

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

### Newsletter - November 2008

#### President's Report

Executive meeting was well attended, and it is great to be getting good communication from groups.

During the school holidays we visited galleries, museums and libraries in various places from Mildura and Burra to Queenscliff and Melbourne, and it was with some amusement that I noted the "similarity" in volunteers throughout those establishments! Knowledgeable, passionate and ageing! What a treasure volunteers are to our cultural life!

The Cha Cha Sam concert was well attended and it was great to see the flexibility of the gallery space at The Arts Company. Congratulations to Nikki, for making it so welcoming to families.

I urge you all to take up the offer of "The Unconventional Cellist" performing a free concert at The Arts Company on November 8th at 2.30pm. You won't need a ticket, but will need to let us know how many to expect, so drop in or phone The Arts Company to put your name on the audience list.

Jan Colliver (President)

#### THE ARTS COMPANY

The words 'learn', 'share', 'create' and 'explore' are prominent on our new brochure. Inside are details of the exciting program of workshops and events to be held in the next few months, they include.

- An Artists' Market and Open Studio Day as part of the Portland Bay Festival. On Sunday, 2nd November regional artists will take part in a market to be held the courtyard area.
- Open Studio Day - resident art groups will open their studios for people to explore our interesting variety of artists' space.
- On Saturday, 8th November a free concert by Kristin Rule: "The Unconventional Cellist" will be held in the Studio Gallery at 2.30pm.
- Silk Painting workshop to be held by Kathryn Weatherly on Saturday, 1st November.
- Feltmaking Christmas Project by Jenny Griffin to be held Saturday, November 8th.
- Random Weaving 2 day workshop to be held by Wendy Golden, Basket Maker Saturday 22nd & Sunday, 23rd November.

#### Creative Kids

The Arts Company is developing a number of creative opportunities for kids to explore a range of small arts projects. Workshops suitable for Primary school aged children will be held Monday afternoons between 4pm and 5.30pm. Each class will include all materials to produce a small project. Enrolments are necessary as there are limited places.

Lesley Jackson (President)

#### Membership Secretary's Report

It is pleasing to report the membership is ahead of last year at this time.

One of the more interesting tasks we perform is the newsletter mail out. It starts with us writing our report and emailing it to editor Warren who collates all group reports, executive submissions and performance promos. After adding appropriate photos and adjusting the layout he emails the result in PDF format to Davis Printers.

Les picks Warren up on Wednesday with the newsletters and we meet at the Arts Company at 11am. While folding, Les tells us his latest joke and we discuss the current financial disaster with a range of views being expressed. Newsletters are then sorted for group pickup and postcodes for home delivery. All this can be done in little over half an hour.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Tanya Logan hams it up for a CEMA Costume Hire promo. CEMA's extensive range of period clothing and costumes are available for hire at the PAC, each Thursday from 4:30 - 6pm. (Bentinck St side door).

## ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Artists have been busy finishing paintings for the Rotary Art Show to be held in the Civic Hall from Friday, 31st October to November 2nd.

Also on the Sunday, November 2 there is an Artist Market to be held in the courtyard of the Arts Company and all studios will be open where some artists will be painting, so come and meet the local artists.

We continue to meet weekly on Thursdays at 1pm in our studio at The Arts Company. All welcome.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

## Book Discussion Group

We are currently reading "Digging To America" by Anne Tyler. Two families living in Baltimore each adopt a baby girl from Korea, and then link up at intervals over the years, the all-American Donaldsons and the Yazdans, an Iranian-American family. International adoption is only one of the concerns here, as each parent, child and grandparent in this sensitively observed novel responds differently to questions of being a foreigner, belonging and being American. (CAE Dialogue).

Our next meeting, where we will discuss this work, will be on Wednesday, 5th November at 1:30 pm at 113 Cape Nelson Rd.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

## Craft Group

For the month of October we are making necklaces using a "Knitting Nancy". November we join with CWA ladies and will be making Christmas decorations at the Leadlighters on the 18th.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

## Leadlighter's Guild

Don't forget "Open Day", Sunday, 2nd November. Could we please have a few members on duty in our studio during the day to show visitors how to cut and grind glass, etc.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)



Local children enjoy the performance of "Cha Cha Sam" at The Arts Company.

