

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

Newsletter - October 2006

President's Report

Executive Meetings One Week Late

Our executive meeting was held one week later than usual, due to a large number of executive members being away from Portland. Unfortunately this has meant a late newsletter this month. Apologies to the Historical Group, who had hoped that their meeting information would be out in plenty of time for Thursday's activity.

President, Vice-President and Secretary, will be unavailable on the Third Thursday of October also, so it was decided that the October meeting will be on the fourth Thursday of the month. 26th October 7.30 pm.

Other Executive Housekeeping

Executive decided to trial posting the minutes to Convenors for a 3 month trial period. Convenors should pass them on to the executive rep in time for the meetings. Please phone through apologies or agenda items to secretary Katrina Antony (at work 55231042 - Bayview College) or email newsletter items to Warren Mars (newsletter@portlandcema.org.au).

There are STILL some groups needing to submit bank balances to treasurer Gregor McGregor.

In an attempt at tidying up communication we will provide groups with a report form to be submitted each month. (This worked well some years ago).

"The Sum Of Us"

"THE SUM OF US" is a recently released report prepared by Bruce Campbell. Berice Jones, Karl Hatton and myself attended many meetings with Bruce as the Project Reference Group for his study, and report.

It is a mammoth document, the result of research in which many of you took part. Do not be put off by the size of the document. The summary at the start is essential reading for all artists, arts workers, arts volunteers and ratepayers. I am sure you won't want to stop at the summary. It is fascinating reading, and answers many of our questions about the economic impact of the arts in the shire. It also poses some food for thought about future directions for The Arts Company, and the image of arts groups in the community.

I urge you to request your own copies of the document to digest and be truly informed, or to take the time to borrow a copy from the Glenelg Shire Library, or read the copy at the reception of the Council Offices (you will need to set aside a few hours for this).

Arts Advisory Committee

Thank you to Sue Ireland for attending and reporting back on the Arts Advisory Committee meetings so diligently. Karl Hatton has flagged some possible restructuring of this committee, and executive is preparing a response. Please discuss the issue at your group meeting.

Wardrobe Manager Resigns

Lorraine Campbell has indicated that she will resign from her position as Wardrobe Manager from the middle of 2007. We want to publicly thank Lorraine for the wonderful way she operates this service on behalf of CEMA inc. For many in the community she is the "only" contact they have with our organisation, and what a cheerful and obliging contact she is. Thanks for giving us plenty of notice Lorraine. The wardrobe manager position, has a small payment involved. If any member would like to know more about the position, please contact Lorraine. It will be advertised in our next newsletter.

Arts Company Needs President & Secretary

The Arts Company needs all groups to consider nominating members for Secretary and President, due to recent resignation of office bearers. "The Arts Company" is the committee of management for the facility, including group workshop areas and the gallery. If you display or sell goods in the gallery, or if you participate in group activities in the Julia St spaces PLEASE give serious consideration to taking office.



Myra Lackner - "Beached" from her exhibition last month at the Portland Arts Centre

Have You Paid Your CEMA Sub?

This will be the final newsletter for unfinancial members. If you have forgotten to pay for 2006-2007 simply post payment to PO Box 385 Portland, or drop in to The Arts Company.

Palmer St 150th Celebrations

Congratulations to those members who were involved in any way at the Palmer Street, Portland Primary School festivities last weekend. I noticed many CEMA members, volunteering in various ways over the 3 days. It was certainly a great celebration, and a great excuse for "conversation".

Enjoy your arts!

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

We have 106 members to Thursday, 28th September, a little down on this time last year. A list of paid up members is included in this newsletter for convenors & members.

Please check this list as it is so easy to overlook when it only seems like yesterday we paid last time.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Last weekend the Arts Company was asked to arrange a display of our Art & Craft at the Palmer St Primary School 150th anniversary celebrations, this was very successful.

Some of our artists have been preparing works for the Rotary Club Art Show next month.

Our weekly meetings on Thursday are still being held at the same time - 1 pm. New people interested in learning about art and its different forms would be most welcome. Call in and see us at the Arts Company.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)



Jeanette Huppertz at the Easel during the usual Thursday afternoon paint-in.

Out & About 2

An exhibition of photography.

NEIL TONKIN takes photos under water, MARCEL HOOG ANTINK above and close to water.

