



Dural Musical Society



Newsletter

It's time to book your tickets for this year's musical **"South Pacific"**.

Two years ago we took a trip back in time to Europe during World War II with the Rodgers and Hammerstein's most loved musical "The Sound Of Music". The last three weekends in May this year will see us take a second journey to WWII with Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, but this time our trip is to the "South Pacific". For you, it's only a short journey to the Dural Memorial Hall on Old Northern Road. Bring your family and friends and reminisce with such wonderful songs as "Some Enchanted Evening", "Nothing Like A Dame", "Bali Ha'i", "Younger Than Springtime", "Happy Talk", and "A Wonderful Guy" – songs that have given this show the reputation of being one of the greatest musicals ever written.

The US army has stationed a base on a South Pacific island and it is there that we find a young nurse Ensign Nellie Forbush. The path of love does not run smooth for Nellie who has fallen in love with Emile de Becque, a middle-aged French plantation owner with a mysterious past. While Nellie is dealing with her problems, Lieutenant Cable arrives at the base with problems of his own – how to set up a spy post on a nearby Japanese-held island. Before he gets a chance to do this, Bloody Mary, the island souvenir dealer, gets assistance from Luther Billis to get Cable to Bali Ha'i so that she can set Cable up with her daughter, the lovely Liat. When he refuses to marry the girl, Bloody Mary drags her away to find a new suitor, leaving Cable to begin his dangerous mission. Under significant pressure and after considerable thought, de Becque agrees to be Cable's guide. To tell you any more would spoil the ending.

South Pacific

Performances - May 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 at 8.00 pm

Matinee - May 17, 24 at 2.00 pm

Dural Soldiers Memorial Hall, 604 Old Northern Road, DURAL
Opposite Redfield College

Tickets: Adults \$25 - Concession/Child \$15

Bookings MCA Ticketing – Ph: 1300 306 776 (plus booking fee)

Rejuvenate the soul with a night of entertainment by arranging for some friends to come along with you to this delightful show. Take the trip to Dural Memorial Hall for what promises to be a great trip to the South Pacific.

With Direction from Andrew McLean, Choreography by Lisa Clarke and Musical Direction by Chris Gilbert you will find that this show offers a number of Dural favourites as well as an excellent team of newcomers to delight you. Keira Glasgow portrays Ensign Nellie Forbush who finds herself in a hot and cold relationship with the French plantation owner Emile de Becque, played by Brendon Dart. Keira was last seen on stage as the incomparable Annie Oakley last May, while Brendon recently gave audiences a good laugh as another Frenchman, the very comical Roger LeClerc, in our highly successful October 2008 production of 'Allo 'Allo.

Ben Wilson-Hill as Lieutenant Joseph Cable is joined by the "Younger than Springtime" newcomer Samantha Lee who plays the lovely Liat. Samantha comes to the society from Hornsby Musical Society where she recently performed in Jesus Christ Superstar. Having delighted us all as Lieutenant Gruber in 'Allo 'Allo, Ben has now changed nationality and stepped into the role of an American officer.

Bloody Mary is played by another newcomer to DMS - one who has had the opportunity to travel and perform with the Australian Girls Choir. Raelene Buecker has been performing since she was three, including a season in the 'The Boy From Oz' with Hugh Jackman. Luther Billis, the other wheeler-dealer in the show, is portrayed by Nicholas Gilbert who recently played Officer Crabtree in 'Allo 'Allo - the policemen with the terrible command of the French language.

The show is supported by a range of small character parts and an excellent male and female chorus.

For full details of the cast, please take a look at our website.

Other News:

Believe it or not??? We still haven't had any luck acquiring a large shed where we can store and build scenery and properties – we just keep accumulating more and more items. We also need to move the costume container. The break-ins that we have had in the past has seen us lose some key costumes from our wardrobe, so if you have any ideas please investigate and let us know as a matter of urgency.

October Show – Red Riding Hood – a Pantomime by Crocker and Guilder

It's time to put on another good pantomime – something that all our performers enjoy – and so do our audiences. So why not join in the fun and audition for a part, or offer to help with costumes or backstage. Details of auditions will be posted soon on our website.

Sponsorship

If you're interested in being a sponsor of the Dural Musical Society, please let one of our committee know. There are many ways to sponsor – from financial support through to providing materials for our scenery and costumes. And of course, we are always looking for Raffle prizes...

Please take the time to look at our website - www.duralmusicalsociety.org

Eddie Bruce, President DMS

