

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

### Newsletter - July 2007

## President's Report

### CEMA AGM

All members are notified that our **AGM will be held on Thursday, 19th July, 2007 at 7.30 pm sharp, at the Portland Arts Centre.** All positions have been declared vacant and nomination sheets are included with this newsletter. Please make your attendance a priority.

Executive has decided to depart from the format of the last few years, to enable an earlier finish (there will be no entertainment or group displays) and we would like group reports to be concise. All groups please prepare a report to be read out by your convenor or representative. Written copies of these reports should be handed to the Secretary, along with Financial Reports to Treasurer. Members are requested to bring a plate of supper.

### Thank You to Outgoing Executive

I want to thank all who have served on the Executive this year. It is a very happy and productive group. Thanks Carol Darby who has so willingly taken on extra roles when needed.

### Port Fairy Winter Arts

Soon after our last executive meeting I attended some of Port Fairy's winter Arts offerings. I spent a happy afternoon at a singing workshop with Kavisha Mazella and the Red Tent Singers from Warrnambool, and saw Alan Brough's one man show. The schools Music festival and my own dance group concert have been ticked off the calendar.

### Arts Company Projects

Heather Clark and I have met with Karl Hatton and Amy Gartlan to set timelines for the workshop projects and Arts Company Business Plan. Thanks to all involved for the HUGE time commitment needed to oversee the spending of the grant.

### CEMA Costume Amnesty

We have currently instituted an amnesty on overdue costumes. So if you have any CEMA costumes that you have inadvertently left in your wardrobe over the years, now is a good time to return them. They may be left with Karl & Joy at the Arts Centre or delivered to Tanya Logan at the Costume Department, 4:30 to 6:00 pm, Thursday afternoons.

See you all at the AGM,

Jan Colliver (President)

## THE ARTS COMPANY

### Help Still Required

We are still having to close the retail shop for one or two mornings/afternoons per week due to a shortage of volunteers, this is not a good image for our customers nor for our members.

In the past Lorraine Campbell did a wonderful job of maintaining the volunteer roster. As we have no one to replace her we are relying on members to call into the shop and place their name down for duty on any vacancies for that month.

If you wish to volunteer and have not been trained for the front desk please see Jeanette Huppatz (Monday afternoons at the front desk) or Trish Cooper (Tuesday or Friday mornings).

### Best wishes

To Lorraine Campbell who is currently in Warrnambool waiting to have the pin removed from her ankle, we all hope you are up and about soon, as we miss your cheerfulness.

### Workshops

Amy Gartlan is currently working on a range of workshops that will be held from the end of July through to December, the brochure will be out soon. There are some wonderful workshops being held, please support these where you can and pass this information onto all your friends.

Heather Clark (President)



Annette Taylor & Ian Rankin - Untitled Collaboration from their "Double Delight" exhibition held in May.

## Book Discussion Group

Sage's "Bad Blood" was an excellent choice for our group's discussion. The themes of family, marriage, sex, resilience and environment raised by the book were themes that we could relate to, so discussion flowed easily.

Sage's childhood recollections evoked strong memories of our past for many of us, and a feeling of nostalgia accompanied them. The discussion notes were useful, although the book carried and conveyed its story and themes in a straightforward and eloquent manner.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

## Fibre Group

We continue to meet at the Arts Company every Thursday from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Seven members will travel to Yulecart on Monday 9th of July for their Sharing Day. These days are an inspiration for those who attend, giving us more ideas of how and what to do with fibres. The competition is "Soft Toy", to be donated to the Ambulance Service.

One member will attend the Craft School at Glenormiston from July 1st - 5th.

New members would be most welcome.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

## Historical Society

Our July meeting will be held on the 5th of July at 2:30 pm at the Portland Arts Centre. AGM and "Mutton Munch".

Betty Vivian (President)



Daniel Joseph - Sacred Silhouette  
from his "Gurra Gurra Djimburra" exhibition in June.

## Educating Rita

by Willy Russell

Frank is a cynical professor who drinks too much, and Rita is a naïve hairdresser, who has a wonderful thirst for knowledge. Frank discovers that Rita has more common sense than the so-called educated class, and this charming comedy explores the collision of their two very different worlds.

Wednesday, 4 July, 8.00 pm  
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$35 Concession \$30 Student \$10 Family \$72

## FILM GROUP

On Saturday 12 May Berice and I attended the AGM of the Victorian Federation of Film Societies. As in years past this was held in the Erwin Rado Theatre in Johnston St Fitzroy.

