

STARS

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STARBURST

HELLO FROM THE CHAIR

The relocation of STARS from Waverley Homestead to Willunga Recreation Park was a busy but successful time. We were assisted by members of Rec Park in moving all of our belongings to various parts of the Community owned complex and now our dishwasher, kitchen contents, glasses, chairs, tables are in situ for use by everyone using the venue. The piano was professionally moved into the Green Room or the Supper Room and will be available for concerts and events as requested. STARS performers will be able to access the piano whether it is required in the Show Hall or the Festival Hall.

The first event since our relocation was The Mikado which featured 23 members of the cast, crew, orchestra etc. and the impressive set and lighting took all day to erect. The response from the audience was overwhelming and Co-Opera found the venue and facilities excellent. Audience numbers were impressive and it was great to have the old format of tables and chairs with byo food again.

We participated in the Discover Willunga Fair last week and were impressed with the plans for the renovation and improvement of the whole of the Festival Hall and surrounds. STARS utilisation of the Halls will assist in raising funds needed for this ambitious project and of course we will work with the committee to achieve the end result of a community facility that will allow us to showcase the arts in Willunga right in the centre of town. We will look to hire Waverley Homestead back for specific functions if available or if not we will look at other intimate venues for smaller events, all in this area.

A big thankyou to Brian Dempsey and Dave for their huge effort in moving us to Rec Park.

KEEP TUNED FOR MORE EVENTS LATER IN THE YEAR, INCLUDING A FRENCH SOIREE IN SEPTEMBER AND THE STARS CHRISTMAS GALA WITH JAZZ IN NOVEMBER!

Carolyn Colling

FORWARD PLANS

STARS has decided to donate to the Musica Viva Equal Music Program by supporting Musicians in Residence in Aldinga Primary School commencing in 2017 and continuing for three years. The school is a Category 3 School and all 646 students will benefit from the residency which will include provision of musical instruments, teacher training and music performance opportunities.

We have some funds collected from our events, especially Adelaide Symphony Orchestra last year and over the next three years, your support as members and audience will assist in our endeavour to give many children an opportunity to enjoy music and in many cases improve the general education of students.

Our events and fund raising efforts will go toward this project in place of the STARS of Waverley Award after many years of scholarships for young people proposing to follow a career in the arts. Our last award winner was Celeste Jamae who was awarded \$1500 to enable her to improve her skills in dance and performance which she undertook at Brent Street Performing Arts in Sydney.

STARS also awarded a music scholarship of \$2200 to Tatachilla College for 2016.

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 SUBS - \$25 single, \$40 couple

It's never too late to pay your STARS subs. If you haven't yet done so, 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.

Our next production... **A TOUCH OF TANGO**

ZEPHYR QUARTET with ADRIENNE AND ANDREW GILL

SATURDAY JULY 9 -7.30 PM SHOW HALL WILLUNGA
Bookings Trybooking. \$40 (members \$35.00) Seating only - Bar available

Featuring A Touch of Tango with Adrienne and Andrew Gill Southern Cross Tango.
Award winning Zephyr Quartet accompanied by accordionist Gareth Chin will feature Piazzollas Tango Sensations as well as pieces from their own repertoire.
DON'T MISS IT!



ZEPHYR QUARTET



Zephyr Quartet is a bold and adventurous string quartet, delighting in the exploration of diverse music and forging dynamic collaborations. Since its inception in 1999 the quartet has shown a continued determination to expand the boundaries of art music and how it is received by audiences. A firm believer in the power of the string quartet as a medium to communicate and explore complex relationships between society and art, Zephyr has achieved an enviable reputation for artistic excellence, innovation and audience development as well as for being '**Arguably Australia's most lateral thinking and inventive ensemble**' (Music Australia).

Armed with the spirit of collaboration, Zephyr Quartet has become a leading exponent of collaborative arts practice, drawing inspiration from working with artists from diverse backgrounds, including theatre, dance, literature, visual art, environmental art, design, film and media art, to produce work that is vital, current and courageous. Recent collaborations include composing the score

for and performing in Brink Productions' hit theatre show *The Aspirations of Daise Morrow* (Oct 2015) and performing with the Australian Dance Theatre in its acclaimed *Beginning of Nature* at WOMADelaide in March 2016.

Belinda Gehlert – violin Emily Tulloch – violin Jason Thomas – viola Hilary Kleinig – cello.

SOUTHERN CROSS TANGO

Andrew and Adrienne Gill are recognized for the artistry & elegance of their tango performance, and beautiful connection. They are members of the prestigious Buenos Aires 'Congreso Internacional de Tango' teaching faculty. They have taught and performed throughout Australia and internationally in Los Angeles, New York and Buenos Aires. With a tango career spanning almost two decades, they have performed and choreographed for Leigh Warren Dance, Victorian Opera, State Theatre of SA and State Opera of SA. They were awarded an Arts SA Government of South Australia professional development grant in recognition of their skills in Australia's cultural landscape.



Adrienne & Andrew Gill
Photo: Sam Oster, Silvertrace

Adrienne and Andrew founded the Argentine tango dance movement in South Australia, building a strong social dancing community that is respectful, friendly, welcoming, and both traditional and creative.

Creating and performing in a wide variety of theatrical productions and festivals, Andrew & Adrienne have performed onstage with illustrious classical musicians Massimo Scattolin and Mirko Satto (Italy), Slava Grigoryan, Leonard Grigoryan, Jose Carbo, Zephyr Quartet and Anthony Halliday,

and world-class dancers Milena Plebs, Demian Garcia and Alejandra Mantinan in stage tango shows.

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Book now at Trybooking for this event . [CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)



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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 8596 4182

