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in short there's simply not a more congenial spot for happy-ever-after-ing...

Simon Says...

Happy Easter everyone! Can you believe it? It feels to me as though Easter has come and gone with the blink of an eye, and I most certainly hope that you all had an enjoyable break with family and friends.

Well what a busy and "HOT!" month March has shaped up to be, having to endure long days and nights with temperatures well into the 30's - it really makes you just want to stop the world and get off! However all the Super Troupers at **LTC** have forged on committed to producing the finest shows possible.

And now for the news we've all been waiting for...

Our major production for 2009 will be *CAMELOT*. Yes the LTC will transport our patrons back to medieval

times and meet such characters as King Arthur, Sir Lancelot and the Knights of the Round Table, Queen Guinevere and even the wizard Merlin! *Camelot* is an exciting, bright, magical and a musically challenging show which is sure to appeal to our members and patrons alike!

So until next month.

Simon Says.....

"Eat Lots of Chocolate!"

Simon
(President)

Our Best Bits

Our Production of *Our Best Bits* is now going from strength to strength and with a complete run of the show under their belts everyone is looking forward to the final masterpiece! We must take the opportunity to mention a big thank you to all concerned. **Chris Ross, Christine Skicko, Penny-Lee Tomkins** and in particular **Carolyn Esse**. Carolyn has contributed a tremendous amount of work towards this production musically and has produced a fantastic backing track for our "stars" to perform with. Congratulations Carolyn! So get on the phone and call the Box Office at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre and celebrate 45 years of **LTC** with your fellow family and friends on the 5th April. Call (03) 51763559 for tickets to either the matinee or evening shows - \$20 adults, \$18 concession.



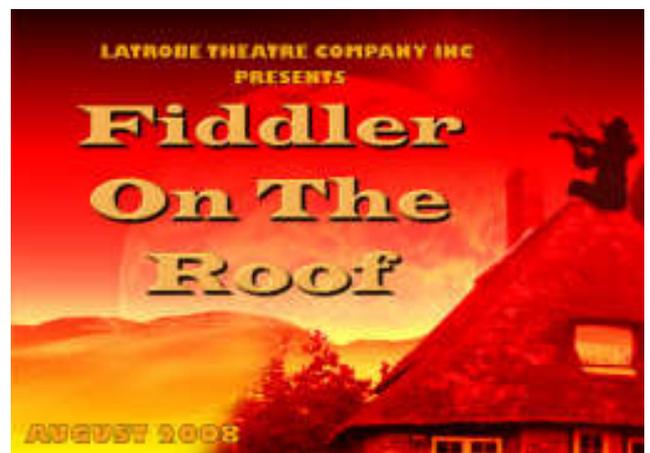
Our Best Bits - at the Moe Jazz Festival



Fiddler On The Roof

Rehearsals are in full swing with **Christine Skicko** at the helm, **Rebekah King** swinging on the baton and **Chris Ross** burning up the dance floor! Our cast which feels like thousands have all settled in really quickly and blew the roof off "The Wings" last Sunday with a rousing rendition of "Tradition" completely choreographed. A big thank you to Gordon Rouse also for bringing the watermelon for everyone!!

The Publicity machine for *Fiddler* is also beginning to crank up with flyers handed out at the Moe Jazz Festival and promotion by the West Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in their season brochure.



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

Memberships

A big thank you to all those who have renewed their membership thus far. Small as our fees may be, our company depends on your support so we can continue to provide the social and theatrical services you all enjoy. 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.

Social

Ceiri Byers and **Craig Whitehead** have just finalised booking our 45th Anniversary Dinner Celebrations to be held at the Traralgon Golf Club on **Friday the 19th September**. Music will be provided by a well known local DJ. So mark this date in your diaries now and start thinking about who you'd like to invite on your table?

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!

"The Wings"



Improvements at "The Wings" are always ongoing and **Ceiri Byers** has been very busy obtaining quotes to help keep our building cooler in summer and warmer in winter. She's also looking into the possibility of installing ceiling fans in the main rehearsal Hall. We're also still on the lookout for a suitable display case to house our collection of memorabilia so if you have any ideas please let Ceiri know.

Craig and Simon have been working on setting up a bar as well. We've got the fridge and Craig will be installing a lock shortly. We'll then be able to initially start selling water, soft drink and juices during breaks and plan to open the bar for thirty minutes after rehearsals to enable cast and crew to socialise. We are looking into selling alcohol as well however we are just ironing out the creases with regards to

liquor licensing. Speaking of ironing we have also just purchased a new steamer iron for the costume room. Another valuable tool which we know will see plenty of use.

