

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

### Newsletter - April 2007

## President's Report

### Executive Meetings

Firstly thanks to those who attended the March executive meeting. If you are not hearing an executive report at your group meetings, then ask why. Do all members know who represents them at Executive level?

Please note a change of time for the April Executive meeting. Thursday, April 19th at 5.30 pm in the Woolcock Gallery. This will enable anyone who wants to attend the "Ginger Mick" production to do so.

### Vale Leigh Marriott & Vince Convy

Executive extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Vince Convy, a long time member of the Historical Society.

I have included a photo from the CEMA archives as a tribute to our friend Leigh Marriott who died on March 12th. The entire Arts community extends its sympathy to Rebecca, Haima and Oliver.

### Wardrobe Manager

We have had one expression of interest for the position of Wardrobe Manager, and will wait for responses from this newsletter. Phone Jan Colliver to express interest in this position.

Jan Colliver (President)

## Membership Secretary's Report

Membership at the moment is 165, slightly down on last year due to natural attrition. The Leadlight Guild & Artists Society in particular have been successful in attracting new members. Fibre group report interest from young mothers but may need some crèche support.

We had an email from Jonathon Dreyfus (Sebastian's Greatest Adventure). He is seeking funding from Arts Victoria to perform Sebastian at the Berlin State Opera. We were delighted to be included as referees. The night the Dreyfusses were here was one of those rare occasions when the Arts Centre is filled to capacity. We wish Jonathon success with his application.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Vale Leigh Marriott

# THE ARTS COMPANY

AGM 18th April

This years AGM meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18th. Pre-meeting drinks at 5.30 pm meeting to start at 6 pm.

This year we will be presenting certificates of appreciation to people who have been a member of a group for 10 years or more at our AGM.

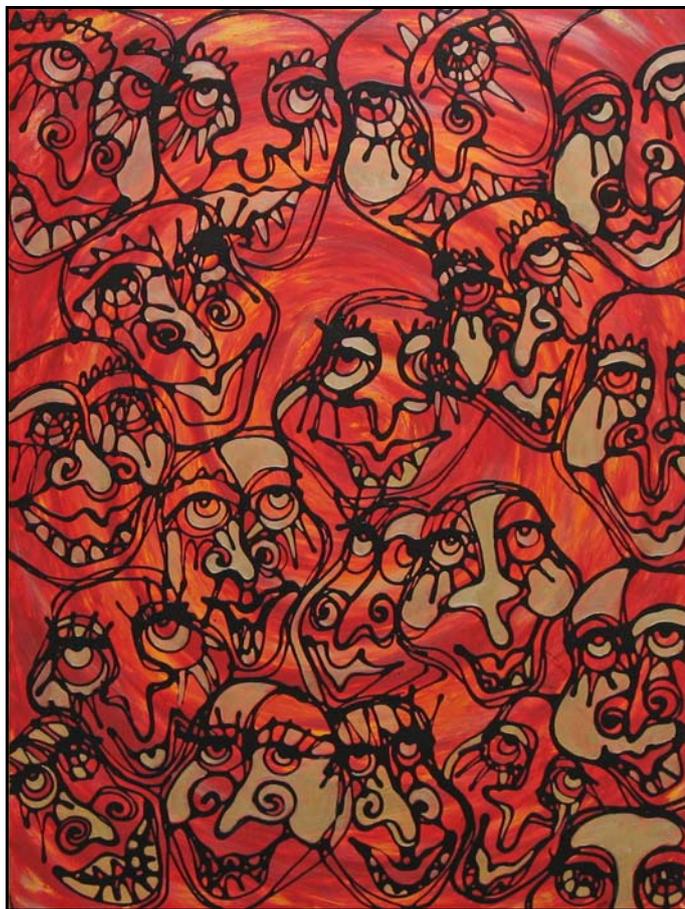
All members are welcome.

## Volunteers Workshops

Over the last two weeks Amy and myself have been conducting workshops for our volunteers, discussing the new card system and the operation of the new Eftpos machine. Thank you to everyone who attended one of the workshops.

If you missed one of these workshops please contact Amy and arrange a time with her to go over the new system, which should be operating by the end of the month.

Heather Clark (President)



Justine Rawiri - Faces  
from the "Happy Gannets Yet Again" exhibition at the PAC.

## Inspirations From An Eclectic Mind

This is an exhibition by Mischelle Starr, a local artist: "With my art, I like to fill the room with colour, expressing it through spiritual meanings and emotions. I like to make a bold colour statement within different mediums like pastel, water based oils and pen & ink."

2 to 27 April  
Portland Arts Centre  
Admission free

Opening - 3.00 pm, Sunday, 1 April

## ARTISTS' SOCIETY

As we have two meeting times, Thursdays 1 pm - 3 pm and Tuesdays 7 pm - 9 pm, our membership has increased.

Last week we were able to rearrange our Studio Gallery with mostly new works, so come and see it.

If you are interested in future workshops please put your name down on a form at the Arts Company.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

## Choral Group

We warmly welcome back Phil and Carol Darby whose presence at weekly rehearsals has been greatly missed this year.

New material including "My Lord, what a Morning" and "Cold and Fugue Season" has been tried out in the last few weeks and is coming along well. We are also reviving Shaw & Parker's lovely arrangement of the spiritual: "Steal Away". Some time has been put in on "An Die Musik" by Franz Schubert and there is no doubt that it is rewarding to sing the works of the masters.

Our next gig will be ANZAC Day as usual.

As always, new members are always welcome. If you know of someone who likes to sing and can hold a part, why not invite them to come and join us on Monday evenings at the Portland Arts Centre at 7:30 pm. For more information contact our Conductor: June Roberts.

Warren Mars (Bass)

## Historical Society

On Thursday, April the 5th, we will celebrate our 43rd birthday, with lunch at Sully's at 12 noon.

We are sad to announce the recent death of our treasurer and friend: Vince Convy.

Betty Vivian (President)

## Leadlighter's Guild

We have six new members in the guild and we wish them all success in their new projects.

Currently we have workshops on Tuesday, Thursday evenings, and Wednesday afternoon. After Easter it will back to Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evenings.

Happy leading to all our members

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

## Poetry Reading Group

Next meeting will be held in the Portland Arts Centre on Sunday, 15th April at 2 o'clock. Readings followed by social afternoon tea.

Readers and listeners are welcome.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Collin Elwyn Woolcock - "Correa alba (White Correa)"  
from the Glenelg Shire Council Cultural Collection



Farewell Vince Convy

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## **A Local Man**

BEN CHIFLEY has been called Australia's best-loved Prime Minister. His life story, from humble engine driver to national leader, has become one of Australia's iconic legends. But what of the man behind the politician?

This poignant, powerful portrayal of a great Australian, is written by Bob Ellis and Robin McLachlan, and stars award-winning actor Tony Barry.

8.00 pm, Tuesday, 27 March  
Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66



## **PLANS - Jazz Sextet**

PLANS is a six piece jazz band, sporting a vast repertoire across various styles, and featuring Steven Majstorovic on saxophone. Experience the unique energy of this band of young musicians. PLANS will also present an improvisation workshop for local musicians on Saturday morning.

2.00 pm, Saturday, 7 April  
Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60

Workshop: 11.00 am to 1.00 pm,  
Saturday, 7 April

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