



# STARS

Southern Theatre and Arts Supporters Inc  
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## SWINGING ON A STAR

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### Dates to Note in 2017

**GALA** – November 25

### NANCY WEISBRODT'S BOOK LAUNCH - October 15<sup>th</sup>



On a beautiful spring Sunday afternoon fifty people young and old – friends, relatives, children and grandchildren – attended the Piano Room at Coriole Winery to celebrate the launch of Nancy's book of poems, titled *Nancy's Poems*.

Judith Barr, who by the way is a neighbour of Nancy's and therefore lives in constant fear of rocks being lobbed on her roof, was in top form and gave a rousing and very funny opening address. Nancy responded spiritedly, talking about some of her life

and work, reading several of the poems. Many are delicate and insightful, but she chose to finish with the hysterical true life saga of the Berlei Bra and the berley fishbait.

Libby Raupach our host at Coriole supplied the premises for Nancy – Coriole bubbles and cheeses were presented to the audience. This was not a STARS event as such, but many of our members were there, all Nancy's good friends.

## THE ASO AT TATACHILLA - A MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIR

A lovely sunny day greeted the arrival of the trucks for the setup of the 50 piece Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and as requested by me, a stage was erected to go with the Tatachilla College Stage that had been assembled prior to arrival. The technical staff were busy until 3 pm when the orchestra members arrived for the rehearsal.

The whole orchestra was raised in order for the audience to appreciate the spectacle even more, which was not the case at the previous concert in 2015.

Volunteer members of STARS arrived to assist in feeding the orchestra and setting up bars ready for the large audience expected. Food supplied to the orchestra consisted of Italian style pasta, salads, and of course large bread sticks, all superbly prepared by Andy Clappis of *Our Place* at Willunga Hill. The presentation was outstanding and after rehearsal, with plates in hand, the orchestra moved outside to the Coffee Van kindly supplied by Ben Tugwell.

The audience arrived and purchased glasses of Minko wine to take in to their seats, of which the front two rows were reserved for STARS members and friends.

The committee was delighted to host Vince Ciccarello, CEO of ASO, Headmaster of Tatachilla Lutheran College Cain McDonald, Andy Clappis and Bendigo Bank representatives in the front row.

The programme, selected by ASO Simon Lord to suit the wine and food area of the southern vales, started with *The Barber of Seville* Overture.

Julie Howard our local ABCFM presenter and skilled host of many concerts over the years, was outstanding in her observations and knowledge of the repertoire and we extend much appreciation for her contribution.

Twenty two year old Owen Morris on trumpet mesmerised the audience with his wonderful interpretation of the Hummel *Trumpet Concerto in E major*. To see such a young man master the instrument and charm us all was worthy of much applause.

To end the concert, Mendelssohn's *Symphony Number 4* gave each member of the orchestra a chance to shine and was enthralling music.

Our undertaking to bring the ASO back to the Vale was a huge task, done to give people the pleasure of watching one of the best symphony orchestras in the world in our own area. Disappointingly, audience numbers did not reach expectations but those who came were most impressed with the whole night.

I would like to thank the many STARS members and friends who gave up their time to assist in the flawless presentation of ASO last Saturday. Special thanks to Christine Majoros – assisting with parking and Greg John, opening at 10.00 am and available to STARS and ASO technicians all day.

Next year the **Adelaide Youth Orchestra** will venture down to our region with a lovely concert in September, supported and assisted by STARS. Don't miss this one.

Carolyn Colling. Chair, Southern Theatre and Arts Supporters.



ASO members after work. My goodness how young they look.

## OUR FINAL EVENT FOR THE YEAR – THE CHRISTMAS GALA

NOVEMBER 25, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm \$35.00 (\$30 members)



The **STARS Gala** is always a big hit, with its unpredictable mix of music and high and lowbrow comedy and variety.

This year's promises to be the same, with local young musicians, old comedians and possibly a magician playing the first half and superb a-cappella group Limited Edition playing the second, in a return engagement.

We're moving the event to the Willunga Festival Hall (AKA Basketball Court) this year because it was too crowded in the Show Hall last year, due to the numbers.

**Doors open at 7.00 pm to purchase Minko Wines – no BYO wine, BYO supper.**

Trybooking is now open for bookings – go to our website ([www.stars.org.au](http://www.stars.org.au)) and follow the link.

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### PANDA-MONIUM IN WILLUNGA – a STARS initiative.

**STARS** together with the Recreation Park Redevelopment Committee will launch **PANDA-MONIUM IN WILLUNGA**, a 'quirky' calendar for 2018 featuring 12 local businesses (and a pesky panda) in crazy situations plus plenty of other information about the town.

Launch day is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the Willunga Show Hall. The calendars cost \$15 each, all of which goes into the development Fund.

Come along for a fun evening. If you cannot attend, fear not, the calendar will be on sale through plenty of outlets in the town, including the Post Office. An ideal Christmas present, make this your 2018 calendar and support local businesses and the redevelopment of Rec Park.

Peter Colling, STARS



## STARS PLANS FOR 2018

Following a recent STARS committee planning meeting we can reveal that the program for 2018 will include:

- The AGM in March.
- Co-Opera on April 21<sup>st</sup> with *The Barber of Seville*.
- The Adelaide Youth Orchestra on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Tatchilla Lutheran College .
- An introduction to Opera and music to be presented to Willunga Primary School children facilitated by Greg John and members of Opera chorus and held in Show Hall.
- Perhaps another Soiree at Coriole.
- Perhaps an end of year Gala. They're always popular.



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### PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunday Nov 19  
2pm

St Margaret's Anglican  
99 Main Rd McLaren Vale



Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ Assoc. Inc.

Organ: Greg Trott Virtual Pipe Organ  
Organists: Elizabeth Gordon-Mills, Greg John  
Choir: Fleurieu Singers  
Vocalists: Mia Reschke  
Jonathon Waetford & Greg John  
Classical Guitar: Paul Henning

**Program includes:**

*Short appealing organ works  
Exciting songs and duets  
Vivaldi: Guitar Concerto in D - largo  
Theme song from The Vicar of Dibley  
Famous hymns - audience & full organ*

**\$10 at the door**

Presented by Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ Assoc. Inc.



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At Nancy's book launch –  
Judith, Nancy, Peter, Libby, Carolyn



At the At the ASO concert –  
Bob Moore (going strong at 98), Tess Young