

# The BACKDROP

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## **RAFFETYs 2009**

Our much anticipated night will be on **FRIDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>** at Raffetys Receptions. Rehearsals have been going for some time now and we also just had our 'audition' night where prospective items get aired for inclusion (and a pretty good run-through/selection it was : ) So along with our two choir medleys (one a Beatles and the other a Lerner/Loewe) and a Leader of the Pack selection; plus of course Vicar of Devenish II – we are looking at a great show. Adrian Daw has kindly agreed to MC the night again (thank God Collingwood didn't win the flag : ) and Geoff McClure to provide the sound (and a song or two)

Table bookings (or singles/couples – whatever; we'll take anybody & find them a seat : ) can be made through Emily or myself via email or phone .....

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We already have three tables booked (and one person paid : ) and a few of our stalwart attendees yet to book – so hopefully we'll have a good crowd to perform to. Con and Jan at Raffetys do a great job in what they provide and also in helping us stage the night – and it would be of great support to us and them if we could nearly fill that back room. At \$40 a head for the show; two course meal; coffee/tea plus savouries and a complementary drink at the start it's not a bad deal at all – so could all members (not just those performing) and their friends/family see if they can come along and support your BTC while having a very pleasant evening at the same time.

The evening **commences at 6-30pm** (in Raffetys Receptions enter from Denny St carpark) with savouries and a complementary glass of champagne or soft-drink on arrival – with the first of three entertainment brackets commencing at 7pm or very shortly thereafter; so for best value and convenience (not to mention a night that wont go too late for our older fans : ) - be there !!

## **Carols By Candlelight**

Please note that Carols rehearsals will commence on **Sunday nights starting on 8 November at 7.30pm at the Hut**. Would be good to see our regulars (including Raffetys performers) plus any new/good voices participate in this re-vamped and hopefully successful evening.

BTC will be doing the Hallelujah Chorus with the Band and will also be doing another item.

We will also be rehearsing 3 times with the band - 24 November, 1 and 15 December.

We were looking at a fabulous photo of a carols night taken from the grandstand some years ago – so let's hope we can recreate that sort of aura and enjoyment in 2009 – weather permitting : )

## **ZONTA & Georgy**

We have 12 members off to the annual 'ZONTA Awards for the Performing Arts' at The Gateway in Wangaratta on Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Always a good night to get together with our fellow thespians and hope for some deserved recognition by the judges of our cast members' performances in Leader of the Pack. Robust debate has occurred and may yet continue as to what number we present for our little item – but at the moment it's the boys with Hanky Panky.

Georgy Award nominations have also been received by some of the LotP cast including - Chloe Leith and Stephen Winkler (2 each), Samantha Matkovitch, Paul Altmann and Deb Patterson. Congratulations to those deserving nominees and all the best in your respective categories. Not sure if we'll get too many takers for an Echuca venue on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – but who knows? The Shepp & Echuca based companies certainly put on some big items over there and one day we may raise the numbers and effort to do the same; as our best stands the test in any forum.

## **White Christmas**

The die is cast and a significant amount of security and rights money already forwarded to Origin Theatrical for next year's musical – WHITE CHRISTMAS.

Molly Craig will be back in the Director's chair for this show and we will have a 'compressed' two weekend run (as it used to be for many years) instead of the now customary 3 weekends. Dates are July 30, 31 and August 1, 5, 6, 7 at BPACC.

As usual we will be looking for all our wonderful support on the Production side – so even if you don't feel the urge to be in the spotlight on stage, then by all means become part of a great team that without whom no show would be delivered. Let Molly, Emily or Jim know – even at this early stage - if you have a hankering to be a member of the Production Team.

## **Other Stuff**

### **BENALLA FESTIVAL PARADE**

We have put in an entry for some sort of float/item in the Benalla Festival Parade on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the parade is 'Celebration of the Rose' but pretty much anything goes – so all you creative/willing types get your thinking hats on for a suitable float or walking feast and closer to the day we'll be looking for participants to man or woman same : )

### **GUYS & DOLLS**

Our local dance school (TDA Performing Arts) – which has been the starting point for many of our younger cast members of recent years (eg Skye, Emily, Brooke etc etc) has for the last few years been doing a drama class on Friday nights under the tuition of singing/drama teacher Anna who comes up each week from Melbourne.

The kids (including some obligatory Tullbergs and our own Brad from Leader of the Pack) will be putting on two performances of a cut down version of Guys and Dolls at the Town Hall on October 24<sup>th</sup>. I've heard some of the singing – and if that is any indication of the show it should be well worth getting along to if the parents etc leave any seats.

## Important Dates

<b>Thurs Oct 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ZONTA Awards Night</b>
<b>Fri Oct 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Raffetys Night of Entertainment</b>
<b>Sat Oct 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Georgy Awards at Echuca</b>
<b>Sat Nov 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Benalla Parade Day 'Celebration of the Rose'</b>
<b>Sun Nov 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Start Carols Singing Rehearsals</b>
<b>Sun Dec 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Legacy Widows at the Bowls Club</b>
<b>Sun Dec 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Marangan/Faithful Lodge Night</b>

**HUMOUR** A few more interesting/amusing quotes/gags plucked off the net : )

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.

My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and I said I want a second opinion. He said okay, you're ugly too.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.

Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Lead me not into temptation (I can find the way myself).

Right now I'm having amnesia and deja vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.

Why is it that when someone tells you that there are 4 billion stars in the universe, you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint somewhere, you have to touch it to make sure.

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.