

ShowBiz!

Community Theatre

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COMMUNITY THEATRE NEWS



● "A classic tale of love, trust and blood. A florist's nightmare come true!" Williamstown Musical Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* from May 11 to 26 at the Williamstown Mechanics Institute, Cnr. Electra St. and Melbourne Rd., Williamstown. This 1982 off-Broadway musical comedy sensation and cult classic is directed and choreographed by David Parsons, with musical direction by Julia Szondy. Cast pictured from left to right are Elethea Sartorelli (Audrey), Blake Testro (Orin) and John Azzopardi (Seymour). Tickets: \$28 Adults, \$25 Conc. (Mother's Day Special on May 13 at 2pm. All tickets for this show \$26 flat rate, incl. a comp drink from the bar and a special gift for Mums) Bookings: 1300 881 545 or www.wmtc.org.au

Photo: Shirley Wregg

New Radio Play Competition

■ Encore Theatre announces: A New Radio Play Competition A great opportunity for theatre companies. Max. 12 minutes. Performers may hold their script. Minimum number of performers is two. No set, make-up or costume expenses. Friday, July 20 at 7pm, Sunday July 22 at 3pm at the Clayton Auditorium, Cooke St., Clayton. Awards presented for Best Actor, Actress, Script, Sound Effects and Production. For rules and application form contact Cen Fox on 9429 3004, or email sales@foxplays.com Winning plays will be heard on Keith McGowan's Overnights program on 3AW.

Mitcham Theatre Song Contest

■ Mitcham Theatre Vision Song Contest: Saturday, June 9 at 7pm (in the style of Eurovision) at Vermont Girl Guides Hall, Nunckeri St., Vermont. Theatre companies are invited to present an act. Minimum 2 performers onstage. Entrants: \$30 per act; Spectators: \$15 each or \$100 for table of 10. Voting and prizes awarded on the night. BYO food only. Drinks at bar prices. To register call 9459 1440

SHOWS

Peridot Theatre

■ Peridot Theatre: *Time and the Conways* (by J. B. Priestley) May 4 - 19 at 8.15pm, May 5, 13 at 2.15pm at The Unicorn Theatre, Lechte Rd., Mt. Waverley. Director: John Bishop. Tickets: \$20 and \$18 concession. Toll-free bookings: 1300 138 645 (or if using a mobile please ring 5988 0465) or peridotbookings@bigpond.com

Beaumaris Theatre

■ Beaumaris Theatre: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (by William Shakespeare) May 4, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 at 8pm; May 6, 13 at 5pm at Beaumaris Theatre, 82 Wells Rd., Beaumaris. Director: Fred Pezzimenti. Bookings: 9583 6896

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Merchant of Venice at Hartwell

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■ Hartwell Players Inc: *The Merchant of Venice* (by William Shakespeare) Until May 5 at 8pm at Ashwood Secondary College, Vannam Drive, Ashwood (off High St. Rd.) Director: Nathan Jones. Tickets \$15 adults, Conc. \$10, Family \$35. Bookings: 9889 5006.

Heidelberg Theatre Company

■ Heidelberg Theatre Company: *Dinner* (by Moira Buffini) Until May 5 at 8.15pm at 36 Turnham Ave., Rosanna. Director: Joan Moriarty. Tickets \$18/\$15. Bookings: 9457 4117

Savoy Opera Company

■ Savoy Opera Company: *Trial by Jury/HMS Pinafore* Until May 5 at 8pm, May 5 at 2pm at the Alexander Theatre, Monash University, Wellington Rd., Clayton. Tickets: Adults \$32, Pen./Conc. \$27, Ch./Full-time Student \$29; Group: \$25 Bookings: 9905 1111

BOObook Theatre

■ BOObook Theatre: *We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!* May 5 at 8pm and May 6 at 3pm at Parade College, 1436 Plenty Rd., Bundoora. Bookings: 9397 6016.

