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Simon Says...

...put your hands on your???

Now that I've got that out of my system, firstly I would like to thank you all for your vote of confidence as I fill those "huge" shoes as President of the LTC.

In retrospect looking back over the past 14 years as a member, it gives me great pride to see how we have grown and matured as a Company and what we have achieved, and as President I promise to uphold our reputation and aims.

With two fantastic productions underway, *Our Best Bits* which is in the final stages of rehearsal and *Fiddler On The Roof's* cast just being announced, 2008 is shaping up to be a real beauty!

On Monday Night (3rd March) I was given the opportunity to address the Latrobe City Council with regards to the construction of a Performing Arts and Convention Centre in the Latrobe Valley. I am pleased to report that Council have taken the first step in agreeing to seek funding in the 2008-2009 budget to undertake a feasibility study into the construction of the Centre. One tiny step (I know) but hopefully greater things to follow!

On a lighter note I had the opportunity to catch *Shout!* at the Arts Centre this month which showed JO'K in quite a different light. The staging and music of course was fantastic. Quite a few of our members also went to *Spamalot*. On all accounts everyone has said they had a terrific time and isn't it great to actually be entertained for a change!!

So until next month..... Keep smiling!! :)

Simon
(President)

Fiddler On The Roof – The Cast!!!

Competition was fierce, but after the grueling process of auditions, the production team have managed to cast the very best performers for our second show. Congratulations to everyone!

Principals

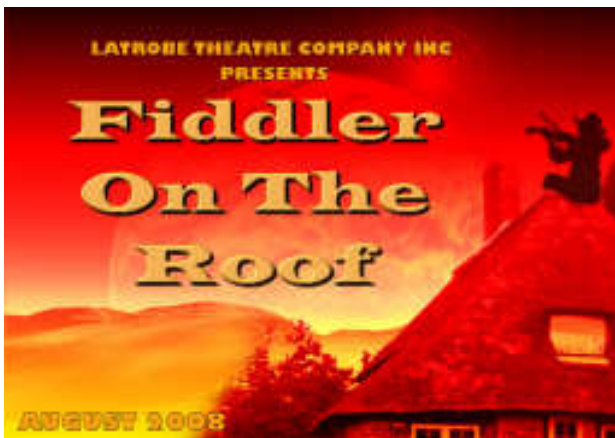
<i>Tevye</i>	Bernard Detering
<i>Golde</i>	Christine Skicko
<i>Tzeitel</i>	Lisa Williams
<i>Motel</i>	Simon Hemming
<i>Hodel</i>	Emma O'Brien
<i>Perchik</i>	Dale Gemmell
<i>Chava</i>	Samantha Grumley
<i>Fyedka</i>	David Farnaby
<i>Sprintze</i>	Lauren Burns
<i>Bielke</i>	Taylah Jackson
<i>Yente the Matchmaker</i>	Laurie Watters
<i>Lazar Wolf</i>	Wayne Musgrove
<i>Rabbi</i>	Chris Billings
<i>Mendel</i>	Ben Heels
<i>Avram</i>	David Cafiso
<i>Mordcha</i>	Steven Burns
<i>Nachum the Beggar</i>	Daniel Hansen
<i>Grandma Tzeitel</i>	Judy Degnan
<i>Fruma Sara</i>	Denise Twite
<i>Shaindel</i>	Karen Witchell
<i>Sasha</i>	Craig Whitehead
<i>The Constable</i>	Gary Wellsmore
<i>The Fiddler</i>	Gordon Rouse

Villagers & Russians

Rosemary Abetz-Rouse, Ceiri Byers, Leanne Christensen-Trew, Bill Degnan, Brodie Dorling, Pam Ellingham, Shelby Fisher, Aria Gianinni-Johns, Robert Harrod, Dennis Hicks, Vicki Hodge, Amy Leak, Matt Leak, Glenn Mancer, Larissa Morey, Brenton Poole, Amy Ryan, Baillie Saunders, Rob Timmers, Dorette Van Breugel

