

Pirates Update

"Away to the cheating world go you

Where pirates all are well-to-do"

My goodness, was that really written over 100 years ago? Gordon Gekko would certainly have approved and we can all think of personalities to whom it applies: robber barons, mafia millionaires, etc.



That's just one of the joys of G & S and we can still find something new each time we hear Gilbert's words. For instance, who else besides Frederic is accused of having "a sense of duty"? (Answer at the end of the Bulletin!)

By the time you read this, we will have had dress rehearsals and the stage will be set at Marsden High School for the five performances.

If you are not in the show, please give us your support and advertise "Pirates" to all those who usually come and see you. They won't be disappointed in this show. Everyone onstage has worked hard to be the best and our team are to be applauded.

No doubt you have heard of our trip to Yeoval to perform "PoP" for those in this particular drought stricken area and we are delighted that Eastwood Uniting Church are assisting us with a cash donation as well as their prayerful support. If any of our members not in "PoP" would like to help their fellow members in this venture, there will be donation boxes in the foyer for any contribution you would like to make.

"Well it's the top of the tide and we must be off" so bon voyage to all in "Pirates" and we are looking forward to giving you a rousing welcome at M.H.S.

Elaine

Ushers Needed

If you would like to be involved with ushering for Pirates, please give Janette Cosier a ring on 9868 2535. I am sure she would love to hear from you. You can even usher before attending the show you have tickets for!

Ticket Sales

Can we please encourage you to keep selling *Pirates of Penzance* tickets whether you are involved in the show or not. Our ticket sales as of May 15 are as follows:

Saturday 26th May - 2.00pm	38%
Saturday 26th May - 8.00pm	45%
Friday 1st June - 8.00pm	44%
Saturday 2nd June - 2.00pm	62%
Saturday 2nd June - 8.00pm	48%
TOTAL SOLD	47%

As you can see, although we have sold 822 tickets, we still have 53% of the tickets yet to sell, and previous show information indicates that we don't generally get a huge percentage of walk-up ticket sales on the performance days.

Remember to call Jenny Beddoe on 9873 2778 to book your tickets. Seating plans showing available tickets are on our website at:

www.eucms.org.au


EUCMS News



2007 Subs Reminder

Have you **paid your \$20 subs** for 2007 yet? Just a friendly reminder to do so before your membership lapses in June. Your address label on your envelope will tell you if you are financial or not. You can pay Tristram Fieldhouse in person or post a cheque to: EUCMS, PO Box 246, Eastwood, NSW, 2122.

2007/2008 Questionnaires

 A big thank you to all those who sent in questionnaires, we have had more responses than ever before, but it is still not too late if you still want to send yours in. The Show Selection Sub-Committee and the Executive now have lots of work ahead of them!

New Member

The Executive would like to welcome Peter Dracakis as a non-performing member.

The Great Australian Bite

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Pirates* for supporting this event to raise \$104.05 for Diabetes Australia. Thanks especially to Elaine Gow, Sarah Hogan, Niki Barton and Karen Swancott for providing a supper feast to encourage those gold coin donations!

Clean-up Day Postponed

The clean-up day scheduled for 16 June is now postponed due to it being the Market Day at the church. Please consider supporting this event, as there may even be some of our costumes on sale. A new clean-up date will be announced next month.

Mid-year Dinner

Another date for your diaries is our mid-year dinner to be held at *Sam's Pizza and Pasta*, corner Victoria Road and Marsden Roads starting at 7pm on 23 June. Adam Wilson would love to hear from you on 8812 2575 or email if you are intending to join us. Cost will be \$30 for a meal consisting of starters, entrée and main meal. You can BYO alcohol or buy soft drink there. Desserts can

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!

be purchased individually. Members and partners are welcome. Don't miss out on a good night out!

The Music Man Update

Just a reminder that audition material will be available from June 2, on the closing night of Pirates, both at the after-show party and from the website. Auditions will be 16 and 17 July. It is great to hear from Clare and Sarah that more production roles have already been filled.

