

## Portland CEMA Inc. - Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts

### Newsletter - December 2003

#### President's Report

Hello CEMA Members,

Another month of exciting CEMA events!! Congratulations to the Theatre Group with their wonderful 'Snow White' pantomime. We obviously have a great deal of upcoming young talent in our ranks - special mention goes to the Green Queen and Dame Goodlove - their performances were outstanding!! The adult members of the Theatre Group who gave up so much time and energy in this enterprise deserve much praise. Well done Jenny, Danni, Tina, Jason and Loni - It couldn't have been done without you, and well done to all youth members of the cast and crew - a fantastic result.

Music Glenelg have now become an Incorporated Body in their own right and are braving the rain without the cover of the CEMA umbrella - not that they need it! Congratulations on your achievement Music Glenelg and good luck with your future enterprises.

We are holding a two-day 'Reaching Potentials' workshop on the 5th and 6th of December, with a facilitator of high regard directing proceedings. This workshop is for all groups within CEMA and the Arts Co. and aims to promote our individual and group goals within the Arts Community. Please complete the surveys distributed and present a group representative at the workshop.

Guess What? - Less than a month till Christmas!! Have a good month.

Claire Endacott (President)

#### Membership Secretary's Report

The winner of the Lucky Draw for the \$20 voucher at the Arts Company was won by Brigitte Boettger whose name was drawn from all those whose CEMA membership was paid by the end of October. Congratulations Brigitte !!

CEMA now have 170 member which is a few more than last year.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

#### Online Sub-Committee

Our website is up and running, albeit in something of a skeleton form. Check it out at "portlandcema.org.au/index.htm". I have had many trials in getting it up, but through hard work and persistence I have prevailed and I think I can now say it will be a success.

Watch the website grow over the coming months as the Groups pages are filled in.

CEMA major office bearers now have official email addresses, you can find these listed on the "Contacts & Links" page on our website. Any email you wish to send to CEMA office bearers should go to these addresses. In particular, all future email submissions to this newsletter should be sent to "newsletter@portlandcema.org.au".

I hope this website will be something we can all be proud of: an interesting, informative, colourful statement of the past, present & future of each Group and that of CEMA Inc and The Arts Company themselves.

Warren Mars (Webmaster)

#### THE ARTS COMPANY

The Arts Company has reopened with a new look. Come in and see the change. Thanks to all who helped with the re-furbishing. We hope to have the official opening of the June Hedditch Studio in January.

Congratulations to James Wallace, his exhibition is on in the Portland Bay Press. Christmas Greetings to all.

Mary Sharrock (Convenor)

#### The Arts Company

A great place to buy Christmas presents!

Large variety - paintings, woodwork, photos, fibre, quilts, prints, leadlight.



"Anchor" from James Wallace's Exhibition

## Choral Group

Last week saw the greatest attendance at practice we have had in years: 15 singers plus conductor & accompanist! It is wonderful to see so many friendly faces.

On Friday 21st, we gave a couple of short performances with Portland North Primary School's "Cockatoo Valley Song Group". One at Seaview House and one at Fawthrop Centre.

We sang some traditional standards such as "Oh! Susanna" and "El Grillo" and the children livened things up with some Australian songs including: "Home Among the Gum Trees" and "The Road to Gundagai".

Warren Mars (Bass)

## ARTISTS' SOCIETY

On Saturday 8th, four members had a day painting with E V Hales at Port Fairy on site. A great day was had by all. Then, on the next weekend, seven of us spent part or all the time at Bridgewater. The changeable weather caused some problems painting on site, but enjoyed by all.

We still meet every Thursday afternoon in our rooms at The Arts Company at 1 pm. Anyone is free to join us.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

## FILM GROUP

CEMA Film will now go into recess for the Christmas break. With luck we may obtain the grant that we need to purchase 35 mm projectors. If so, next year will see us being able to screen some of the late release films not usually seen here.

Best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year from the Film Group. Drive safely.

Allen Jones (Secretary)



"Road to Dreams" from "Mandy's World" Exhibition

## Book Discussion Group

The book we are reading this month is "Charades" by Jeanette Turner Hospital.

Our December meeting is scheduled to be held in the Botanical Gardens at midday, on Wednesday, 3rd of December, where we will have a catered shared luncheon. Any former or prospective members are welcome to join us. Please ring if you are able to come.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

## Music Glenelg

### Take Note 2004

Early planning for this weekend is under discussion, with a series of events proposed to take place across the region. It is hoped that the Australian Children's Choir, after their New Year visit to perform in cathedrals and churches of Europe, will be in Portland for Take Note 2004.

