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SATURDAY
20th August 10am

At 13 Watson Rd,
Leongatha.

President's Message:

Well another successful Lyric show has come to an end. It has been a hectic twelve months for our director and four months for the rest of us, but it was all worth it. Thank you to Nathan Eva and the production team along with all the cast and crew. Special thanks to the Lyric families that stepped in to assist us in any way to make this show successful. To Colin Chandler and his orchestra, well done to your performance, I have heard nothing but praise from our patrons. We have been contacted by GUILD and they have asked Andrea to go and sing on the awards night.

The travelling Christmas show has been cast and is all but locked in with all venues. This year Lyric itself will be holding a night for our members and guests. Watch for that date. The forward planning committee have met and have selected our musicals and plays for the next two years. Thank you to all the potential directors who presented their productions to the committee. Unfortunately we can only pick two musicals and two plays at this stage. Well done to the directors who were selected. Details of shows and dates are in this news letter.

The One Act Play festival is on at Foster and we have two plays entered. Please support our entrants by attending. Again details are following. Lyric has been blessed with obtaining a grant from the council to line the costume and sewing area. We the committee will need all the assistance we can to complete this task. All the costumes will need to be moved out of storage, catalogued, re arranged etc. We are then assisting with plastering the walls and ceiling. We then get to move all the costumes back again. YEAH! A very big job! Stay tuned for the date and a phone call.

The Salvation Army have donated a photocopier to our group. Thank you so much.

Thank you to Peter, Sheryl and Chris for your help in assisting with the many costume hire requests Lyric has had during the past few weeks.

Regards

Mark Eva

Lyric President

It's Official—Lyric Productions 2012 & 2013!

Lyric Theatre's forthcoming productions for 2012 & 2013 is now official.

Congratulations to Scott Miller who will be directing Lyric's 2012 Production of **RENT**. music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson, based on the Opera La Boheme. It tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side in the thriving days of Bohemian Alphabet City. You will read much more about **RENT** in months to come and the Director Scott Miller.

Congratulations to Peter McAlpine who will be directing the musical **Blood Brothers** in 2013 for Lyric Theatre. Blood Brothers is a musical written by Willy Russell, the story is a contemporary nature vs nurture plot, revolving around fraternal twins who were separated at birth. The twins' different backgrounds take them to opposite ends of the social spectrum, one becoming an Oxbridge graduated councillor and the other unemployed and in prison. They both fall in love with the same girl, causing a tear in their friendship and leading the tragic deaths of both brothers.

Plays for 2012 & 2013 are as follows:

Habeus Corpus to be directed by Jack Millar in 2012

Murdered to Death to be directed by David Smith in 2013.

We look forward to highlighting more about Habeus Corpus over the coming months.

One Act Play Festival on NOW!

Lyric has two plays entered into the Foster One Act Play Festival for 2011. **A Dog's Life**, directed by Peter McAlpine with cast Sophie McHarg, Holly Monaghan, Asher Casey, Alex Beyer and Michael Dixon. This youth play was performed at Lyric's **Smorgasbord of Plays** in March. The second one act play entry is **Close to Croydon** directed by David Tattersall, starring (on stage) Jo Street and Geoff Robson as two strangers trapped in a derailed carriage, and starring (off stage), Mike Street and Sharon Cheesman as emergency rescue personnel.

The Foster One Act Play is running this weekend 13th & 14th August. **A Dog's Life** is being performed at 10:00am Saturday, **Close to Croydon** is being performed at 5:10pm on Saturday.

Lyric End of Year Travelling Show!

Congratulations to Greta Rendell who will be directing the 2011 end of year travelling show. The cast will be announced in next month's newsletter. We look forward to the show which will run at a number of venues from the 10th November to the 26th November. Stay Tuned for more details.

New Committee Member.

Lyric Theatre committee would like to welcome Annalise Matthews to the Lyric Theatre committee, she will now join Michael Dixon on our 2011 committee as a youth representative. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Kerrie Giles on the committee for the first half of this year.

Next Working Bee

The next Lyric Theatre working bee is scheduled for Saturday 20th August AT 10:00AM . Hope you can be there.

What's Coming Up!

- **Foster One Act Play Festival—THIS WEEKEND 13th & 14th August**
- **Minefields & Miniskirts - Wonthaggi Theatre Group, August 19th - 27th**
- **Sing South Gippsland! Choral Festival to be held in Foster on 17th & 18th September**
- **Lyric One Act Play Festival - End of Year Xmas Travelling Show, 10th Nov - 26th Nov**
- **Latrobe Theatre Company - Blithe Spirit, 12th Nov - 26th Nov**
- **GAT Awards - Saturday 3rd December, Trafalgar**
- **GUILD Awards—Saturday 10th December, Frankston**

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