

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

Newsletter - June 2005

President's Report

CEMA Arts Centre Name Change

Sometimes your Executive is asked to make hard decisions on your behalf.

Following a proposal put to us by Karl Hatton: Cultural Services Officer; CEMA Executive recommend to its members the suggested name change of the CEMA Arts Centre to "PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE". We have requested that the wording: "PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE: Home of Glenelg Shire Arts Program and CEMA Inc." be used on the rebranding of the building.

We accepted the offer made by the CSO, of the main exhibition area being named the CEMA Gallery, and we have requested that the CEMA logo be included in any plaque on this gallery.

There is currently an agreement with the CSO that a plaque or sign will be prepared explaining CEMA's History and its relationship with the building. Executive members will work with Karl Hatton on the wording. Executive has requested that an additional sign listing CEMA groups and meeting times be allowed. The details of location of the signs will need to be negotiated.

I thank the members of the Executive for a very thoughtful discussion on this issue. As I said at the conclusion of the discussion, the name of the building may change, but the name of the organisation remains the same, and the wonderful things that we do in the building will continue. There are exciting changes ahead for the outside of the building. The changes are designed to make it clear to passersby, what the building is for. The changes will help encourage more people to get involved in the arts, and that is ultimately what we all want.

Executive members felt strongly that if the change is to take place, that the new gallery be named at the CEMA inc 60th Birthday celebration evening (George Dreyfus concert).

Shenanigan's Wake

Please support the Theatre Group's up-coming production at Sandilands. Why not make a table up from your group?

George Dreyfus / CEMA 60th Birthday

You are all encouraged to buy tickets to attend the two outstanding performances planned for our 60th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, 30th July. (see ads elsewhere in this newsletter).

2 pm for "Sebastian's Greatest Adventure".
7:30 pm for "An Evening With George".

Members can help in four ways:

- Buy tickets. These will be excellent shows.
- Sell tickets. Contact me personally if you can sell some tickets or June Roberts. All ticket monies should be returned by the AGM, Thursday, 21st July.
- Offer to billet musicians... ring me if you can billet.
- All CEMA members please bring a plate to provide supper for the evening performance.

Enjoy your arts.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

CEMA Inc. memberships are still coming in, quite a lot of new ones, especially from the Leadlighters, keep up the good work Pam! We now have 194 financial members which is approaching the magic 200.

Convenors please note that under our rules a full years' new membership paid in June is a membership for that month and the next financial year. This is only for new members, **for existing members a membership paid in June will be due again in July.**

George Dreyfus and Ensemble played at the Hamilton Art Gallery on Sunday afternoon. It was a most enjoyable performance. We enjoyed meeting them face to face. Emails are a little impersonal. We can highly recommend this entertaining and skilled group for our 60th birthday celebrations. Young aspiring musicians should not miss the opportunity.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Annette Taylor & Mary Sharrock at "Whitework" opening.

THE ARTS COMPANY

Welcome to Peter Dunn our present artist is resident in The June Hedditch Studio.

At the last Committee of Management meeting concern was expressed because not all groups are taking responsibility for opening the shop on their allocated days. Each group has an allocated half day per week, and a one in 7 weekend shop duty. Groups may organise for one of their members to open the shop, or they may arrange with a member from another group, or a recognised non-group volunteer.

To organise this is the group's responsibility, and not the responsibility of the roster co-ordinator or the management committee. Ten years ago, when it took over management of 19/21 Julia Street, The Arts Company, in agreement with resident groups, committed to keeping the shop open on a regular basis. Although procedures are being reviewed, at present this commitment remains as explained.

Berice Jones (Chair)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

We continue to meet on a Thursday at 1 pm at The Arts Company. For interest's sake, we have taken an art book from the library, each member having it for a week, with further discussion amongst members.

Our monthly "painting" is a portrait, this to be discussed the last Thursday of the month. Next month the subject is "Landscape".

On the 9th-18th a local artist: Daniel Gibbings-Johns will have an exhibition in The Arts Company - more details from The Arts Company.

Jeanette Huppertz has commenced her art classes starting on 17th May for eight weeks.

New members always welcome - just call in and see us at work etc.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

CEMA Theatre Group Present:

"Shenanigans Wake"