We would like to thank all who assisted us throughout the year and our best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas.

Peggy Roberts (Publicity Manager)

## Historical Society

Monthly meetings are completed for 2003. Christmas lunch is on Thursday, December 4th at noon. Contact Jan for details.

Betty Vivian (President)

## A Touch of Christmas

A concert co-hosted by  
the Portland Citizens Brass Band  
and Music Glenelg

Guest performers:  
Warrnambool Salvation Army Band  
and The Tutti Singers

at the Star Cinema  
2 pm, Sunday, November 30

Entry by Donation

## PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting on Monday, 8th December is our Christmas breakup lunch. It is to be a Mystery Tour to our lunch destination. Please meet at the Arts Company if you are coming, at 10.30 am for a cuppa and a quick meeting. We will share cars!! The cost for lunch will be no more than \$20 and please bring a gift to the value of \$5 (something you have made!!) \* It would be really helpful for catering purposes if you could let me know if you are not coming to the lunch.

There will be no meetings in January. We will commence the year 2004 on Monday, 9th February.

A very happy and safe Christmas to all quilters and we look forward to another year of happy sewing!

Chris Parker (Secretary)

## Poetry Reading Group

A full complement of 16 members attended our last meeting on November 16. The afternoon's reading consisted of an interesting pot-pourri of verse which was as usual thoroughly enjoyed.

We are planning our Christmas function, to be held on December 14, at the CEMA Arts Centre, at 12 noon.

We are saddened by the recent passing of Marlene Prince, who was a founding member of the group.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

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## portland bay press

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Check out the photograph: "Anchor" by James Wallace 2003, from his exhibition "Digital Works" which runs at Portland Bay Press from November 22 to December 11. The exhibition will be open as often as possible, including Thursdays & Fridays from 10.30 am to 2 pm and Saturdays 10-12.

The opening of this exhibition was very successful with at least 50 people attending and a number of works sold. Leigh Marriott gave an inspiring opening address and Joel Roberts, Greg Giles and Paul Arkell played some wonderful music.

Portland Bay Press will host a members' Christmas Show, opening 5.30 pm - 7 pm, Saturday, 13th December. Everyone is welcome to help us celebrate our 9 months of existence/gestation and acquire some exciting Christmas gifts at the same time!

PS One of our printmakers-in-residence, Christine Gates, has enjoyed working in our facility and town so much she has decided to become a 'real' Portlander! Welcome Christine!

Carmel Wallace (Convenor)

## Intimate Encounters

Exhibition

A photographic series about disability, sexuality and body image by Belinda Mason-Lovering

opening 7 pm Friday 28 November  
CEMA Arts Centre

This exhibition is open to the public until Jan 4, 2004

## Theatre Group

In November the youth members of the Theatre Group put on a very successful panto: "Snow White". In fact, it was so successful they had to turn people away at the door for the final two performances! For anyone who didn't get along to see it, maybe next time, but for those who did they were witnesses to an enormous showcase of talent. A valuable contribution to the panto were the Music Glenelg Tutti Singers who added the fantastic musical aspect that the Theatre Group needed for this production. All involved should be very proud of the end result (and no doubt exhausted!).

The group also headed to Geelong to see "Flying Blind" at the Geelong Performing Arts Centre. This gave the teenagers, parents and adult Theatre Group members a whole different idea on how to perform. "Flying Blind" showed how to put on a performance with less text, less storyline and use of a more physical aspect. The trip was quite an experience for those who went.

At this stage the Theatre Group is winding up for 2003. We are throwing around some ideas about 2004, including what to offer the younger members.....Theatre Sports, more Workshops.....once we have made a decision we will be sure to let everyone know.

We are also looking at putting on another production early in the year...there is a possibility we will see a couple more debut Directors as well! We will definitely keep you posted, look out for auditions in February whatever we decide to do.

Until next time.

Kat Warner  
(Committee Member)



From Carmel Wallace's Marine Markers exhibition.

# **Carols By Candlelight**

Sunday, December 21, commencing 8 pm

Bentinck Street Lawns, Portland  
(wet weather venue: Portland Civic hall)

Candles and Programs available

Further information: Rev J Simpson



The Choral Group & "The Cockatoo Valley Song Group" perform at Seaview House

# **A Road Less Travelled**

An inspiring and memorable concert presented by a gifted young singer. Timothy McCallum has pursued his love for performing through adverse situations. A variety of song styles are sure to delight the audience.

8 pm, Friday 28 November  
CEMA Arts Centre, Corner Bentinck & Glenelg Streets

Immediately preceding Tim's show is the official opening of "Intimate Encounters" exhibition at 7 pm.