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The Barber of Seville

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Barber of Seville

It was a happy crowd that entered the Festival Hall, expecting to see a fun filled night of Opera.

Our audience came from far afield and included a table of volunteers at Signal Point in Goolwa, first time attendees at Co-Opera in Willunga.

he performance featured Sidonie Henbest who is now Rehearsal and Tour Manager of Co-Opera and a new musical director Josh van Konkelenberg.

I have seen many Co-Opera presentations over the past 15 years and this is one of the most outstanding with a brilliant cast of singers and great choreography. Tessa Bremner directed this production and promised lots of laughs while Brian Chatterton was the artistic director, sadly for the last time as he moves to other endeavours. It was great to see him back in Willunga.

Comments from audience members

From Graham Ormsby: Just a short note to provide some feedback on the Co-Opera event. As usual it was a great event and very entertaining and enjoyable.

We have some friends come who were visiting from Belfast. They are avid fans and Stella has seen many musicals, operas etc all over Europe. She was very impressed with Saturday's production. She has seen the Barber of Seville at least 2 times and said this production was as good as any of the others she had seen before. Knowing Stella's musical background I believe this is high praise indeed.

She also was impressed with the Festival Hall and the staging and even the acoustics. I believe the curtains etc they had as background made the difference.

From Diana Perry: I have just got to say IT GETS BETTER AND BETTER!

We have enjoyed so many years of these presentations starting back in the Pirramimma barrel room progressing to various other locations but finally in the larger Willunga stadium - it really is a very successful production. How wonderful for the audience to be up so close to see so much detail (forget about looking down the epiglottis of Bartolo).

So many winners – the amazing Figaro – this guy with darting eyes and clever interpretation a la Indian – Freddy Mercury ? very interesting chap. Too many more – gave the programme to Judy so can't refer to their names.

Sidonie Henbest of course a long term presenter. A very strong cast as usual and such a wonderful evening. Do hope Co-Opera with STARS will continue forever. Great partnership.

I love Rossini. Danced to some of his music as a teenager but in particular remember we had /still have it a long playing record of Rossini Overtures. Favourites were The William Tell Overture. Thieving Magpie and The Silken Ladder.

How lucky we were to have a wonderful live orchestra – so very special. I just melted away when they started to play my favourite music.

So..... Congratulations all you lot for making it all work.

AN INTRODUCTION TO OPERA

STARS collaboration with Willunga Primary School

Following discussions last year with Ali Colbeck who is Head of Willunga Primary School, students will be involved in a concert giving An Introduction to Opera to be held in the Show Hall on 13 June 2018.

This is a school event and parents and friends of the students will get the opportunity to see a performance by local opera singers including Robert England and Samantha Rubenhold, co-ordinated by Greg John.

The students will participate by learning chorus from Carmen and others and dance students will also be involved.

This is the first time the students have had an opportunity to be introduced to this artistic genre and STARS is pleased to be able to facilitate the event.

THE BIG SING

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 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

ADELAIDE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

TATACHILLA STADIUM – SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER - 3 PM

Following the success of Adelaide Symphony Orchestra concerts over the last 3 years, STARS has requested Adelaide Youth Orchestra to visit our region this year. It is a first visit for AdYo and they are looking forward to performing for us.

AdYo is looking to involve school orchestras with workshops by members of AdYo planned leading up to the concert and also to join in the Musica Viva relationship with Aldinga Beach Primary school which is STARS main recipient of funds over the last few years.

The concert will feature a concerto with a young student performer and the senior Youth Orchestra

The Adelaide Town Hall concert featuring The Planets late last year was outstanding – put the date in the diary.

Details of booking procedure will be advised soon. Visit the website for updates on this event. www.stars.org.au .

STARS CHRISTMAS GALA
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17 – SHOW HALL OR STADIUM



The feature act will be the fabulous, versatile group **Jazz it Up**, who can play pretty well anything. Jazz standards, dance music, classics from the decades.

The first half of the show will be our usual mix of hilarity, local performers.

Booking details will appear on our website later in the year.

FROM THE BARBER OF SEVILLE....



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