Because so many representatives come from country Victoria the day of the AGM is a day worth travelling for. The morning and mid-day are taken up with the AGM, short workshops, on the spot lunch, and sharing ideas and socialising.

In the afternoon there are reports from film groups, and the highlight of the day, a film. This year it was "The Illusionist" an entertaining and discussion provoking movie, which set the scene for a lively dinner around the corner at The Marquis of Lorne Hotel.

As in previous years there were expressions of amazement (and perhaps envy) from other film society representatives, for the support the Portland Film Group receives from our umbrella CEMA structure, for our comfortable Council supported venue, for our ability to screen in 16mm, 35mm and DVD, and for our expertise in accessing and projecting all available films.

However it was impossible to ignore the fact that many other film Societies had more grass roots community support, more people attending screenings, and more people willing to participate in film selection and group organization.

We learnt that most other film groups present a program of films 6 to 12 months in advance, and in most cases attendance is by a paid subscription.

With the agreement of the CEMA Executive, the Film group are hoping for your support in the future to make its organization more in line with other Victorian Film Societies. Attend CEMA AGM, or see next newsletter for more details about our plans for the future.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

## Quartet

This joint exhibition features the work of four artists from Port Fairy: Jenny McCarthy, Jo O'Keefe, Mark Chapman and Vic Irving. The vitality and quality of their different styles is further evidence of the significant number of talented artists who choose to live in the south-west of Victoria.

2 - 27 July  
Portland Arts Centre  
Admission free

## Choral Group

Choral Group AGM is Monday the 16th of July.

We have a few new pieces to sing, the latest of which is "Since First", no not "Sweet Sixteen" by the Fureys, but an old 4 part song attributed to Thomas Ford, an English composer and lutenist of the 17th century.

Warren Mars (Bass)

## Leadlighter's Guild

AGM

AGM, Thursday, 28th June at 7 pm.

All welcome, will be discussing activities and events for the next 6 months.

Please bring along any finished projects to up date our photo board.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to some of our new members who have just finished their first projects, we look forward to seeing the start of your next exciting project.

Congratulations also to Phil Darby who has nearly finished putting his leadlight window which he started in September 2004. All good things come to people who have persistence.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

Wendy Harmer's

## Pearlie In The Park

Pearlie is the park fairy and one morning when she wakes, she finds her park in disarray: all the animals are confused as to who they are and what they should do. When Pearlie realises two naughty rats are the culprits, she gets MAD!

Monday, 2 July, 11.00 am & 1.30 pm  
Portland Arts Centre

Full Price \$12 Children \$8

## PIONEER QUILTERS

Next meeting is on the 9th July and this is the AGM, at 10 am.

Members to bring along 3 blocks as demonstrated by Mary, untrimmed. These blocks will be trimmed and background added later. When completed this quilt will be donated to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Next meeting a guest will demonstrate basic patch work and short cuts.

Any interested ladies welcome.

Mavis Jennings (President)

## Poetry Reading Group

Our AGM will be held on the 15th of July at 2 pm at 23 Short Street. (\* Note different location).

Election of office bearers etc and general poetry reading.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Annette Taylor - Life Drawing 5  
from the "Double Delight" exhibition.

## Metaphor

This is a classical/rock show, presented by four of the world's top young classically trained musicians - Ali Wood (piano), Meytal Cohen (percussion), Anna Stafford (violin) and Tina Guo (cello) - who all just happen to love rock'n roll.

Metaphor promises to be an exciting show, with this talented young quartet presenting music that will appeal to all ages.

Wednesday, 18 July, 8.00 pm  
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66



Music Glenelg Inc presents

## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical 'Joseph' produced on this occasion by Music Glenelg Inc, tells of the biblical event concerning Joseph and his eleven brothers. Their story is one of a boy/man believing in himself and God, division within a family, the misuse of Joseph as a slave, his release from prison, his ability to interpret dreams and reconciliation with his family.

The music in this "evergreen" has many different styles/genres and will be highlighted by a talented group of local young musicians supporting a cast of fifty plus actors. This production will be a little different in interpretation to what you might expect.

Sunday, 15 July, 2.00 pm, Friday, 20 July, 7.00 pm  
Saturday, 21 July, 7.00 pm Sunday, 22 July, 2.00 pm  
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$20 Concession \$15 Student \$8 Family \$40  
Bookings Phone 5521 7773



Ian Rankin - Nuns Beach from the "Double Delight" exhibition.