



From the President

I must say this every month, but does anyone else feel like the good Lord has got this year on Fast Forward? Everything around me seems to be going about twice as fast as it should be, and I am not finding the experience always enjoyable... Asher, my youngest was still crawling and gnawing on small dangerous objects – what – 5 minutes ago, and now he's *running* around the house, terrorising my older 2 children. And in terms of EUCMS, I'm positive it was only a few meetings ago that I was chairing my first Executive gathering, and found the whole thing so daunting... now (as the committee can confirm) I am an outspoken, opinionated and obstreperous President-incarnate. Absolutely power corrupts absolutely and all that...

Around the EUCMS traps there are many things on the go. We are now approximately 8 weeks out from opening night on the Music Man front. The cast are crew are coming together really well, although there are still a few production roles to fill – so please contact Jess Allen or Clare if you are interested. The team efforts are hindered a little at the moment by the uncertainty surrounding our performance venue. Although we had planned to perform Music Man at our alternative venue (Marsden High Auditorium), there has arisen the distinct possibility that this will be unavailable due to the Federal Election. So, our plans are “fluid” at the moment!! A change of venue will involve extensive re-staging and other plan changes, so we are hopeful of not having to move, but may be forced to do so. So, if anyone is looking for extra prayer-points this week, can we try and use our collective influence to firstly get the election called, and secondly not have it called on a show date?

While we are firmly focused on the upcoming show at the moment, EUCMS is also looking further ahead, and we are thrilled this edition to be able to bring you the deliberations and decision of our wonderful Show Selection Sub-Committee for our **first show of 2008!!** I am not allowed to spill the beans, but if you flick over to the SSSC report overleaf.....

Now that you're all back with me (soooo predictable!) I formally convey my thanks to the members of the SSSC who waded through a 50+ list of suggestions from members and associates, to come up with a shortlist and finally down to this show for first half. We are breaking with tradition a little by not announcing both shows at the same time, but have decided to instead call for general Production interest for the second half show prior to finalising our choice in the next 2 months. If you are at all interested in a Production role (generally, or in a particular show) I strongly encourage you to speak to any one of the Executive, or the current show team,

who will give you guidance and insight into Production roles. We are seeking experienced Production Team members, as well as being extremely keen to try out beginners. A good mix makes the best team!

We are also getting close to the Granny Smith Festival – Eastwood's annual celebration of our famous local resident and her contribution to the culinary capital which Eastwood has become. Mmmmm, I could really go an Apple Crumble.... Sorry, where was I? Oh yes, EUCMS traditionally participated in the Festival as a means of publicity for our second half shows, but also as a general outreach to the local community. It's a great opportunity to make people aware of who we are, and what we do. I urge everyone to wander down for an hour or two and man the EUCMS stall. Speak to your (potential) audience, enjoy the sunshine and the community in which we live our lives.

And finally, it is not only EUCMS drawing close to production at this time of the year, but many of our neighbouring societies are also on the downhill run to their own shows. I am particularly biased (of course) towards “Penny Presents” production of *RENT*, as my husband (the long suffering and currently blond) John is playing a lead role in this show. Like EUCMS, “Penny Presents” gives 100% Profits to Charity, and this year is donating all profits to the AIDS Trust of Australia. If *RENT* is not your kind of Show, then *Urinetown* (NUCMS) probably isn't either, but I encourage you to support charity and our neighbouring societies in any way you can. You never know which familiar faces you see there may be on our stage next!

I am now officially starting medication for chronic verbosity...

With my trusty baton on my ear - Sarah Hogan

The Music Man Update

The Music Man Show Dates:

9 November at 8pm
10 November at 2pm and 8pm
16 November at 8pm
17 November at 2pm and 8pm

With only six performances and a large number of children involved in the show, we expect ticket sales to be very strong. So, don't be disappointed and miss out on great seats by waiting until November. As they say, *Book early to avoid disappointment!*

Music Man Tickets

Preferential Booking Night: 28 September from 7 - 8pm only

Note: Tickets must be paid for THAT night! Cash or cheque only.

For those new members, preferential booking night is a chance for those involved with the show to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public.

General Public Bookings Open: 2 October

REMEMBER WE ARE RELYING ON ALL MEMBERS TO SELL, SELL, SELL TICKETS AND PROMOTE OUR UPCOMING SHOW. IF YOU REQUIRE FLYERS, PLEASE CONTACT BELINDA AND SHE WILL GET SOME TO YOU OR COME DOWN TO REHEARSAL & PICK SOME UP.

COLOUR FLYERS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HIGH PROFILE PLACES.

Booking Agent

We are pleased to announce that Lynn Bock will be our booking Agent for *The Music Man*. Tickets will be on sale to the public from 2 October on 02 8061 7195.



New EUCMS Phone Number

Did you think Lynn has changed her number? NO! We have just set up a new phone number especially for EUCMS. While a show is selling, the number will automatically be forwarded to the Booking Agent. During the year when tickets are not on sale, it will be forwarded to our General Secretary, Belinda. The service includes voice mail if the call is not picked up.

This means the booking number will not change each show now and it also protects the privacy of the Booking Agent's home phone number.

The new EUCMS number is **02 8061 7195**.

Show Flyers

You should find flyers included with this bulletin. If you require more standard flyers, please let Belinda know and she can get some to you. If you have a prominent location for a full A3 or A4 colour poster, please let Adam know and he will get them to you.



From the Production Manager

We are still looking for volunteers to be on the makeup team and assist with decor.

We are seeking props as follows:

- 10 x hardcase suitcases
- cigarette case
- pinwheels
- nice old books --- lots and lots of them
- sewing bag (preferably a carpet bag)
- small piano stool on wheels
- metronome
- small coffee table
- tom tom drum
- stools x 2
- library stamp and pad
- wooden chairs x 10
- American money (notes)
- rocking chair
- cornet and other musical instruments
- calico bags
- pitch pipe
- light weight lectern



Please contact Jess Allen on 9716 6832 or 0405 654 533.