Please remember that "The Wings" is our home and as such we would like it treated that way. We ask each and every member to take ownership of "The Wings" and look after it. In particular, we ask that all cast and crew who use the kitchen ensure they clean up after themselves and if you are relaxing in the "Green Room" please treat the furniture with a bit of respect and refrain from launching into pillow fights!! Unfortunately Tinker Bell does not live at "The Wings" and our Fairy God Mother could not care less if we had ants crawling all over the benches! Clean it! And don't abuse it if YOU use it!

Birthdays

Happy birthday to everyone adding extra candles onto their cakes during March:

Ceiri Byers

Jade Carpenter

Roger Chambers

Pam Ellingham

Kimberly French

Jessica Frost

Samantha Grumley

Casey Hall

David Hartnell

Anthony Mayer

Larissa Morey

Jasmine O'Shea

Payge O'Shea

Brenton Poole



Hope you all had a good one. Remember, extra candles don't mean you're older – it just makes your world brighter!

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, 14th April at 7:30 pm.**

The End of an Era...

Due to a declining number of hard-copy issues of *StageWrite* being mailed and the growing costs of postage, this issue of *StageWrite* will be the last to be posted out to our membership. As the vast majority of our members are Internet users with e-mail addresses, it was felt that our resources would be better served in making *StageWrite* a purely electronic publication. Rest assured, you will still be able to download every issue as soon as it's released from the LTC website

(<http://www.latrobetheatrecompany.org.au>) or delivered directly to your e-mail address. Simply send an e-mail to stagewrite@latrobetheatrecompany.org.au to have your name added to the mailing list.

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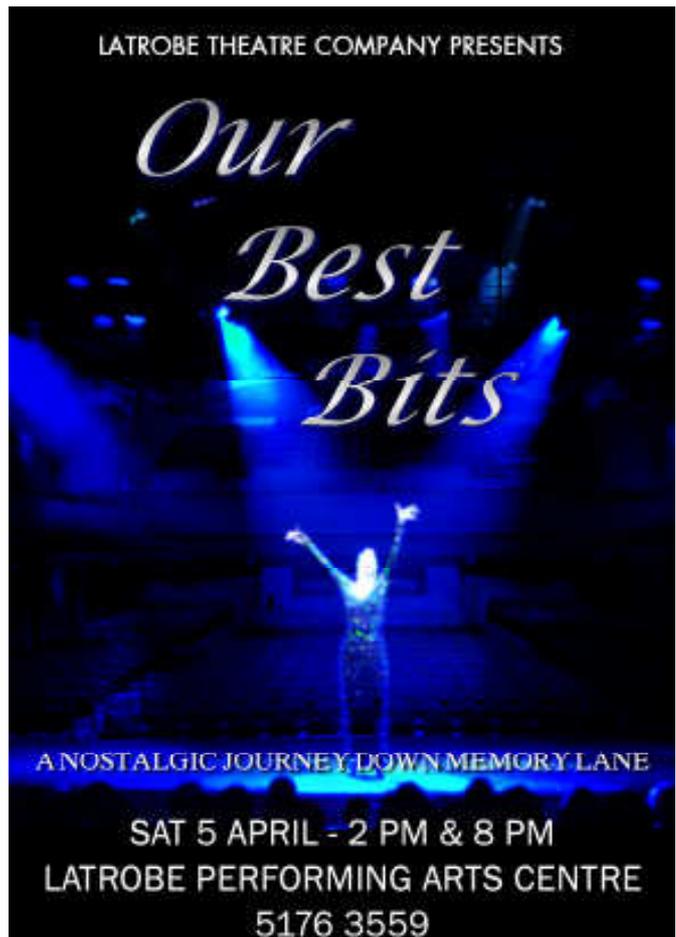
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Other Productions In 2008...

Thriller Of The Year (Break-A-Leg) – April 10 – 19, Traralgon

Blue Remembered Hills (FAMDA) – May 16 – 24, Foster

Les Miserables (Wonthaggi Theatre Group) – May 23 – June 7, Wonthaggi

Cats (Warragul Theatre Company) – June 13 – 28, Warragul

A Chorus Line (Break-A-Leg) – July 10 – 19, Traralgon

'Allo, 'Allo (Sale Theatre Company) – July, Sale

Oklahoma (Bairnsdale Production Line) – July, Bairnsdale

Shout (Leongatha Lyric Theatre) – September, Leongatha

Dimboola (MoARTZ) – November, Moe