Festival, bookending the event with our 17th April world première on the opening night of the festival and our final shows continuing on the week after the festival until 2 May. We had good houses with audiences who loved the nostalgia of the 1960s setting and the infectious rhythms of the band. All the talented cast members, with an age range of 60 years, acquitted themselves well whether they were singing songs from their youth or encountering them for the first time. Special thanks go to Chris Dickins as the show's inspirational director, the ever so encouraging musical director, Chris Gale, and Megan Williams and Nicole Cooper who shared the choreographic duties.

ANZAC Centenary Commemoration Concert



The Catafalque Party

A one-act play by Edwin Coad
Presented by FAMDA in association with Foster RSL and South Gippsland Secondary College &

Every soldier was someone's child

Larry Hills
They Went With Songs
Combined Regional Choirs with Orchestra and 'Soldiers' chorus

Wonthaggi Town Hall	April 24	7.30pm
Leongatha Mesley Hall	April 25	7.30pm
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre	April 26	3.30pm

Tickets \$25 available from:
 RSLV Wonthaggi 0402 727364
 Great Southern Outdoors, Leongatha 0490 525482
 Main Street Revolutions, Foster 0408 675467



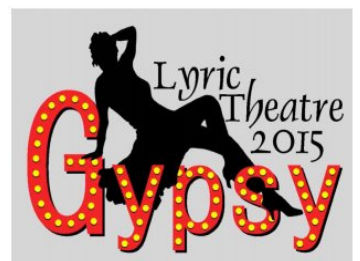
Nearly 20 Prom Coast Singers enjoyed getting together to sing again and be part of the massed choral performance of Larry Hills' ANZAC cantata, *They Went With Songs*. Choir director, **Claudene-Marie Adams**, had the Singers well prepared for what turned out to be three very emotional performances given the historical significance of the centenary.



The singers now have the prospect of a weekend of singing when renowned conductor, **Richard Gill**, will be coming to Foster on **3 & 4 September 2016** for choral workshops with other Gippsland choirs invited similarly to Stephen Leek's 2001 visit. The Prom Coast Singers traditionally rehearse at 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings at the Anglican Church Hall, Station Rd., Foster and it is hoped that these rehearsals will recommence in July, possibly as early as 7 July. (Exact date to be confirmed).

This is the ideal time to join or rejoin this friendly community choir with a whole new repertoire on the horizon. For more information, check the PCS website: www.promcoastsingers.org or phone **5683 2683** or **5682 2953**.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary, Leongatha Lyric Theatre invites you to see *Gypsy*, the 1959 musical with music by Jule Styne and lyrics by a young Stephen Sondheim. Loosely based on the 1957 memoirs of striptease artist, Gypsy Rose Lee, *Gypsy* focuses on her mother, Rose, whose name has become notorious as the ultimate show business mother. The story follows Rose's dreams and efforts to raise two daughters to perform onstage and casts an affectionate eye on the hardships of show business life. The musical is spiced with popular songs such as "Everything's Coming up Roses", "Small World", "Some People" and "Let Me Entertain You". The talented team of Colin Mitchell (director), Carmel Slater (musical director) and Bron Kalos (choreographer) bring *Gypsy* on stage in Mesley Hall 3 – **18 July** at 8pm Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays and 2pm Sundays



Book your tickets on line www.lyrictheatre.net.au or visit Great Southern Outdoors, 1Bair St., Leongatha

Prom Coast Film Society

Double Animated Feature — 5 June

Ernest & Celestine and The Triplets of Belleville

The Prom Coast Film Society's popular Winter Warmer Double this Friday, features two full length animated films.

The May screening of the Indian film 'The Lunchbox' was very well received by the audience with many enjoying lengthy discussions about whether the main characters would finally meet up or start their new lives alone.

This Friday starting at 8pm sharp at the Fish Creek Hall, Falls Road Fish Creek the Film Society is pleased to present two delightful animated films 'Ernest and Celestine' 2012 (French/Belgian) and 'The Triplets of Belleville' 2003 (French/UK/Belgian/Canadian). Both films have a PG rating, and both feature beautiful jazz-influenced soundtracks and stunning visuals.

'Ernest and Celestine' is an Oscar-nominated film which simply tells the story of an improbable friendship between a mouse and a bear. Painted with watercolour backgrounds and hand-sketched characters the film is a delightful reprieve from the big budget, computer generated, over-engineered animated films. Ironically the film was beaten for an Oscar by the Disney animated feature 'Frozen'. The story is based on a children's books by Gabrielle Vincent and is directed by young French animator Benjamin Renner, and co-directed by Vincent Patar and Stéphane Aubier. 'Ernest and Celestine' runs for 80 minutes after which there will be a short supper break before the next film.