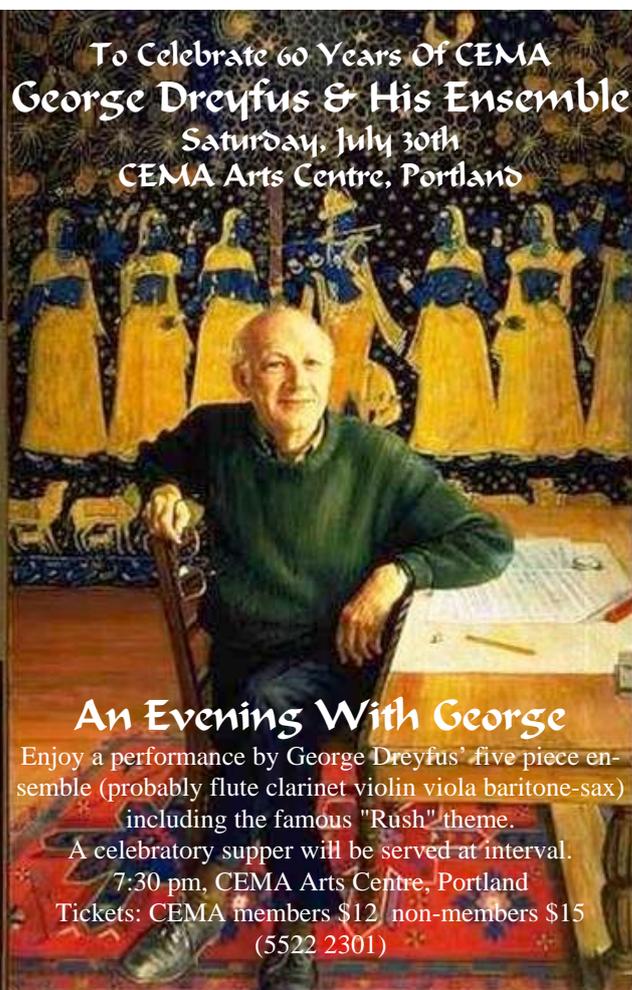
Performance in cabaret

An Australian comedy, written by Daryl Peebles, it focuses on an Irish and Australian celebration: the Wake.

Seamus Shenanigan has recently passed on, a well-known boozier at the local pub, (the Forcett Inn). His widow Sheila and some old drinking mates gather to celebrate his life and to send him on his way.

Sandilands Restaurant
3, 4, 10, 17, 18 June

\$47 (3 course meal included)
Tickets at the CEMA Arts Centre



To Celebrate 60 Years Of CEMA
George Dreyfus & His Ensemble
Saturday, July 30th
CEMA Arts Centre, Portland

An Evening With George
Enjoy a performance by George Dreyfus' five piece ensemble (probably flute clarinet violin viola baritone-sax) including the famous "Rush" theme.
A celebratory supper will be served at interval.
7:30 pm, CEMA Arts Centre, Portland
Tickets: CEMA members \$12 non-members \$15
(5522 2301)

Book Discussion Group

Our group currently consists of 10 members, who meet monthly at 113 Cape Nelson Road.

Last month we read Paul Robeson's autobiography: "Here I Stand". This month we are also reading an autobiography: "A Mother's Disgrace" by Robert Dessaix.

Next meeting will be on June 1st at 1:30 pm where we will discuss the current book.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Theatre Group

Again, with a performance due, the Theatre Group have failed to submit any information to this newsletter by the deadline. The ad printed on this page is something I cobbled together from an article in the Portland Observer.

I remind the CEMA Theatre Group that they are a member group of CEMA and owe their existence to CEMA. Not only is it free publicity but it is their responsibility to inform other CEMA members of their activities (**especially performances**) via this newsletter. It's not that hard to send off a couple of paragraphs!

Warren Mars (Newsletter Coordinator)

Poetry Reading Group

The Group is still alive and enjoying meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month at the CEMA Arts Centre at 2 pm.

Readings are in a relaxed and informal atmosphere followed by a social afternoon tea.

Sunday, 19th June is the date of the next meeting.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting of the Pioneer Quilters Group will be on Monday, 20th June at 10 am at the Arts Company.

* Please note the change of date due to the long weekend. Peggy Schwarz will show us the "shattered glass" technique to use our hand dyed fabrics, which we made at the last meeting. You will need to bring: hand dyed fabrics, Graphite paper (available in sheets from Bear with Me Craft), freeza paper, Vasoflex, 1m black homespun.

9 of our members attended the Green Triangle Day in Horsham last month. This was a very successful day with over 300 quilters from across the region attending. There were 9 stalls and an excellent display of quilts. The guest speaker was Ruth Walder who spoke of her transition from quilting to painting.

Next sit 'n sew day is Monday, 27th June at 10 am. New members are always welcome.

Happy Quilting!

Chris Parker (Secretary)



Ilka White amidst her work at the "Whitework" opening.

CEMA Film Presents: Twilight's Last Gleaming



A NFVLS FILM (1977)

Cast: Burt Lancaster, Richard Widmark, Joseph Cotten, Charles Durning, William Marshall, Melvyn Douglas.

A renegade USAF general, Lawrence Dell, escapes from a military prison and takes over an ICBM silo near Montana and threatens to provoke World War 3 unless the President reveals details of a secret meeting held just after the start of the Vietnam War between Dell and the then President's most trusted advisers.

Supported by Laurel & Hardy in: "Two Tars", one of their demolition films.

CEMA Arts Centre
Saturday, 11th June, at 7.30 pm
Entry by donation

Choral Group

With the coming of the cold weather numbers are again variable but we always manage to have a good sing regardless.

Welcome back to Linton Smith (tenor), a long-time member, who has been away for one reason and another over the past year. A warm welcome also to Dixie Mason, an experienced chorister, who joins the sopranos.

Last Monday night June Roberts, (our conductor), was away and we amused ourselves singing through some old favourites that we hadn't seen for years, such as Moon River, The Way You Look Tonight, Joseph's Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and Bells Across The Meadow. While the cats away the mice will play!

New members are always welcome. If you can hold a part, come on in to the CEMA Arts Centre at 7:30 pm Monday nights, and join the fun.

Warren Mars (Bass)



Some of the audience at the opening of "Whitework"

To Celebrate 60 Years Of CEMA
George Dreyfus & His Ensemble present:

Sebastian's Greatest Adventure

A screening of four short silent movies with musical accompaniment from George Dreyfus' live seven piece ensemble:
(probably flute, clarinet, violin, bassoon, baritone-sax, percussion & piano).
The audience will enjoy singing the "Sebastian The Fox" theme song, and will be encouraged to participate with applauding, booing and hissing as if in pantomime. Entertainment for the whole family.

Tickets:
\$8 per person
(5522 2301)



2 pm,
Saturday
July 30th
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Portland