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(SOUTHERN THEATRE AND ARTS SUPPORTERS INC)



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STARS Programme 2015 Launch	Sun 8 Feb
STARS AGM	Sun 10 Mar
Co-Opera "The Magic Flute"	Sat 16 May

Welcome to Waverley Homestead News for February 2015

For information about STARS and its events, or to volunteer to help:

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The Committee of Southern Theatre and Arts Supporters invites you to attend the Launch of
STARSTRUCK 2015

which will celebrate 20 years since STARS was named

Sunday 8 February 2015 at 5.00 pm

Waverley Homestead, St. Peter's Terrace, Willunga (Adjacent to the Golf Club)

Featuring Soprano Daniela Leska (STARS of Waverley Award Winner)

Programme Launch by Vince Ciccarello,

Managing Director of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra

Refreshments available

The Birth of Southern Theatre and Arts Supporters Inc., STARS

In July this year STARS name will be 20 years old but the group was born under another name. On Monday the 31st of July 1989 a public meeting was held at which the formation of the Friends of Noarlunga College Theatre was announced. It was incorporated on the 23rd of August 1990. The first committee included Olive Reader, Wendy Brooksby and Ann Lawson.



Barry Crocker with
the 1995
Committee

Olive Reader, front
extreme left

Ann Lawson, front
fourth from left

Wendy Brooksby,
front extreme right

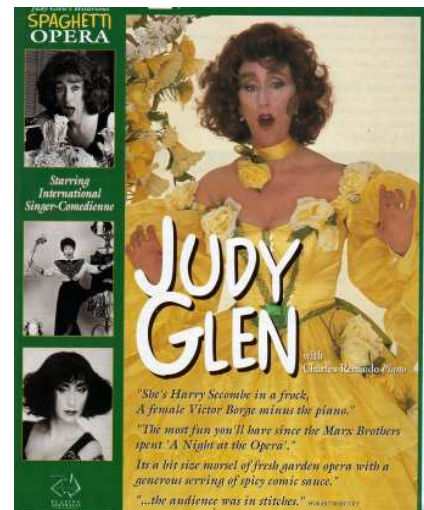
A programme of events at the Theatre started in 1990 these included a July School Holiday Film programme, the "Film and Flutter" (Bingo and films) weekly programme, "Rising Stars" a programme to promote young artists and other individual events. The Australian Dance Theatre was involved from 1991 and art exhibitions were held. Among the artists who appeared were the film actor and singer Barry Crocker (1995); the television children's performer Peter Combe; Wally Carr and *singer* Marie Fidock; Leigh Warren and Dancers; Judy Glenn; Jenifer Leslie, an impressive impersonator of Edith Piaf, (1994), she is still performing in Sydney.

In November 1993 Co-Opera gave three performances of "The Gondoliers" this was an initiative by Olive Reader the founder of the group and was the first time a professional opera company had performed in the Southern Vales. Other initiatives by Olive were in 1994 to bring the South Australian Police Band to perform in the Southern Region for the first time; "Leap into Dance 1992" with performances and workshops by several Dance Schools, a Fringe Event; and A Rock and Roll Eistedford in 1991.

The last official event as Friends of Noarlunga College Theatre occurred on the 25th of June 1995 it was a Winter Afternoon Concert by the **Tea Rose Duo, Sarah and Bernard DePasquale** and was held in the Theatre Foyer.

The group was renamed the Southern Theatre and Arts Supporters, STARS, on the 5th of July 1995. The first event held by STARS was on January the 24th 1996, it was an Art Exhibition of paintings by visiting Chinese artist You Sheng Lien and held in the Port Noarlunga Arts Centre.

The new name and image of STARS was launched on 10th March 1996 at the Port Noarlunga Arts Centre with "Lunch, Launch and Laugh" starring Judy GLEN performing her Spaghetti Opera. The members prepared and served lunch to eighty people. On 26th May 1996 a soiree was organized at 17 Waverley Drive in Willunga for a small group of members. The performers were singer Carol Norris, Bob Chumley on cello and Alexis Morrison on piano. In 1998 Co-Opera performed Puccini's La Bohème on 29th September in McLaren's on the lake and at the same venue on 27th October George Bizet's "Carmen". STARS organised Opera workshops by tenor Malcolm Potter at St. Francis Winery restaurant on "La Bohème" on 3rd of August and on "Carmen" on 17th August also a Gilbert and Sullivan Soiree on the 11th August at a member's house.



Graeme Emmerson Bell AO MBE

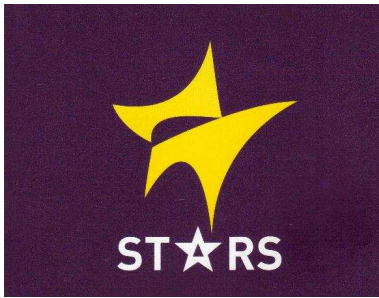
STARS presented the Noarlunga Festival Cabaret at the South Adelaide Sports Complex on 15th November 1996 starring the Solar Winds Big Band, Wally CARR and the Tom FAIRLIE Dancers. On 20th November STARS presented Claire LEAHY'S Music Hall Show at the Noarlunga Theatre and on the 23rd a Grand Victorian Masqued Ball at Yankalilla.

Tom FAIRLIE Dancers 15 Nov 1996

Following the success of Co-Opera in 1996 Brian CHATTERTON decided to produce four operas at McLaren's on the Lake in 1997 with STARS. "The Magic Flute" on 11th April; "The Marriage of Figaro" on 22nd June; "Romance & Butterfly" - Co-Opera in Concert, on Friday 5th September and "Pagliacci" on 23rd November. In March 1998 members were involved in the production of "Under Milkwood" in the Old Quarry, Willunga this was an Adelaide Fringe Festival event. The 1998 Co-Opera production of "Madame Butterfly" took place at McLaren's on the Lake on 15th March. STARS together with the Zonta Club of Noarlunga produced an international day of dance at the Noarlunga Theatre complex, called "Rhythm of Life" on 26th April 1998.. More than twenty dance groups took part, performing and conducting workshops. A second Dance Expo was held on 2nd May 1999 at the Noarlunga Theatre Complex for Australian Dance Week. The first performance by Co-Opera at Pirramimma Winery was held on 30th October 1999 this was "Carmen".



Olive had discovered that a local historic building in Willunga was unoccupied and available for lease. In 2000 STARS leased Waverley Homestead, from the Onkaparinga Council. The Story will continue...



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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 8323 8386 during Business Hours

Co-Opera
Opera on the Move



Saturday 16 May 2015 at 6.00 pm.

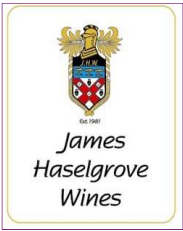
Co-opera returns with a performance of "The Magic Flute" and will feature soprano Sidonie Henbest, a performer well known to STARS members.

The Opera will be performed at the McLaren Vale Institute or in the Piazza depending on the weather the latter venue would be ideal for this production.

There will be platters of cheese and meats for sale as well as wine per glass or bottle.

Book early for this event 8596 4182 Tickets \$35.00

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