'The Triplets of Belleville' tells the story of Madame Souza whose grandson is kidnapped by the French mafia while participating in the Tour de France. Madame Souza, along with her lazy dog Bruno and three ageing singers known as The Triplets of Belleville, will stop at nothing to save her grandson from his kidnappers. There is much creative genius in the film including Bruno's dreams about trains which he dislikes. 'The Triplets of Belleville' runs for 78 minutes so patrons need to be prepared for a longer than usual film feast.

Join the Prom Coast Film Society

Screenings: 8pm on the first Friday each month
Fish Creek Hall



Prom Coast Film Society

Season 2015

1st Friday 8pm Fish Creek Hall

6 February - Grand Budapest Hotel
6 March - Calvary
- The Guard
27 March - Wadjda
1 May - The Lunchbox
5 June - Ernest & Celestine
- The Triplets of Belleville
3 July - Charlie's Country
7 August - The Rocket
4 September - Disconnect
2 October - Boyhood
6 November - The Babadook
- The Little Girl Who Lives down the Lane
4 December - Dallas Buyers Club

Subscription only, no single tickets
Enquiries: 0407 543 371
www.famda.org.au

Although the Prom Coast Film Society's 2015 program is well underway there is still time to join and enjoy quality films and the company of other South Gippsland film fans. Whatever the weather the show goes on at the Fish Creek Hall on the first Friday of the month.

Why not come along to this week's screening and join the Film Society? The Committee and subscribers will make you feel very welcome.

The annual subscription costs \$60, which is very reasonable for the remaining 9 diverse and highly acclaimed films in the 2015 season. Subscribers can also join for 3 consecutive month's subscription for \$25. For more information about the Film Society go to: www.famda.org.au.

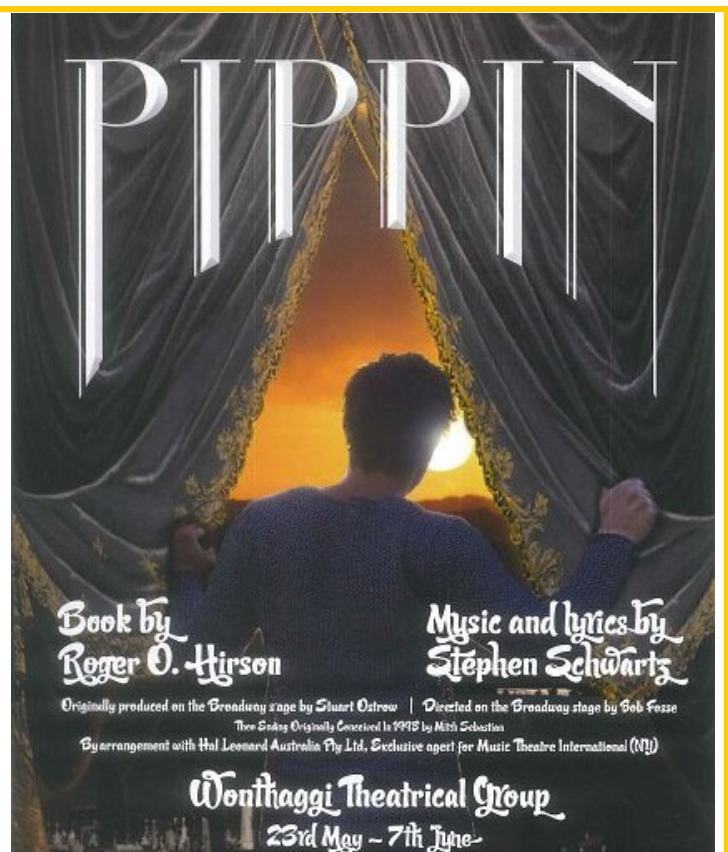
Wonthaggi's *Pippin* is absolutely stunning!

There are only five remaining performances of this amazing production:
8pm this Thursday, Friday & Saturday plus matinees at 2pm on both Saturday & Sunday at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

Book on line via www.wtg.org.au or take your chance at the box office prior to each performance.

Wonthaggi's stunning staging of *Pippin*, will astonish, thrill, excite, astound and delight you. You might even be slightly shocked but you will most certainly be thoroughly entertained!

**Excellent seats still available for the Saturday matinee
some good seats left for door sales for other performances**



PIPPIN

Book by Roger O. Hirson
Music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Originally produced on the Broadway stage by Stuart Ostrow | Directed on the Broadway stage by Bob Fosse
Three Cities Originally Conceived in 1992 by Mitch Sebastian
By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (MTI)

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group
23rd May - 7th June