

ARC Newsletter

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From the President

Hello friends of ARC!

This newsletter arrives just weeks after the close of our latest production, *Godspell*. Like each of our previous shows, *Godspell* was met with a great reception from the theatre-going community. The Artistic Team, Cast and Production Team must be congratulated for their wonderful contribution to ARC this year.

The Gala Opening of *Godspell* was a notable success of the season. The Gala audience shared in drinks and food before enjoying the first of our seven performances. It was wonderful to see so many past ARC members reunited. Let's hope even more familiar faces join us next year!

As always, things remain busy at ARC. As you will read in this newsletter, next year's show has been selected, construction on the ARC shed has reached completion and our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching.

I would like to conclude my introductory note by thanking my Committee for their dedication and creativity over the past year. It has been great working with a group of people so committed to the success of ARC.

See you at the AGM,

Mark Kearney, President

ARC's New Shed

After many years of planning, we are incredibly excited to announce that ARC are the proud owners of our own shed. It is located at Viewbank College in Rosanna, and will be used for costume, prop and set storage/construction. At the moment, everything is slightly haphazard as we are still raising the funds to build shelving for storage purposes.

A big thank you must go out to Viewbank College for their generous donation of the site that the shed is built on, we hope that our relationship with the school continues to go from strength to strength. The Committee would also like to extend our thanks to Peter Gannon, former Principal of Viewbank and John Munro, Vice-Principal, for their ongoing support and patience during planning and construction.

Finally, thank you to Adrian Ventura and Seb Dworkin for their tireless work in getting the shed project up and running. If anyone would like to come down to see it, you are more than welcome to email us at committee@arc-theatre.com and we will arrange a time!

Zoe Hallwright, Treasurer

Annual General Meeting 2008

The 2007- 2008 Committee of ARC would like to announce that the Annual General Meeting will take place at the Banyule Theatre (Milpara Room) on Monday the 18th of August at 6pm.

All members are welcome at the AGM, where the business will be as follows:

- To confirm the minutes of the previous AGM (which can be found in the Members area of the website, on the Resources page)
- To hear reports from the Committee about the business of ARC that took place over the year (including ARCapella) and for all the members present to discuss the year
- To elect a new Committee

In order to be a member of ARC, the Secretary must have a copy of your membership form, signed by two members, and you must also have paid your \$50 membership fee. ARCapella members are already members of ARC. As Secretary, I will make sure to have membership forms that can be filled out on the day of the AGM, and Zoe, the Treasurer, will be able to take cash payments on the day as well. Non-members will not be allowed into the AGM.

If you cannot come to the AGM, but would like the membership to hear your opinion, please feel free to write a report on your experiences with ARC and your opinions and give it to the Committee. The Committee will present it to the membership on your behalf. You are also entitled to appoint another member of ARC, who will be attending the AGM, as your proxy, to vote in your place. To do so, please fill out the Proxy form from the website (Members area, Resources page) and return it to me, the Secretary, at least 24 hours before the AGM.

If you would like to be part of the Committee for 2008-2009, please fill in a Nomination form and return it to me, the Secretary, by the 11th of August.

The Committee welcomes this chance to hear from everyone who has participated in ARC over the past 12 months. We are looking forward to honest and respectful discussion, which will help the Company move forward in the future. Please let the Committee know if you will or will not be attending the AGM for seating purposes. If you have any questions about the AGM, please contact the Committee at committee@arc-theatre.com

The Committee thanks you in advance for your participation in our reflection of the year gone by,

Angie Bedford, Secretary

West Side Story 2009

ARC is proud to announce that its July 2009 musical will be *West Side Story*.

West Side Story was written by Arthur Laurents (book), Leonard Bernstein (music), and Stephen Sondheim (lyrics). The musical has one of the most popular storylines of all time being based on William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Set in Manhattan's west side/hell's kitchen in the mid 1950s, the musical explores the rivalry between two teenage gangs of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The young protagonist, Anton (*Tony*), who belongs to the White gang (*The Jets*), falls in love with *Maria*, the sister of the leader of the rival Puerto Rican gang (*The Sharks*). The dark theme, sophisticated music, extended dance scenes, and focus on social problems marked a turning point in American musical theatre. Bernstein's score has become extremely popular over the years; it includes: *Something's Coming, Maria, America, Somewhere, Tonight, I Feel Pretty, One Hand, One Heart, and Cool*.

The original 1957 Broadway production, directed and choreographed by Jerome Robbins and produced by Robert E. Griffith and Harold Prince, marked Stephen Sondheim's Broadway debut. It ran for 732 performances (a successful run for the time), before going on tour. The production garnered several Tony Award nominations including Best Musical in 1958 and won the Tony in the same year for Jerome Robbins' choreography. The show has enjoyed an even longer-running London production, a number of revivals, international success, and spawned an innovative, award-winning 1961 musical film of the same name.

Stay tuned over the coming months as we bring to you all the exciting news on *West Side Story* in what promises to be one of ARC's most successful ventures to date.

Expressions of interest for Artistic/Production Teams and Auditions are welcome to info@arc-theatre.com

Julian Campobasso, Vice-President

Sponsor ARC in 2009

With the success of *Godspell* still on the forefront of people's minds and the buzz of *West Side Story* growing by the day now is the time to pledge your support to ARC by becoming a sponsor for our 2009 season. Sponsorship is an integral component of any successful production and is a great way to boost any company's profile by assisting a respected youth-focused community group and demonstrating commitment to supporting the local community.

If you, or your friends or family, know of any businesses or organisations who would like to join ARC in 2009, please email vicepresident@arc-theatre.com or pass on that address to any prospective sponsor. Sponsorship comes in various forms, large or small and with a host of packages to suit all levels there has never been a better time to come on board and support ARC.

Julian Campobasso, Vice-President

Welcome to Enni. We are a small cafe, gourmet food-store and cake shop located at 915 High St. Thornbury.

The shop is owned and operated by Gabi Pahan a qualified pastry chef with over 10 years experience in a variety of establishments including The Grand Hyatt, Windsor Hotel and Telstra Dome.

Our aim is to bring you a range of wholesome delicious food all prepared on the premises.



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