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Dates to Note in 2018

The Big Sing – Sunday September 9
Adelaide Youth Orchestra – Sunday Sep 23
STARS Gala – Sat November 17

OPERA EXPERIENCE FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS



STARS is very interested in providing school children with opportunities to enjoy various types of music. Some time ago, during a discussion with the head of Willunga Primary School, Ali Colbeck, it was decided to organise a concert for all students featuring opera, a musical medium that most had not discovered.

Greg John, former arts co-ordinator at Tatchilla Lutheran College (and very much a part of State Opera and other

events in the region, such as Big Sing, The Messiah and three local choirs) was most enthusiastic when STARS approached him to liaise with the school and produce an introduction to Opera or an Opera Experience.

Greg chose Carmen, which is a great opera with plenty of music, drama and dance. He enlisted the help of local opera singers Samantha Rubenhold and Robert England and other friends. He borrowed some wonderful costumes and together they presented something unique to the students at Willunga Show Hall.

The children responded well and indeed participated in the show, with clapping, singing, dancing and playing some specially styled musical instruments. The dance troupe was taught a great Carmen piece and implemented it with style. For pupils and some teachers, it was the first time they had witnessed opera and Willunga Show Hall was an excellent venue to present a live performance - no mobile phones or iPods here.

Carolyn Colling
Chairperson STARS

STAR OF GREECE EVENT



On the weekend of Friday July 13th to Sunday July 15th a series of events was held in and around Aldinga to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the tragedy of the wrecking of the *Star of Greece*, which occurred starting at 2.30am on Friday 13th, 1888, only 200 yards off the shore at Port Willunga in a violent storm.

STARS' contribution was to help devise and perform in a rehearsed reading of the Coronial Inquest,

which was held the very next day, Saturday July 14th, in the now non-existent Sea View Hotel at Port Willunga. This was done in conjunction with the local branch of the History Trust.

Brian McMillan, a member of the Trust, assiduously researched the material, which was edited and turned into a script by STARS secretary Wayne Anthony. David Griggs, who had considerable input into these processes, directed the reading, which was performed in the Aldinga Institute Hall on Sunday afternoon. Wayne and Carolyn Colling were two of the readers, playing jury foreman and Mrs. Bowering respectively. We had just two rehearsals on the Sunday morning.

The reading, which lasted half an hour, was preceded by an account of how the ship came to be at Port Willunga, by historian Paul Simpson, who has written an excellent book about the tragedy. We also printed a remarkable four-page letter sent to The Advertiser by Charles Claesen, one of the few survivors.

The event was well attended and all present found it absorbing and appreciated it greatly. If anyone who missed it would like a copy of the script and/or the Charles Claesen letter, please email us and we will send the material to you. STARS will contribute \$200 towards the monument that remembers the 18 lost in the disaster.

**THE ADELAIDE YOUTH ORCHESTRA (AdYO) ... SEPTEMBER 23 3 PM
DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING EVENT BEING STAGED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
THE VALE.**

AdYO on Tour - McLaren Vale

AdYO takes **Maestro 3 Timeless Brilliance** on tour to the Southern Vales

Maestro 3

Timeless Brilliance

Sunday 23 September 2018 | 3:00pm
Tatachilla Lutheran College
211 Tatachilla Road,
McLaren Vale

Winner of the Guest Concerto solo spotlight
Christopher Buckley
Bassoon

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Adelaide Youth Orchestra
Keith Crellin OAM | Conductor
Christopher Buckley | Bassoon

Dvořák
Christopher Buckley | Carnival Overture Op.92
Winner of the Guest Concerto solo spotlight will be performing:

Carl Maria von Weber
Tchaikovsky | Concerto for Bassoon in F Major, Op.75
Symphony No.5 in E Minor, Op.64

Lights dazzle, colours glitter, and laughter bubbles in Dvořák's Carnival, followed by one of Adelaide's brightest rising stars, Christopher Buckley - until Tchaikovsky's drama-filled epic consumes the soul.

Adult \$35 | STARS Member and Concession \$30 | Student \$20
Bookings: www.stars.org.au
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AdYO is proud to celebrate Adelaide's designation as a UNESCO City of Music. Adelaide joins 115 other cities in 54 countries as part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

STARS members are also invited to Coriole Winery before the concert to enjoy a wine tasting with cheese at a special price thanks to Mark Lloyd who is closely associated with ADELAIDE YOUTH ORCHESTRA.

VISIT THE WEBSITE AND FOLLOW THE LINKS TO TRYBOOKING – SPECIAL PRICE FOR STARS MEMBERS AND CONCESSION.

THE BIG SING ... COMING SOON!

TATACHILLA STADIUM - SUNDAY September 9 - 3.00 pm.

The inaugural Big Sing was held last year under the chair of Greg John with members of the original Carols committee assisting as well as representation from STARS.

It was a great success and will be repeated again with the programme featuring Faure Requiem and performances, including the Elder Conservatorium Chorale and Orchestra. The concert will have Luke Dollman as conductor and commence with Hot Gospel.

There are already many singers from all over the state who have registered and the choir is expected to number 150. Don't miss this event. Go to the Big Sing website to register or to find out about coming to the concert – tickets are \$30 and \$25.

www.bigsing.org.au



MUSICA VIVA

Thanks to the generous support of seven foundations, community groups and individual donors, Musica Viva In Schools (MVIS) South Australia can facilitate an extended residency program at Aldinga Beach B-7 School (Aldinga Beach) with 2018 marking the second of a three-year engagement with the primary school.

STARS is a major donor of funds to Musica Viva, to aid their ongoing program at Aldinga Beach, so we are delighted to record here some highlights of their 2018 program.

Outcomes Achieved:

- Live Music Program - by Indigenous ensemble Dativuy Dreaming at Aldinga Beach on 25th June, reaching 765 students and teachers.
- Taikoz- the art of Japanese drumming. Despite being in constant demand all over the world, Taikoz are delighted to be able to bring their dynamic and heart-stopping traditional Japanese music to Australian schools.
- Professional Development In 2018, Musica Viva offered the following professional development courses for all Aldinga Beach school staff.
- Student Ensembles - Percussion: Musician and educator Fabian Hevia continues to deliver percussion ensemble activities on a weekly basis at a smaller class size of 45 students, which was implemented in the second half of 2017.
- Instruments - 6 new guitars and a class set of guitar workbooks to the value of \$1450 were provided for guitar students.

STARS committee members visited the school to see the Dativuy Dreaming Indigenous ensemble in June and were very happy with the reaction of the students.



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