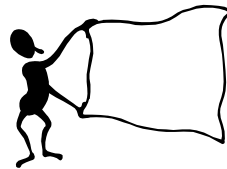
Make-up Workshop

Although this workshop is primarily for Music Man cast members, all society members are welcome to attend. If you are new to doing shows and have limited understanding to applying stage make-up or if you would like a refresher on make-up techniques, we urge you to attend. It is expected that all Music Man cast members will attend this workshop so that you know what is expected of you. Megan Carroll will be running the workshop on October 6 from 1 - 3pm and can be contacted on 9868 2840 for further details.



Banner Making Lunch

Please join us on 23 September for a social lunch from 12pm onwards on Adam & Penny Wilson's house (32 Pinetree Drive, Carlingford) as we share a BBQ lunch together. BYO meat and something to share e.g. drinks, salad, dessert. We will also be making the banners for THE MUSIC MAN, which is always a fun job when we have many hands to make it light work! Bring some scissors too!



EUCMS News

Show Selection Sub Committee Report

The SSSC had a challenging job this year in choosing our shows for 2008. As in the previous 2 years we have had to take into account the possibility of staging shows at either Lakeside Road or Marsden High School.

The executive had given us the directive to choose 'bums on seats' shows.

As part of the show selection process we look at the shows recommended by members in their questionnaires. Below are some of the shows we have looked at and the reasons for their not being chosen this time around:

- Withdrawn from amateur performance or the rights are not yet available – *My Fair Lady* and *Mary Poppins*
- Ensemble shows or have minimal chorus involvement and although we agree are great shows they don't allow us to use our people as much as we like to – *Lucky Stiff*, *High Society* and *Into The Woods*
- Questionable content for EUCMS – *Man of La Mancha*, *A Funny thing Happened on the way to the Forum*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Pippin*.
- Too costly or elaborate and would require a much bigger budget than we have – *Hello Dolly*, *Titanic*, *Les Miserables*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Kiss Me Kate* and *Evita*.
- Shows recently performed by EUCMS – *Godspell*, *The Pyjama Game*, *Oklahoma*, *The Sound of Music* and some G & S's suggested.
- Lack of involvement for either ladies or men – *South Pacific* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*

Some shows were also considered to be the province of schools and youth theatres e.g. *Grease* and required a full cast skilled in certain areas which we do not have. Also some were thought not to be box office draws.

We culled our list of over 50 shows down to 5 that we looked at in greater depth.

After due consideration, it is with great pleasure that we announce that our first show for 2008 will be **Carousel**.

We thank the Executive for their support and faith in us as a team.

With kind regards

The Show Selection Sub Committee

Katherine Sharpham – Convenor, Rebecca Foulcher, Elaine Gow, Neil Litchfield, Caroline Reddell and Penny Wilson

2008 Shows

Questionnaire results have provided us with an indication of some members who are or may be interested in some production roles for the first show next year. The Executive will be contacting those members with a view to seeing whether they are still available, but there are still production roles to be filled. If you are interested in being part of the production team for *Carousel*, please phone Belinda.

The SSSC has also made a recommendation for the second show in 2008. Before announcing the show, the Executive would like to ensure that a production team is available, and are currently making enquiries of prospective production team members. If you would like to be involved in the production team for the second show next year, please phone Belinda, as we would hate you to miss out just because we didn't know you were interested.

The Executive would like to thank the *Show Selection Sub Committee* for all their hard work in selecting our upcoming shows.

We look forward to an exciting 2008 !

Granny Smith Festival Help

The Granny Smith Festival is on October 20 in Eastwood so we are looking for a Granny Smith Co-ordinator and a team to help that person on the day.



As it will be bump-in day for *The Music Man* cast and crew, we really need someone not involved with the show to volunteer to help us.

Please let Belinda Bongers know if you are interested.

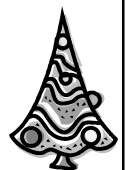
EUCMS T-Shirts



We are currently compiling a list of names of those who would like a EUCMS shirt with an embroidered note logo (as on the top left of page 1). We will be getting black shirts with a white logo, but if we have enough interest we can hopefully organise other colours as well. Cost for a short sleeve T-shirt will be about \$25 and a short sleeve polo shirt will be about \$30 depending on the quantity we order. Please let Belinda know if you are interested.

Christmas Party 2007

For those members who haven't worked out the pattern, we cycle our Christmas parties between being a members' (and partners) adult event to a family event where the whole family including children are welcome to attend. This time around we are looking for venue ideas for our family party to be held 8 December. Contact Belinda if you have any suggestions.



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Or our members' chat list by sending a blank email to: euchat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Next Executive Meeting

8 October at Megan Willis' house, starts 8pm.

Important EUCMS Dates

23 Sept 2007	Banner Making BBQ Lunch
28 Sept 2007	Music Man Pref Bookings
2 October 2007	Music Man General Bookings
20 October 2007	Granny Smith festival
9 Nov 2007	Music Man at 8pm
10 Nov 2007	Music Man at 2pm and 8pm
16 Nov 2007	Music Man at 8pm
17 Nov 2007	Music Man at 2pm and 8pm
8 Dec 2007	EUCMS Family Christmas Party

People Who I will Purchase Music Man Tickets for:

1. Mum and Dad
2. Brothers and Sisters
3. Uncles and Aunties
4. Grandma and Grandpa
5. Other Family Members
6. Friends from school
7. Friends from church
8. Workmates
9. Neighbours
10. Friends who are doing shows elsewhere
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