Children

Keiley Anders, Ariana Bakker, Mitchell Cameron, Bailey Cameron, Addy Close, Brittany Mannik, Tahlia Mannik, John Molden, Corey O'Shea, Ryley Reid, Ryan Saunders, Kelsea Timmers

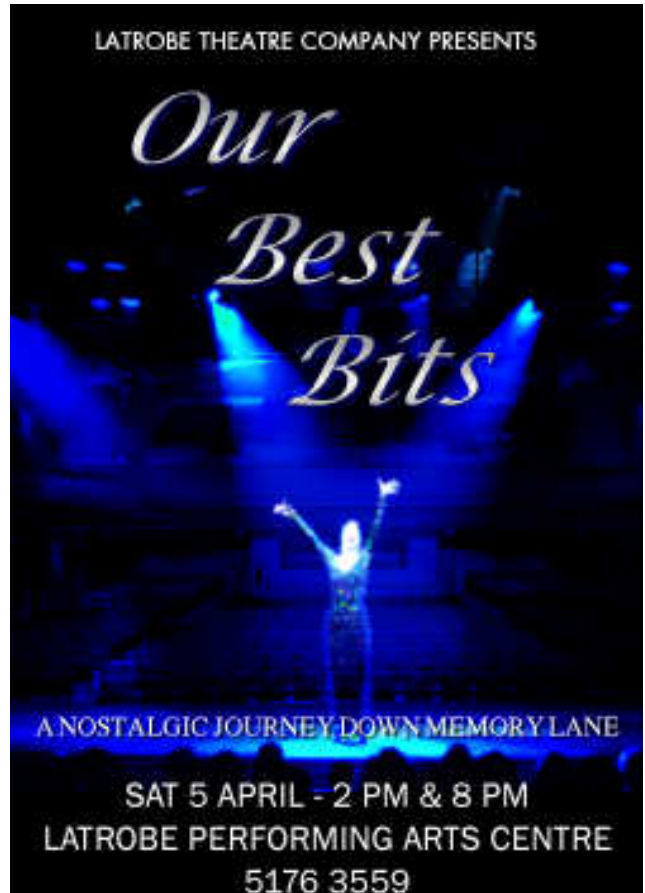


Fiddler On The Roof will be performed in Warragul 22-30 August 2008. Tickets are on sale through the West Gippsland Arts Centre Box Office on (03) 5624 2456. Adults are \$30, Concession \$28, Groups of 10 or more \$27 each and Friends of WGAC \$25

New Life Member!

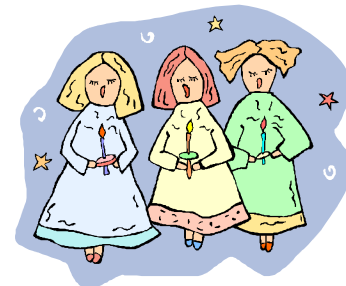
Congratulations to **Chris Billings**, who at the recent AGM was officially conferred into the halls of fame as a Life Member of **Latrobe Theatre Company**. Chris has been with us for over thirty years now, in a variety of roles from the smallest cameo appearance to President of the Committee. He oversaw the company through a tumultuous time in our history, seeing us through our previous incarnation of **The Latrobe Light Opera Society** to our current form of **Latrobe Theatre Company**, as we shifted from doing operettas to modern musicals. Still a very active member in our company, Chris is a very deserving candidate for life membership. Congratulations – may we see you on our stage for many years to come!

Our Best Bits



Rehearsals for our travelling concert show are going well, as the first of hopefully many performances gets steadily nearer. Only four or so rehearsals until opening night! Remember, tickets are still available for the first performance of *Our Best Bits* on Saturday, April 5 in the Little Theatre, Traralgon. Call (03) 51763559 for tickets to either the matinee or evening shows - \$20 adults, \$18 concession.

If you can't wait for April to see our people do their thing, fear not – *Our Best Bits* is having an out-of-town tryout (kinda). You can also catch them at the Moe Jazz festival (March 8), marching in the parade and performing as well. For more information, contact Production Manager **Chris Ross** on (03) 5127 4108.