New Members Auditions

Our next date to bring your friends and family along for new members is 24 July. Contact Niki Barton to register names for this on 9802 9686 or email at nikibarton@optusnet.com.au

Audition Workshop

What is it with auditions? Why are we all such confident performers, until the moment we find ourselves in front of an audition panel? What are "they" looking for, and how can I prepare myself to give it the best possible go?

If you've ever asked yourself any of these questions you may like to attend EUCMS next workshop event. Although the executive has chosen a date "between shows", we are not specifically targeting those planning to audition for roles in Music Man, and many of the tips and activities could apply to any audition for any show. Singing, acting and acting while singing will be covered, along with aspects such as role selection, preparation (both in the weeks leading up to the audition, and just before you enter the room) and overcoming nerves. There will be lots of advice, some practical exercises and demonstrations, some useful handouts, and potentially even the opportunity of a "masterclass" segment for some brave souls...

Andrew McAlpine and Penny Wilson will be running the night on 29th June from 8-11pm. A light supper will be provided. The event will be free to EUCMS members, and a fee of \$5 to cover costs will apply to non-members wishing to attend.

Please contact Penny on 8812 2575 or via email at ozpanda@optusnet.com.au if you would like to register for this event. You may also choose to express interest in being a "masterclass" volunteer when you register.

Sewing Workshop

Want to know more about basic sewing techniques and costume making? We will be running a workshop in August. More details next month.

Mid-year Church Service

Our Mid-year Church Service is on 12 August. If you are able to assist with preparations or assist on the night, please let Belinda know on 9874 7334.

(Answer: Mabel!)

Member News from Canada!

An update from Bec Kimpton in Canada: (last EUCMS shows *Fiddler On The Roof* and *Chess '05*)

Hi everyone, my thoughts and prayers are with you as Pirates gets closer – I'll be so sorry to miss seeing the show. I'm sure I'll hear rave reviews. Right now I'm living and working at Ontario Pioneer Camp (coincidentally located in Port Sydney). I'm exploring my admin side by working in the office for the next couple of months (with some involvement in camps when the summer comes). But what I really wanted to update you on was my musical theatre addiction which continues to be indulged (even in tiny Port Sydney). Before I arrived in Canada I got to spend 10 days in New York City and saw *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Avenue Q*, *The Apple Tree* (with Kristen Chenoweth!), *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Grey Gardens* and *Spamalot*. They were all incredible and so different from each other – I loved it!

Once I got up here to Port Sydney I thought I'd have musical withdrawal symptoms but can you believe it?! The local amateur theatre group was rehearsing their production of 'Fiddler on the Roof' which I went to see a few weeks ago. They did a great job but it was so funny to hear it with Canadian/Russian accents instead of Australian/Russian accents. Seriously, I thought the Inn Keeper was going to say 'eh' (the classic Canadianism) at the end of most of his lines. I did enjoy the show but it also made me miss so much of our little production (and all of the people in it J).

And my last bit of news is regarding the other musical that's followed me over here. Some of you know that last year I directed *Seussical* at my school. Well, the director of one of the summer camps here is doing a production of it as a lead up to camp. I was going to help out a little in the final week (as she's also in the cast) but now, I'm going to conduct the show! Scary!! It's on in 3 weeks so this will be a bit of a rollercoaster ride but it's a show I know and love. So if anyone has any great conducting tips (i.e. how not to have my arms fall off after conducting a typical Flaherty and Ahrens show that has almost non-stop music), let me know.

Lots of love to you at EUCMS, Bec Kimpton
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Next Executive meeting: 18th June at Elaine's
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Important EUCMS Dates

26 May 2007	<i>Pirates</i> Opening performances
1, 2 June 2007	<i>Pirates</i> performances
9 June, 2007	<i>Pirates</i> tours to Yeoval
23 June 2007	Mid-year Dinner at Sam's
29 June 2007	Audition Workshop
16 - 17 July 2007	<i>Music Man</i> auditions
24 July 2007	New Members Auditions
3 August 2007	<i>Music Man</i> rehearsals start
12 August 2007	Mid-year Church Service