

# BAF NEWS

FEBRUARY 2011

**Hello everyone ... after the festive season, we have some catching up to do!**

## **WELCOME TO TAMARA – a Live Wire!**

In our December Newsletter we promised you a 'profile' of our newest Board Member, Dr. Tamara Boyd. When you receive this, she will just have returned from a visit to Mexico. No stranger to travel, Tamara's background is in environmental engineering, with a PhD in groundwater trade. As a Victorian Fellow, she travelled through the USA, Canada, the UK and South Africa researching water marketing. She now works as the Statewide Ecological Water Manager for Parks Victoria.

Her connection to the Arts? Where to begin! Tamara has an L.Mus.A. for Electronic Organ, and apart from broad experience in performance and accompaniment, she has taught organ, saxophone, piano and music theory. Her unique venture into teaching corporate staff from companies such as Shell, Telstra, BP and the TAC to enjoy the therapeutic benefits of playing music, earned her the Operation Live Wire and Young Hero Awards for entrepreneurship.

## **ASPIRATIONS EXHIBITION – attracting an international audience**

Our Visitors' Books show that our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibition at the Gold Museum drew visitors from Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, UK, USA, Vietnam and Wales. The Exhibition will now close on **May 1**, so if you haven't had a chance to see it yet, it would be worth seeing what our artists have achieved!

## **ELLINOR MORCOM: a worthy tribute**

On Sunday 28 November the Art Gallery of Ballarat Women's Association presented a magnificent program featuring soprano Eleanor Kerr and Associate Artist Janet Perkins, pianist Irene Laidlaw, and memories of Ellinor Morcom from the Music Lovers and Royal South Street Society. Ann Badger, Director of College Advancement at Ormond College, spoke of the Ellinor Morcom Scholarships offered to students from the Ballarat area residing at the College. Incidentally, did you know that our Patron, David Hobson, attended Ormond College?



**Ann Badger with portrait of Ellinor Morcom**

## **MUSIC THEATRE GUILD OF VICTORIA – Ballarat honoured with 17 Awards!**

Congratulations to BLOC Music Theatre, Ballarat Lyric Theatre, Ballarat Clarendon College, Ballarat Grammar, Ballarat National Theatre on receiving recognition amongst their peers! BAF Alumni who received individual recognition included Matt Hustwaite, Todd Jacobsson and Elissa Rodger. BAF's Senior Vice-President Graeme Vendy was honoured with an Award for Excellence.



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## SNAP!

Not just any old 'snap', but *Holiday Snap*, the Ballarat National Theatre private performance at the Courthouse Theatre in December. A great night's entertainment was made memorable by a crowd of friends, sponsors and supporters.



## RESTORED TO ITS FORMER BEAUTY

Congratulations to Principal Sponsor Nicholson Construction for the restoration work on our 138-year-old Ballarat Town Hall, bringing it back to life in the city centre.

## 2011 OFF TO A GREAT START!

Congratulations to the cast and production crew of SBC's season of *A New Brain* in late January. Superbly cast and executed in great style at the BCMA in Victoria Street, it drew full houses and most appreciative audiences. Supported by BAF and sponsored by Entertainers Anonymous, it was a winner! And we hear that BLOC Music Theatre's *Spring Awakening* was a worthy successor to their previous summer shows, and a coup for the Company being the premiere production in regional Australia!

Several BAF artists have featured in exhibitions such as TLF (The Littlest Forum) at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, Studio 22 in Main Road, the Post Office Gallery, and the Arthur Gallery in Mair Street. It was good to see one of the cheques from Springfest going to the Arthur Gallery!

## COMING UP

Until 26 February	<i>Together and Alone: Amy Devereux</i> at Arthur Gallery
Until 3 April	<i>Next Generation, VCE Art and Design 2011</i> Art Gallery of Ballarat
23 Feb-5 Mar	<i>Mapping Place</i> Jessica Schroeter at Post Office Gallery
Saturday Mar 19	7.30 p.m. <i>Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital</i> Ronald Farren-Price performing Beethoven and Chopin, Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts
April	<i>Recent Works on Paper</i> Catherine Faull at Arthur Gallery
May	BLOC Music Theatre production of <i>The Sound of Music</i> .
Saturday May 28	<i>Grammar Concert of the Century</i> featuring David Hobson, at WCPA
Sunday June 19	<i>Ballarat Symphony Orchestra</i> at WCPA
Last Sunday of the Month	<i>Concerts</i> , 2.30 p.m. Art Gallery of Ballarat



That's all for now. More news in a couple of months!

*Val Sarah* President, on behalf of the BAF Board

David Hobson, appearing at WCPA May 28