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Simon Says...

Hi everyone and welcome to our "Winter Edition" of *StageWrite*.

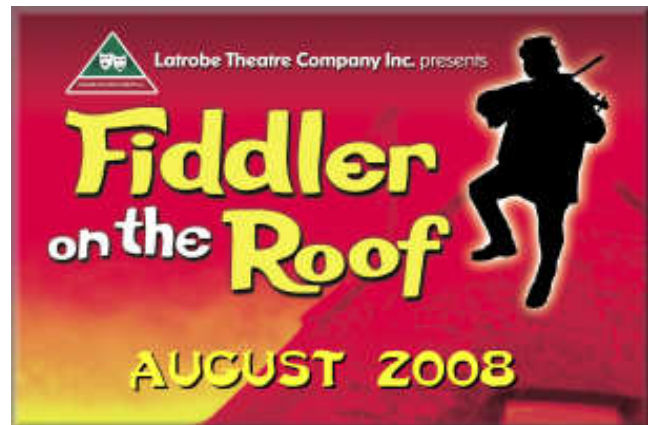
Our performing group which brought you the very successful *Our Best Bits* has been having a break from rehearsals however I have it on good authority that they will definitely be treading the boards again real soon. The Company are still receiving requests to "revive" *O.B.B.* And we are hoping to also appear at Carols by Candlelight in December further details will be advertised on our Website and in *StageWrite* shortly.

It's just less than a week till "curtains up" on this year's major production *Fiddler on the Roof*, and it's been eleven years since the *Fiddler* has been performed in Gippsland! I must say that I am thoroughly enjoying the role of Motel "the Tailor" and wish to thank the cast in general for stepping in at a recent Sunday's rehearsal for a rousing rendition of "Miracle of Miracles!" whilst I was away enjoying myself in Echuca. I was disappointed though when I learnt that no one was prepared to run around the set and actually act out the part. Hmmmm.... am I to think that our cast aren't fit enough yet? Hold on cast! It looks like we are going to have to lift the bar on warm ups!

Well that's it from me for now, I hope you are all fit and well and look forward to catching up with many of our members and their families in Warragul next week.

Simon says..... "On with the Show!"

Simon
(President)



By the time you read this newsletter, the cast and crew of *Fiddler On The Roof* will be comfortably bumped in to the West Gippsland Arts Centre, now on the final stretch of dress rehearsals and tech rehearsals to be ready for the opening night on Friday August 22. Once again it has started to endear itself to the cast and crew alike with many "special moments" already being experienced during rehearsals as the cast go through their paces bringing to life the story of Tevye the dairyman and the inhabitants of the little Russian town of Anatevka.



Advertising is in full swing with well over two thousand tickets sold in advance! So if you are yet to make your purchase I suggest you get in now in order to secure

the best seats in the house!

Before bumping in, **LTC** took the entire cast of *Fiddler On The Roof* away to our annual rehearsal camp to put the finish touches on the production. The Cast were kept extremely busy with workshopping scenes from the show, final fitting of costumes and being given the opportunity to have a "Full Run" of the show Sunday afternoon complete with the orchestra.



"We have been coming to the camp for a few years now and it really is a great chance for the cast to get to know each other better and really put a polish on their performances. It is such a lovely environment to work in, so peaceful and it was great to get the cast out in the lovely surrounding bushland for a photo shoot."



The cast had a break from rehearsals Saturday evening and to "thank them for the music" they were producing so well the LTC decided to fly the Super Group ABBA direct from Stockholm for a private performance. ABBA of course comprises Agnetha (aka **Chris Ross**) Bjorn (aka **Simon Hemming**) Benny (aka **Rebekah King**) and Anna-Frid (aka **Christine Skicko**) their beautiful harmonies permeated the crisp Woorabinda air much to the delight of several die hard fans! The cast then partied on into the evening before having a well earned rest in readiness for a "full on day" Sunday.



Woorabinda 2008 was once again hailed a complete success and we hope you will all join us in Warragul to celebrate what is destined to be a wonderful show!