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY  
present:

## Love In The Time Of Cholera

Mike Newell, 2007

Ronald Harwood (screenplay)

Gabriel García Márquez (novel)

Starring: Benjamin Bratt, Gina Bernard Forbes, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, Javier Bardem, Marcela Mar, Juan Ángel

In Colombia just after the Great War, an old man falls from a ladder; dying, he professes great love for his wife. After the funeral, a man calls on the widow - she dismisses him angrily. Flash back more than 50 years to the day Florentino Ariza, a telegraph boy, falls in love with Fermina Daza, the daughter of a mule trader. Ariza is persistent, writing her constantly, serenading, speaking poetically of love. Her father tries to keep them apart, and then, one day, she sees this love as an illusion. She's soon married to Urbino, a cultured physician, and for years, Ariza carries a torch, finding solace in the arms of women, loving none. After Urbino's fall, are Ariza's hopes delusional?



Portland Arts Centre,  
Saturday, November 15, 7.30 pm

## VCE ART Exhibition

This annual exhibition showcases the considerable talents of all Year 12 students undertaking studies in Visual Art, Studio Art and Design Technology, at the local secondary colleges. The exhibition is characterised by a wide variety of both media and subject matter.

12 October to 7 November  
Portland Arts Centre  
Admission free

## FILM SOCIETY

The next film will be 'Love in The Time Of Cholera' based on a novel by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Screening will be on Saturday, 15th November at the Portland Arts Centre. 7.30pm start.

Also 'The Black Balloon' is coming up on the 20th December, and we are planning to have a screening of the Colin Thiele novel based film 'Storm Boy' set in the Coorong district of S.A. as an afternoon feature during the summer school holidays.

The Film Society is a longstanding member group of CEMA Inc. and has been a member of The Victorian Federation of Film Societies since 1962.

The Society has an organizing Committee of CEMA members for which we are seeking new interested people. Please contact us if you would like to become a Committee member.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

## Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be held on Thursday, November 6th at the Portland Arts Centre at 1.30pm. On this occasion Gwen will give us an update on her research of "The Churches of the Glenelg Shire". Enquiries to B. Vivian.

Betty Vivian (President)



Joan Beattie volunteering at the front desk of The Arts Company

## Artist Market/ Open Day

Sunday November 2nd, 10am- 4pm

The Arts Company will be hosting their inaugural Artist Market, as part of the Portland Bay Festival. This is an exciting opportunity for Regional Artists to sell their own creations in a unique heritage setting.

In conjunction with our Market we will be holding our Open Day which is a great opportunity for visitors and locals to view our studio areas.

Members will be eligible for a reduced rate for holding a stall. For further information please contact Nikki Adams on 0408 536 349 or leave a message at The Arts Company

## PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be held on the 10th November at 10.30.

Please bring along a piece of felt, and suitable embellishments to decorate a Christmas stocking.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)

## Poetry Reading Group

Limericks will be the order of the day at our next meeting, scheduled for Sunday, November 16 at the Portland Arts Centre. Self selected poetry will also be acceptable.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Warren Mars - "Blowfly"  
Currently on sale at The Arts Company

## **Traveling North**

Frank and Frances decide to move to Queensland, much to the consternation of their respective adult children. This beautiful play by David Williamson explores the mores and attitudes of the era. But it also reminds us that life is about renewal, growth and moving on.

Friday, 14 November, 8.00 pm  
Portland Arts Centre

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

## **A Christmas Carol**

The renowned Charles Dickens, on the occasion of his GRAND TOUR of VICTORIA, presents for the Elucidation and Edification of the GOOD CITIZENRY of both PORTLAND & HEYWOOD, a reading of his MOST FAMOUS novel: 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Tuesday, 18 November, 8.00pm  
Portland Arts Centre  
Wednesday, 19 November, 8.00 pm  
Heywood Community Hall

Full price \$20 Concession \$15 Student \$8 Family \$48  
Bookings : Portland Arts Centre - Ph. 5522 2263

CEMA Inc. presents

## **The Unconventional Cellist**

Kristin Rule performs in a FREE concert, especially for families and young people, as part of her "Dare To Be Different" tour.

"Imagine one cellist, recording layer upon layer live in performance, creating the impression of many, whilst moving images are projected onto the performance space adding to the aural and visual intensity of the music."



Saturday, 8 November, 2.30 - 3.30pm  
The Arts Company Julia Street



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