



STARS

Southern Theatre and Arts Supporters Inc
Newsletter
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SWINGING ON A STAR

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DISCOVER WILLUNGA FAIR – MAY 7TH 10.00 AM TO 4 PM

This annual event is set to be the biggest one yet. The aim of the fair is to provide an opportunity for all the clubs, organisations, groups and businesses associated with Willunga to reach out to the wider community and showcase their specialties. STARS will have a presence again this year and it will be an opportunity to advertise some of our coming events and also to obtain new members.

It is always a great event for locals and visitors enjoying beautiful Willunga. Come along and see us at the Fair.
Carolyn.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2017

We have had a great response to our Letter from the Chair and current members are renewing on a daily basis. Your support is greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to some great shows with membership benefits this year. The Committee will be commencing a new membership drive in the next few weeks with a letter aimed at the younger parents of the school children from Willunga, Aldinga and McLaren Vale – many of their children benefiting from our support either through past scholarships and more recently Music Viva residency in Aldinga Primary School.

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS – YOU CAN HELP

Introduce a new member and receive a complementary ticket to the End of Year Gala.

CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR THE 2017 AGM

The move to Willunga Recreation Park in March 2016 has been very successful. We were made to feel very welcome and our relocation included a move for the piano and of course all of the chairs, tables etc. These have been useful additions for Rec Park Inc and its many clubs who utilise the venue.

Our plan for 2016 was to settle in to Rec Park and present three events. The first of these was with Co-Opera in the Festival Hall – everyone loved the venue and a large and enthusiastic audience attended. A few people were feeling the cold and we encourage patrons to bring their own rug for future events

In July, **Zephyr Quartet** came to Willunga Show Hall together with Gareth Chin (accordionist / bandonion) who accompanied Zephyr in the piazolla tango sensations featuring Adrienne and Andrew Gill of Southern Cross Tango. Although it was a cold and wintry night there was plenty of warmth from the performers.

STARS committee was reduced in 2016 but the volunteers have remained the same, giving cheerful assistance with all of our events.

We decided to continue our support for Musica Viva residency in schools and are in our second year of contributions. All 646 students in Aldinga Primary School (which is classified as low advantage category 3) will benefit from the residency, which will include provision of musical instruments, teacher training and music performance opportunities.

STARS is proud to be supporting this venture. In addition we awarded a music scholarship to Tatachilla College for 2016 to enable tuition to be provided to selected students.

Our **Christmas Gala** on December 3 was very successful, the Show Hall heaving with a huge crowd of happy people.

As usual we presented a very diverse range of performers, including Cristina the Contortionist, comedy with a couple of locals and then emerging young artists Aiden Ryan and Mia Reschke showed their talent. Greg John and Jonathon Waetford brought the house down with some opera arias.

Don Hopgood and the Jazz Bandits were fabulous and the enthusiastic crowd danced the night away.

This is our major fundraiser for the year and the silent auction was well supported, enabling STARS to gather some funds for our commitment to the arts in 2017 – Adelaide Symphony Orchestra will be back in 2017 and we are currently on a membership drive that will increase our audiences for all our planned events.

Thankyou to the other members of the committee and also to everyone who has assisted with our successful relocation to Rec Park Inc.

Carolyn Colling
Chair.

TWO MORE **STARS** EVENTS COMING SOON.....

**STARS MORNING TEA
IN 'THE TOP HOUSE'
AT CORIOLE WINERY**

(Entry via car park to
Coriole Top House Piano Room)

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**WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2017
10.30am Entry - \$10.00**

Wine for purchase
Entertainment
Raffle

Prize for happiest dresser



Proceeds to Beyond Blue



**FOR BOOKINGS CALL STARS
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THE BIG SING IN THE VALE

**SATURDAY 10 JUNE – TATACHILLA
STADIUM.**



HELP SUPPORT COMMUNITY SINGING IN YOUR DISTRICT.

MOZART REQUIEM – 10 JUNE 2017 TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE.

STARS is supporting this event by assisting in gaining sponsorship that will enable a presentation of a major high quality performance work for chorus, orchestra and solo singers. The Big Sing is asking singers from around the state to register for this event.

Visit the website www.bigsing.org.au to learn about the event. "The performance will add a cultural dimension to McLaren Vales reputation as a leading Australian wine, food and tourism region. For donations to finance the professional performers, orchestra and conductor, see sponsorship@bigsing.org.au



"STARS continues to bring fabulous entertainment to the region and in particular Willunga and I am excited that Adelaide Symphony Orchestra is returning again in 2017 and that the SWING SHOW will be staged in June – a varied and dynamic programme – the Musica Viva Equal Music venture to provide music to every student in low advantaged Aldinga Primary is a wonderful initiative."

Richard Jasek

Making music together brings joy and a feeling of great communal achievement. It should be available to all children at every level of their education.



OUR NEXT MAJOR EVENT...

From the creators of the 2015 Fringe hit *TAKE FIVE*

SWING

THE BEAT THAT SHOOK THE WORLD



BRENDAN FITZGERALD JAZZ ENSEMBLE

FEATURING CHARMAINE JONES-DEVASAGAYAM
TOM SMITH (USA) LAZARO NUMA (CUBA)



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The Brendan Fitzgerald Ensemble presents "An inspired combination of music, song, theatre, dance and screen stills which successfully transports an audience back to a unique period of the 20th century." 5 stars. John McBeath, The Advertiser, 12 February 2016.

This is going to be **BIG!** And **EXCITING!**

Bookings at Trybooking are now open. To book, click on this link: [SWING IN WILLUNGA](#)

\$45.00 (Members \$40.00)

Doors open at 7pm for an 8 pm start. Guests may bring food to be eaten before the show or during the 20 minute interval. Wine is available at 7 pm and at interval.

This is a full stage production with music, dialogue and big screen images.

Tables of 8 available – Minko Wines for purchase. No BYO. After 5 Chic.



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