

STARS

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This is the first edition of our new-look on-line only newsletter.

After a very big twentieth anniversary last year, STARS is taking it a little easier this year, with only four events on the planning board, but as always they will be goood!

We have opted not to run the Cancer Council morning tea this year (instead, we will send a donation) and also not to have the art exhibitions at Waverley Homestead.

Also, in response to the growing size of our audiences, we will make more use of the other halls available in Willunga – The Show Hall and the Sports Stadium next door.

Co-Opera will be performing in the Sports Stadium and we expect to have an audience of over 300 folk.

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THE MIKADO

Willunga Sports Stadium, Sunday April 17, 7pm
Doors and bar open at 6pm

This beautiful production of one of Gilbert and Sullivan's favourite operas comes to us once again from Co-Opera, with whom we have had a long and happy association.

What do emails, liquorice allsorts and boy bands have to do with The Mikado?

W. S. Gilbert's satire in this best known and loved of his collaborations with Arthur Sullivan was, as always, British society - in particular government, the monarchy and social class in general.

At the time it was written everything Japanese was in vogue, so Gilbert's Britain was clothed in the exotic trappings of Japan, using authentic (and expensive) fabrics, and a Japanese hostess from the grand exhibition teaching the ladies Japanese department.

It may have looked like Japan, but it was Britain heavily disguised. This production, with its gently modernist touches, thins the disguise, and emphasises the relevance of the satire to contemporary society and government. The striking design places the action somewhere between then and now, and somewhere between Japan and anywhere else that has a government, with a definite nod to Britain. You may even spot a couple of royal favourites.

Highly popular in its inaugural season!

Ric Trevaskis
DIRECTOR

CAST LIST

The Mikado:	Daniel Smerdon
Nanki-Poo:	Ian Andrew
Ko-Ko:	Rod Schultz
Pooh-Bah:	Eddie Muliau
Pish-Tush:	James Moffatt & McIntyre Howie Reeves*
Yum-Yum:	Sarah Jane Pattichis & Grace Bawden*
Pitti-Sing:	Bethany Hill
Peep-Bo:	Karina Jay
Katisha:	Sidonie Henbest

*(share role)



See the STARS website for full booking details.

www.stars.org.au

AGM

The STARS AGM will be on Tuesday March 8th at 7pm at Waverley homestead. There will be a considerable amount to discuss, concerning new directions for STARS so we hope for a good roll-up. Please bear in mind that you must be a financial member of STARS if you wish to vote. Subscriptions can be sent to STARS c/- PO Box 283, Willunga, 5172.

FUTURE EVENTS

This year we are planning a total of four events, including the opera.

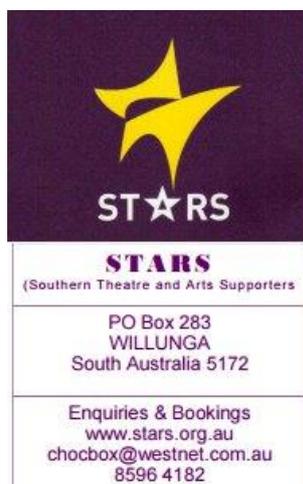
The others will be:

A tango night with the Zephyr Quartet – August 13th

A jazz night in October

The traditional Gala Night in late November.

Dates and times to be announced when details are finalised.



STARS Mission

To foster a vital and diverse arts culture in the southern region by

- * Advocating for the arts
- * Bringing in events
- * Creating strategic partnerships to strengthen the arts community
- * Developing artistic skills
- * Providing access to the arts

Why not become a member of STARS and take advantage of special prices and advance notices of future attractions.

You could also contribute to the arts in the area by volunteering to help STARS run events. We are always looking for new members.

If you would like to find out more about the group please phone 8596 4182

Press Release - Top Note to open Cellar Door

(Kuitpo, South Australia) 14th December 2015 - ex-Silicon valley chip designer Nick and his opera singer wife Cate Foskett continue their wine adventure on the 16th of January by opening a cellar door to the public on weekends and public holidays from 11-4pm. Cate is a wonderful performer and a great STARS supporter, so we are happy to put the press release in this newsletter. For more information, see www.topnote.com.au .

AFTERNOON CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015

Another great success, featuring the A capella group Limited Edition, classical violinists Lucinda Moon and ASO conductor Luke Dollman and of course comedians Peter Colling, Wayne Anthony and Meredith Bowman. There is a full report on the website.



Many in the audience sent personal thanks for the wonderful afternoon. The surprise pieces with Limited Edition, Lucinda and Luke contributed to the day. My thanks to all, including Meredith, Wayne and Peter, for added hilarity.

- Carolyn Colling