

ARC Newsletter

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From the President

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to ARC 2007-2008.

With the passing of time comes a fresh-faced group of individuals ready to strengthen the ARC tradition of community and artistic enrichment.

Thanks must first be extended to the outgoing Committee Members whose efforts have left our company in good stead for the future. The new Committee consists of eight hard-working, spirited young people who are excited about the challenges greeting ARC in upcoming year. For those of you who are still unaware, this dynamic team consists of Julian Campobasso (Vice President), Angie Bedford (Secretary), Zoë Hallwright (Treasurer), Portia Chiminello, Diana Perini, Deanna Bellen and Luis Rivera (General Members).

This approachable group is eager to hear from you about all aspects of ARC. We have already been overwhelmed by the generosity of the ARC membership and it will be our intention to draw on the wealth of experience held by the Company as a whole.

You are receiving this newsletter amid preparations for our 2008 production of Stephen Schwartz's *Godspell*. After the success of *Cabaret* earlier this year, we are certain that this upcoming production will be yet another showcase of the talent possessed by those within the ever-widening ARC family.

There are, of course, other aspects of the ARC engine that have been hard at work since your last update. I speak chiefly of AR-Cappella, who continue to grow and succeed artistically; their diligence is a major, although often unsung, contribution to our Company's public profile.

This newsletter will detail much of what I have mentioned above. Please enjoy and do not hesitate to contact us at committee@arc-theatre.com with any queries or concerns.

Mark Kearney, President

Sponsorship 07/08

The future is bright in the world of ARC. With the *Godspell* juggernaut gaining momentum and a brand new Committee at the helm these are exciting times for all involved in the Company, but we need your help. No community based volunteer organisation can remain fruitful in its endeavours without financial assistance through sponsorship. That's why I'm calling on all friends of ARC, Members past and present to lend a hand in securing ARC's future.

Help ARC help the environment!

In my very short time as Secretary, I have been delighted by the vast past and present membership and friends of ARC who receive our Newsletters!

Did you know that ARC can send you your Newsletter by email? A great deal of ARC's contacts still receive correspondence by post! If this is you, I encourage you to consider the environment and switch to email!

Please contact me secretary@arc-theatre.com and update to email now!

Thank you!

Angie Bedford, Secretary

Baby News

Congratulations are due to ARC life members Anthony Ventura and Amelia Van Lint on the arrival of baby girl Ella Joanne Gianna Ventura. Little Ella was born in March of this year, and on behalf of all ARC members, the committee would like to wish Anthony and Amelia all the best for the future. We expect to see Ella at next year's auditions, singing her little heart out. Congratulations!



Sponsorship comes in various forms, large or small and any help will be greatly appreciated. If you, or your friends or family, know of any businesses or organisations who would like to join ARC in 2008, please don't hesitate to contact me at vicepresident@arc-theatre.com or pass on that email address to any perspective sponsor. With a host of new packages to suit all levels of sponsorship we'd love to hear from you.

Julian Campobasso, Vice President

WANTED! ARTISTIC & PRODUCTION TEAMS, GRAPHIC DESIGNER/PUBLICIST

For those of you who don't already know, ARC will be presenting *Godspell* in July 2008, at Banyule Theatre, Heidelberg

Expressions of interest are now open for both the Artistic and Production Teams.

The available positions are:

ARTISTIC TEAM:

- Director
- Musical Director
- Choreographer
- and assistants.

PRODUCTION TEAM:

- Production Team Manager
- Set Designer
- Set Construction Manager
- Sound Designer and/or Operator
- Stage Manager
- Lighting Designer and/or Operator
- Costume Manager

- Make-up Designer
- Front of House Co-ordinator
- Properties Manager
- and assistants.

All interested applicants will be assigned an interview time between 15th October and 9th November. Early applications are encouraged, but will be accepted until 9th November 2007.

The Committee are also seeking the assistance of a PUBLICIST AND/OR GRAPHIC DESIGNER for *Godspell* and other ARC productions, to work with the Committee in 2007-2008

These positions (which can be combined) will form a publicity team under the guidance of the Vice President of ARC. This team will oversee the Publicity and Graphic Concerns of ARC's major production of *Godspell* as well as other productions from now until late 2008.

Please contact secretary@arc-theatre.com for an information/application pack for all available positions.

We want ARC to have a strong creative team for 2007-2008 – so please, apply now, and spread the word!

Angie Bedford, Secretary

ARCappella Update

Since we last spoke ARCappella competed in the Knox Performing Arts awards where we placed 5th. The competition was extraordinary, so many choirs singing many different styles – it was a truly fun event.

Saturday 20 October was ARCappella's 'Spring Sounds' concert with invited guests Key Tones, performed at Northcote Town Hall

The concert showcased the many songs ARCappella has been working on throughout the year including Sacred, Jazz, Pop and Rock repertoire. ARCappella would like to take this opportunity to thank all our family, friends and ARC faithful for supporting us throughout the year.

Sara Lacey, ARCappella Manager

Dates for your diary

9th November, 2007 Applications close for *Godspell* Artistic and Production Teams

February/March 2008 *Godspell* Auditions

Friday 4th July, 2008 *Godspell* Gala Opening 8pm

Saturday 5th July, 2008 *Godspell* 2pm & 8pm

Wednesday 9th July, 2008 *Godspell* 8pm

Thursday 10th July, 2008 *Godspell* 8pm

Friday 11th July, 2008 *Godspell* 8pm

Saturday 12th July, 2008 *Godspell* Closing 5pm

Cabaret

ARC's 2007 production was *Cabaret*. *Cabaret* was ARC's 12th musical production and was a show that presented many challenges to the Company. The show proved to be a smashing success for ARC with great audience response to the energetic cast.

Congratulations to all cast and crew, and big thanks to the ARC community for making the show a success!