Fiddler On The Roof will be performed in Warragul 22-30 August 2008. Tickets are on sale through the West Gippsland Arts Centre Box Office on (03) 5624 2456 or online at <http://www.wgac.org.au>. Adults are \$30, Concession \$28, Groups of 10 or more \$27 each and Friends of WGAC \$25

45th Anniversary Celebrations



This year we celebrate our 45th year as a theatre company so what better way to celebrate than to put on a party! Yes you're all invited to come and join us September 19 for some good old fashioned partying with MC **Lawrie Fildes** and guest DJ **Andy Johns**. Our Social Committee have been very busy putting the finishing touches on proceedings so keep an eye out for your personal invitation shortly.

Tickets will be \$20 per person which includes supper, and there are accommodation packages available for those wanting to stay the night. Contact **Ceiri Byers** on (03) 5195 5402 for further info.

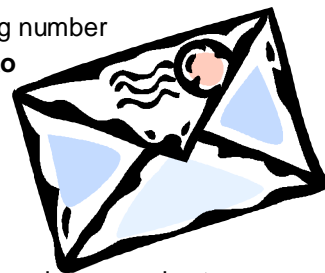


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Part of the festivities of the 45th Anniversary Social night will include a Silent Auction (even if with that many theatre people in one room will mean it probably won't stay that silent!) The Social committee are on the look out for interesting items and services to auction off on the night. If anybody out there would like to donate an auction item, please get in touch with **Ceri Byers** ASAP!

Love Letters – Again!

Stay tuned for details on the return of *Love Letters*! Yes, due to an over whelming number of requests, **Christine Skicko** and **Ernie Rijs** have agreed to revive their performance once again! We are planning to hold the performance at "The Wings" in October with funds raised going towards ongoing upgrades to our rehearsal venue. More information soon!



Social

Is there a social event you'd like to see **LTC** do in the near future? Let the Social Sub-committee know at social@latrobetheatrecompany.org.au. We're always open to suggestions!

GAT Night

December might be a long way away, but it doesn't hurt to be prepared! This year the Gippsland Associated Theatre Awards night will be on Saturday December 13, in Wonthaggi at the Working Man's Club (makes a change from the Moe Town Hall!).

It's the biggest event of the year for community theatre – Gippsland's own "Night of Nights" where all the theatre companies in the area gather together to drink each other under the table. And apparently some awards are handed out as well. Keep that date free in your diaries – you'll want to be there when *Fiddler On The Roof* walks away with "Most Outstanding Musical"!



Sponsorship



Welcome aboard to **Harvey World Travel** and **Tony Ferguson Weight Loss Clinic**, both of whom have joined the many businesses sponsoring **LTC** for 2008. It's great to see so many local businesses supporting local community groups like ours with financial aid. Our ability to put on fantastic high-quality shows every year depends on our sponsors, and we really appreciate all the help they provide. Thank you to all of them!

It's not too late to contribute to our shows either! If any businesses out there are interested in becoming a sponsor (with all the advertising benefits that come with it), please contact our sponsorship convenor, **Simon Hemming**.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to everyone who got older in July, August and September!

Bill Degnan	Cameron Mitchell
Laurie Watters	Mackenzie Kerr
Gordan Rouse	Brittany Mannik
Baillie Saunders	Keiley Anders
John Molden	Brooke Soutar
Chloe Haesler	Greg Jessup
Tahlia Mannik	Jean Dougan

Congratulations!

A few of our members recently trekked over the mountains to join forces with **Leongatha Lyric Theatre** in performing a one act play at the South Gippsland One Act Play Festival in Foster. The group did exceptionally well, with special mention to **Aron Toman** who won the award for "Most Outstanding Director". Congratulations to everyone involved - perhaps next year we'll convince them to do as well for **LTC**!

Know of any other **LTC** members who've won awards or had notable events in the theatre world? Feel free to let us know at

stagewrite@latrobetheatrecompany.org.au

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are open to all members at any time. However, the Committee reserves the right to ask you to leave the room when decisions requiring confidentiality are made or discussed. We ask only that you contact our Secretary and inform her of your intention to attend, in order for us to cater effectively for the meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 'The Wings' on **Monday, 15th September at 7:30 pm**.

Other Productions In 2008...

Shout (**Leongatha Lyric Theatre**) – 5 – 20 September, Leongatha

Dimboola (**MoARTZ**) – October - November, Moe



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