All images by these local photographers can be enjoyed without the risk of drowning or getting wet. They will take you to Scotland, Patagonia, the USA, Nepal, Australia's southern coast, the Portland area, and hopefully to places in your mind you did not quite know, but always suspected were there.

21 September to 13 October
Portland Arts Centre
Admission free

Book Discussion Group

Everyone enjoyed listening to "Under Milkwood", but not many members were able to come to the discussion.

This month we are reading "You Just Don't Understand", (women and men in conversation), by Deborah Jannen. This is "The book that will save you a fortune in the family court", according to Philip Adams.

Please note change of day for next meeting only, to THURSDAY, October 5th, 1:30 pm at 113 Cape Nelson Rd.

An enquiry about Book Group was left on my answering machine, but has subsequently been lost. Please try again.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

FILM GROUP

The CEMA Film Group will be in recess until 2007.

Information regarding general screenings and fund-raisers for next year please contact the Secretary.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

PIONEER QUILTERS

At our September meeting 3 Quilts were donated to the "Make a Wish Foundation".

Arrangements have been made for our Xmas Break-up which will be held on 11th Dec at 12 noon at Sullys'. Names to Mavis or Carmel.

Project for October will be "Bettys' Angel". Ring Carmel or Mavis for the requirements.

Congratulations to Mavis for winning "One Woman's Work" at the recent CWA exhibition.

Next meeting will be 9th October.

Carmel Jasper (Secretary)

Pianist
Jonathon Bradley
in Concert

This internationally renowned young Australian artist will perform some of the greatest masterpieces in the Classical Repertoire. Featured composers include Chopin, Schubert, Godowsky and Wagner.

Featured works include a stunning piece for left hand alone, the legendary Carmen Variations by Vladimir Horowitz. The evening will conclude with Liszt's monumental Fantasy on Mozart's Don Giovanni, considered by many to be the most difficult work in the entire piano repertoire.

8.00 pm, Friday, 24 November
Portland Arts Centre
Adult \$22 Concession \$18 Student U18 yrs \$10

A Music Glenelg Inc Sponsored Concert

Somebody's Daughter
Theatre Company

presents its latest challenging but topical production:

Catch A Star Falling

Written and performed by a group of disadvantaged young people, and dealing with issues of sexual abuse, drugs and alcohol.

There will be a number of performances specifically for schools, plus one public performance on 12 October.

8.00 pm, Thursday, 12 October
Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$20 Concession \$15 Student \$5 Family \$30

Poetry Reading Group

Next meeting date is October 15. Venue: The Portland Arts Centre. Time: 2 pm.

Readers and listeners are welcome to share our informal time together and just enjoy poetry.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Historical Society

The next meeting is on Thursday, October 5th at 2.30 pm in the Portland Arts Centre. Following the meeting we will visit the Gardens Cottage to inspect the recent refurbishment works. Please bring a thermos and cup. Light Refreshments will be served.

Betty Vivian (President)



Some of the Choral Group entertain the residents of the Richardson St nursing home.

Co-Opera Present Mozart's Don Giovanni

Mozart's unique blending of the comic and the serious, as well as the quality of his music, are what have led to be the popularity and success of this opera.

This is another stylish production by Co-Opera.

Interested to attend from Portland? ...
if there is enough interest, transport will be arranged.
Call 5522 2263 - offer closes Friday, 13 October.

8.00 pm, Saturday, 21 October
Casterton Town Hall
Adult \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66



Nick Charles Acoustic Roots Guitar

In July, the Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society presented Nick Charles with awards for both the "Male Blues Artist of the Year 2006" and the "Blues Duo/Solo of the Year 2006". Nick has been a performing and touring acoustic musician for over 25 years on the Australian and international music scene. 'The Age' has declared him "Australia's virtuoso of acoustic roots guitar" and Artstreams Magazine states emphatically he is "the best picker on the scene".

8.00 pm, Friday, 13 October
Portland Arts Centre
Adult \$18 Concession \$12 Student \$8 Family \$46

Workshop

Nick Charles - Guitarist
No musical expertise required
Saturday, 14 October, 11 am - 1 pm
Portland Arts Centre
Bookings phone: 5522 2263

Glenelg Shire Arts Program