Memberships

Membership fees for the 2008 are now due, and many of you will have received invoices in the last few months. Memberships expired as of January 1, 2008, so remember to get them in. Remember, it is a requirement that every performer with **LTC** is a financial member of the company, and only those who are up to date with their fees are permitted to audition for any future productions.

Annual subscription rates are:

Joining Fee: \$5.50

Full Membership: \$22.00

Student/Concession Membership: \$11.00

Family Membership \$44.00

Social Membership \$11.00

To renew your membership, get in touch with Membership Secretary **Annette O'Shea** at membership@latrobetheatrecompany.org.au.

Upcoming Social Events



The social subcommittee assure me that we have plenty of exciting events lined up for this year for us to chill out between rehearsals (and to catch up with those not in a show this year). There's talk of another sing-along evening (*Rocky Horror Picture Show* anyone?), a trip

down to see *Wicked* on stage in Melbourne, and – the biggie – a celebratory dinner to mark our 45th Anniversary. The day – Friday, September 19. The venue – Traralgon Golf Club. More info coming soon...

And if you have any ideas for things you'd like for us to run for social events – the Social Sub-committee now have an e-mail address! Fire off your suggestions and feedback to social@latrobetheatrecompany.org.au and someone will be sure to respond!

GAT Judge For LTC...

We are very pleased to announce that after much deliberation, the Committee has chosen **Lawrie Fieldes** to represent our company in judging our peers for the annual Gippsland Associated Theatre Awards. Lawrie, previously president of the company and now life member, has had extensive experience in theatre – and that's just with our company alone! From lead roles in shows

like *The King and I* (hint – he wasn't "and I"), to minor parts like Pharaoh in *Joseph*, Lawrie has also been seen on the other side of the stage, directing the highly acclaimed *West Side Story*. The recipient of many GAT Awards himself, Lawrie will be sure to give a balanced view and sound judgement on the productions our fellow companies produce. Do us proud, Lawrie!



Meet The New Committee!

The Annual General Meeting has been and gone – which means the start of a brand new year, and this time a brand new committee! After a series of hair-raising elections, the LTC Committee and their 'portfolios' for 2008 are:

- **Simon Hemming** – President, Sponsorship
- **Judy Degnan** – Vice President
- **Kate Dougan** – Secretary
- **Anne Maloney** – Treasurer, Finance
- **Ceiri Byers** – Social
- **Annette O'Shea** – Membership Secretary
- **Chris Ross** – GAT Representative
- **Christine Skicko** – Publicity
- **Aron Toman** – Electronic Media and StageWrite
- **Craig Whitehead**

A big thank you to **Max Maloney** who has retired from the committee after many years, and a big welcome to **Annette** who is joining us for the first time. Also thank you to **Ceiri**, stepping down after an impressive four year reign as president, now returning to the general committee. Here's to 2008!

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, 17th March at 7:30 pm.**

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone who got older in January and February! Hope you all had a fantastic day!

Ron Barnes

Andrew Braniff

Merryn Degnan

Jess Diamente

Laura Frost

Simon Hemming

Jayden Hicks

Leanne Horn

Wendy Howes

Benjamin Jenner

Barry Johnston

Jenny Johnston

Chris Ross

Kathy Ross

Sue Thompson

Aron Toman

Gary Wellsmore

Craig Whitehead



Ceiri's Capers

After four years as LTC's Madame President, I am proud to announce that Simon Hemming has taken over the reins as of February 2008. I would like to thank all of you who provided me with positive support and friendship throughout my "reign" and hope you will continue to do the same for Simon.

This can be a challenging role but it is also a very rewarding one. Like all challenges you can choose to learn and grow, move in new directions or follow the same pathway and be safe. I chose the former and am a better person for it.

I know Simon is of like mind and he has the necessary skills to steer LTC in the right direction. The future indeed looks bright.

So goodbye to "Ceiri's Capers" and welcome to "Simon Says".

Ceiri



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