

STARS

(Southern Theatre and Arts Supporters Inc) Newsletter August 2016

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STARS GALA
Saturday December 3

STARBURST 2016

HELLO FROM THE CHAIR

This has been a less frenzied year for STARS with only three events planned in our new headquarters, beginning with the very popular Gilbert and Sullivan Co-Opera production of The Mikado and then Zephyr Quartet and a Touch of Tango mid year. Our year will conclude with the Annual Christmas Gala on December 3 in the Show Hall (See details.)

To discuss plans for 2017, STARS committee is holding a planning meeting to include the executive committee and some invited members of STARS and other guests to be held on August 21st in the Supper Room (Green Room) at Rec Park. We will plan a Launch of our 2017 program and the rest of the year. We hope to include a return visit of Adelaide Symphony Orchestra later in the year as well as some classical performances from some of our favourites – **we will keep you informed.**

LET US KNOW what you would like to be included in STARS 2017 by emailing me and the committee on chocbox@westnet.com.au

Carolyn Colling

STARS SUBS - \$25 single, \$40 couple

Is it possible that you have STILL not paid your subs? It's never too late! Why not get it off your conscience and do it now.

Membership of STARS will include some discounts on tickets, newsletters and messages, website and opportunity to be a part of our continued commitment to scholarships to worthy recipients in the area.

Doing it electronically is the way to go these days. STARS bank details are as follows:
BSB: 633 108 AC: 1538 03879.

Or cheque to STARS at PO Box 283, Willunga, 5172.

Thankyou for your attention.



A TOUCH OF TANGO

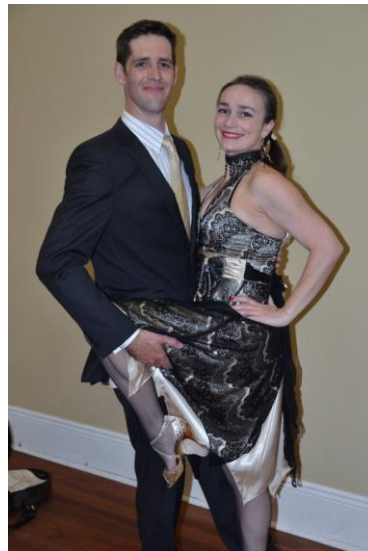
It was a cold wet night in Willunga but a good crowd turned up for this, our second event for the year, in the new and improved Willunga Show Hall.

The ever urbane Peter Colling compered the concert, though he was still recovering from illness.

In the first half internationally renowned Zephyr Quartet - a classic string quartet comprising two violins, viola and cello - performed their own arrangements of Syrian, Macedonian, Mexican and Jewish folk songs, plus several of their own compositions.



In the second half they were joined by accordion player Gareth Chin to accompany Andrew and Adrienne Gill, renowned tango dancers for a beautiful set of dance set.



They then performed a haunting final piece of their own and were rewarded with a standing ovation.

Though it was cold outside we warmed the hall well with the two 'jet engines' and the theatre lighting provided by Dave McDonald gave a warm and friendly glow.

We played tango music at the end of the concert, with several couples responding with spirited dancing.

Our next production...

STARS CHRISTMAS GALA NIGHT

This event will be a fundraiser and will include a raffle, proceeds of which will assist in our plans for 2017 as well as the Musica Viva Equal Music in Schools project for Aldinga Primary School.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD 7.30 PM SHOW HALL WILLUNGA

**BOOKINGS: TRYBOOKING. \$35 (MEMBERS \$30) SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS
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This promises to be a cracker of an event, with the following artists confirmed

Jim Danton, comedian, and his wife Christina the Contortionist....



The terrible twins, Pete and Wayne....



Greg John and Jonathon Waetford – opera duos, singer Mia Reschke (Local young talent) ... and Don Hopgood's 8-piece trad jazz band, **The Jazz Bandits**! Woo hoo!

Dancing along to the Bandits will be encouraged - maybe some Christmas Carols to conclude.

Peter Colling will be the compere for the Gala and Carolyn and the committee will be in full flight selling raffle tickets etc during interval. Raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the night.

KEEP FIT WITH STARS

Onkaparinga Council has offered members of STARS reduced gym membership rates at their Centres Aldinga, Seaford and Hub Recreation Centres. Rates are \$12.95 a week per person (\$9.95 for concession card holders) saving \$100 per year. If you would like to join one of the centres which offer all gym facilities and fitness sessions, let us know and we will send a letter verifying that you are a member of the volunteer group STARS.



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



The Willunga Rec Centre and Show Hall, now the home of stars