Malvern Theatre Company

■ Malvern Theatre Company: *Doubt - a Parable* (by John Patrick Shanley) Until May 12 at 8.15pm, Matinee May 6 at 2pm at 29a Burke Rd., East Malvern. Director: Geoff Hickey. Bookings: 9569 3283

Eltham Little Theatre

■ Eltham Little Theatre: *Sylvia* (by A.R. Gurney) Until May 12 at 8pm; Sunday, May 6 at 2pm at the Eltham Performing Arts Centre, 1602 Main Rd., Research. Director: Tammie Kite. Tickets: Adults \$20, Conc. \$16 (Students/Pensioners/Health Care card) Bookings: 9437 1574

Fab Nobs Theatre Co.

■ Fab Nobs Theatre Co.: *Return to the Forbidden Planet* (by Bob Carlton) Until May 12 at the Fab Factory, Cnr. Burgess and Dorset Rds., Bayswater. Bookings: 0401 018 846.

Park Players

■ Park Players: *High Society* May 4, 5 at 8pm, May 5, 6 at 2pm at the Karralyka Theatre, Mines Rd., Ringwood. Director: Claire Bygrave; Musical Director: Malcolm Fawcett; Choreographer: Steph Phillips. Bookings: 9844 5827



● Geelong Repertory Theatre Company presents *Shepard and Stoppard - Two One Act Plays* written by Sam Shepard and Tom Stoppard, until May 12 at 8pm at 15 Coronation St., Geelong. The plays are directed by Judy Ellis and Andrew McNess. Cast pictured in *The Real Inspector Hound* are, from left, Martyn Forsey, Barry Eeles, Miriam Wood, Matt Egan, Melissa Musselwhite and Patsy Sanaghan. Tickets: \$20 adults, Conc. \$18, Students \$12. Bookings: 5225 1200.

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● Chris Hughes as Australia's own rock legend, Johnny O'Keefe, rehearses with cast for CLOC Musical Theatre's production of *Shout! The Legend of the Wild One*. Written by John-Michael Howson, David Mitchell and Melvyn Morrow (the writers of *Dusty*), this celebration of fifty years of Australian Rock and Roll, chronicling the life story of Johnny O'Keefe, is being presented from May 11 to 27 at the Alexander Theatre, Monash University, Clayton. There is also a special Mother's Day matinee at 2pm on May 13, plus 2pm matinees on May 20 and 27. *Shout! The Legend of the Wild One* is directed and choreographed by Craig Wiltshire, with musical direction by Bev Woodford. The show is set against a background of the birth of Australian Rock and Roll, with songs including *She's My Baby*, *Rock Around the Clock*, *Shake, Shake, Rattle and Roll* and many more. Tickets: Adults \$40, Conc. and groups (15 or more) \$37, Children 16 and under \$26. Bookings: 1300 362547 or www.cloc.org.au

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The Mount Players

■ The Mount Players: *Funny Girl* (by Isobel Lannert, score by Styne and Merrill) Until May 20 at 8.15pm, Sunday at 2.15pm at the Mountview Theatre, 56 Smith St., Macedon. Directors: Margaret Cameron and Ray Kenny. Bookings: 0403 834759

Mordialloc Theatre Company

■ Mordialloc Theatre Company Inc: *Boy Gets Girl* (by Rebecca Gillman) Until May 5 at 8.15pm at 2pm at the Shirley Burke Theatre, 64 Parkers Rd., Parkdale. Director: Tim Long. Tickets: \$18 Adults, \$16 Concession. Groups (20 or more) \$14. Bookings: 9587 5141

Standing Room Only

■ Standing Room Only Productions: *I Love you, You're Perfect, Now Change* (return season) May 3, 4, 5 at 8pm and May 6 at 6pm at Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St., Prahran. Producer: Natasha Bassett. Bookings: 8290 7000.

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Cheryl Threadgold on 3AW

■ Non-Pro Theatre columnist Cheryl Threadgold is heard weekly on 3AW Overnights program hosted by Keith McGowan. Cheryl presents a segment with the latest community theatre news at 12.45am Wednesdays. Details of shows, auditions and theatre people are also available at www.overnights.com.au