

OPUS ORACLE

DECEMBER 2009

Welcome to the December edition of the Opus Performing Arts Community Oracle. We have just wrapped up the brilliant 2009 season and now preparation is underway for next year. To all new members of 2010 we wish to warmly welcome you to this friendly amateur theatre company. Please enjoy the 'oracle' our monthly newsletter!

NEW OPUS BOARD

The AGM was held on November 9th and we have a new board.

Chairperson	Russell Slater
Secretary	Marilyn Evers
Treasurer	Stan Beck

Other Board Members

Bob Evans
Catharine Watson
Janice Symons
Josh Smart
Lorraine Watson
Patricia Andrews
Tom Bayford



Russell Slater is new to Opus. He's the director for 'Romeo and Juliet' and comes to us with a fair bit of experience in Shakespearean plays. He also has a solid background in sales and marketing and has some good ideas for securing Opus' future.

Catharine Watson has written and is directing the pantomime 'Alice's Wonderland'. She has been with Opus before, but had a few years back in England. We welcome her back and look forward to her valuable input.

Lorraine Watson and **Patricia Andrews** have been on the board before and shared some good ideas, so we're glad to have them back again.

Tom Bayford is new to the board, but not to Opus. He's been in a few Opus shows and also co-directed 'Bullshot Crummond' back in October. Tom will be a valuable asset to the board. It's great to have some 'young blood'

Stan Beck is still the treasurer but would welcome anyone else who may be interested in taking on the role. Stan will work with you so that you're not coming in 'blind'. If you are interested please give Stan a call on (08) 8556 3185.

Special thanks go to **Harry Dewar, Mark DeLaine, Paul Kaesler** and **Alie Beck** for their commitment on the board over the past 12 months.

Feel free to talk to any of the board members if you have any ideas or suggestions for the future of Opus.

PANTOMIME

Tickets for Alice's Wonderland are now available. Come into the theatre and see Marilyn on Wednesdays from 10am until 2pm. We only take cash. Or you can phone Marilyn on (08) 8186 3481 to reserve your tickets.

Performance Dates

**January: 6th, 7th @ 11am
8th @ 11am and 7.30pm
9th @ 2pm**

There's also a colouring competition. Entries can be picked up from the theatre foyer near the box office or from Marilyn.

ROMEO & JULIET

The cast have been rehearsing twice a week for a while now. This is the first time that Opus has put on a Shakespearean play. Russell and Alicia (assistant director) are working solidly on blocking. We have some 'new' faces plus a couple of 'old' faces. Put the following dates in your diary...

March 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th and 13th. You will get more information in the new year.

OPUS WINS AWARD

The City of Onkaparinga Christmas pageant was held on November 21st. Thank you to Alie Beck for organising the float and all the costumes. Thanks also to those who participated on the day. This is always a good event for Opus to publicise the pantomime. Opus received the award for the Best Costumed Group! Congratulations!

PLAYWRIGHTS PRIZE

An announcement will be made soon regarding the Fleurieu Playwright's Prize. Unfortunately we didn't receive any entries in the junior section. The Opus Board will be organizing a special award ceremony in the new year

WORKING BEE

Window cleaning at the Hopgood Theatre on Saturday **16th January** from 10.00am. Please phone Marilyn on (08) 8186 3481 if you are coming to help as we need numbers to cater for lunch.

COUNTRY ARTS SA

Country Arts SA has a great program of shows lined up for 2010. Pick up a brochure from the theatre if you haven't already received one. Even better become a 'friend of the Hopgood Theatre' and enjoy the benefits and concessions. Thank you to the staff at the theatre for their support during 2009.

MATERIAL FOR THE ORACLE

If you would like to publish an item in the monthly OPUS Oracle, please submit the material via email or post to the OPUS board, by the **23rd** of every calendar month. (see contact Opus)

MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget that membership is now due. Thank you to those who have already renewed their membership. You can come into the theatre on a Wednesday (10am to 2pm) and see Marilyn to pay your membership.

In 2010 members will receive a complimentary ticket to any OPUS production when they bring along a non-member to the same show.

2010 Membership Fees: **Adult \$20** **Concession \$10**

(these fees are purely to cover insurance costs for working in the theatre for the duration of the membership)

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Here at OPUS we value our members feedback. It enables us to provide you with better opportunities and helps us to grow as a community. Please feel free to email us with your suggestions or comments to the following email address or by sending them in the mail.

opusperformingartscommunity@hotmail.com

How was this edition of the Oracle?

What would you like to see?

What needs improvement?

Have you moved house? Got a different phone number? Is this edition of the Oracle reaching an old or seldom used email address? Please update your contact details by replying to this email, or by phoning Marilyn on (08) 8186 3481. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EVERYBODY! HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!