



## Our Next Production



ARK Theatre's next offering is a compilation of Short Plays including: Inspector General, The Proposal, Swan Song, The Alien Corn, Drama, The Evils of Tobacco , The Sneeze and the Bear.

**Written by:** Anton Chekhov

**Director:** Julie Cunningham

**Performances:** Thursday 28th September ..... 8:00pm  
Friday 29th September ..... 8:00pm  
Sunday 1st October ..... 2:00pm  
Friday 6th October ..... 8:00pm  
Saturday 7th October ..... 2:00pm & 8:00pm

**Prices:** \$20 Adults; \$18 Concession

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

- Saturday 9 September ..... ARK Theatre's 'The Notice' at Seymour One-Act Play Festival
- Saturday 16 September ..... Script Development Workshop; 10:00am - 3:00pm
- Fri 22 Sept & Sat 23 Sept ..... YouthARK Theatre's Production - Missing Adi Farrow
- Thurs 28 Sept - Sat 7 Oct ..... ARK Theatre's Production - Chekhov? You're Joking!
- 1 October - 26 November ..... Theatre Group / Ensemble registration open for ARKFest
- Sat 21 - Fri 27 October ..... Play submissions open for ARKFest Short Play Festival
- Sat 28 Oct & Sun 29 Oct ..... Halloween Festivities (details to be released shortly)
- Sunday 19 November ..... ARK Theatre Christmas Party & 2018 Season Launch
- Sat 24 & Sun 25 March 2018 ..... ARKFest - ARK Theatre Short Play Festival



ARK Theatre

# ARKfest

Short Play Festival March 2018



## Play submissions open 21st - 27th October 2017

Original scripts required for an exciting new ten minute play festival  
24 - 25th March 2018.

25-30 ten minute plays will be performed by theatre groups from around  
the state. Prizes awarded for Best Play, Theatre Group,  
People's Choice & various participation awards including Best Director.

Writer submission and theatre group registration details are available on  
our website and Facebook page

Enquiries to Paula Armstrong at [arkshorties@gmail.com](mailto:arkshorties@gmail.com)

## Theatre Group/Ensemble registration opens 1st October - 26th November 2017

Theatre groups & ensembles are invited to register to perform in Ark's  
inaugural ten minute play festival. Groups will choose a play from the  
shortlisted pool of submitted scripts and battle it out in heats to the final.

Enquiries to Rosey Cullinan at [roseycull@hotmail.com](mailto:roseycull@hotmail.com)

**Be a part of something new and exciting in the Yarra Ranges!**



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[arkshorties](https://www.facebook.com/arkshorties)

**ARK Theatre** Lilydale Heights College Performing Arts Centre



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## SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL

**Two directors required** for ARK's play entries into ARKfest Short Play Festival. Must be an ARK member & have some experience in theatre. Directing a 10 minute play is loads of fun and fits easy into a busy lifestyle. Rehearsals will be in Feb/March 2018. **Submissions close 1 October.**

**Submissions to Paula at [arkshorties@gmail.com](mailto:arkshorties@gmail.com)**



## ARK Theatre

### Script Development Workshop

**WHEN:**

Saturday 16th September  
10:00am - 3:00pm

**WHERE:**

Lilydale Performing Arts Centre  
Lilydale Secondary College  
Nelson Road, Lilydale

ARK Theatre is excited to host a Script Development Workshop, facilitated by Paula Armstrong and Jimmy Dunne.

#### WHAT IS THIS DAY ABOUT?

A bunch of writers bring their short play scripts, half finished or completed.

A bunch of actors rock up for the day.

A group of theatre-lovers and ARK members come armed with notepads and an open mind ...

.... and bam! You have a collaborative whirlpool of energy where magic happens and scripts take shape.

Tea, coffee and a yummy lunch will be provided (therefore an RSVP would be most appreciated).

Please register your attendance by email [arkshorties@gmail.com](mailto:arkshorties@gmail.com) OR via the **ARKfest Facebook Event** and select 'Going' to the Event and comment below in what capacity you will be involved (Writer or Actor or Audience).

Spaces are limited to 10 scripts for the day so Writers BE QUICK as we are already at 80%!

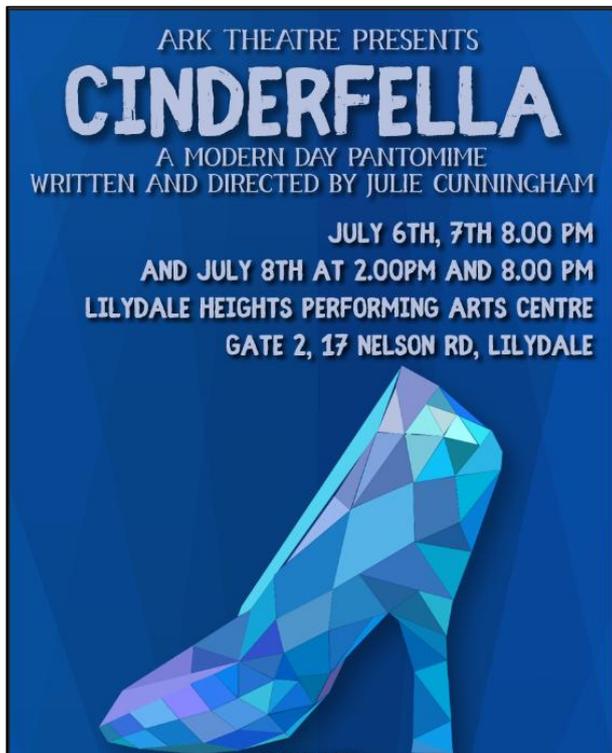
We still need 5-10 actors of all ages who have some acting experience as you will only have time for one read through and also an audience who love theatre and are prepared to give some constructive feedback.

Feedback can be given to the Writer verbally and/or with written notes, as decided by the Writer.

This is a free event by ARK Theatre.

**Paula Armstrong**  
**Festival Coordinator**  
ARKfest  
Short Play Festival





## CinderFELLA - a Review

*CinderFELLA*, written and directed by Julie Cunningham, was ARK Theatre's first foray into pantomime. But judging by the positive response from audiences at the 4 performances, it probably won't be the last panto for ARK Theatre.

It was another different genre of theatre in ARK Theatre's mission to present a variety of styles for its audience. Yet again, it was a piece by a local playwright and this was a premier production. THANK YOU SO MUCH to Julie Cunningham for bringing such a fun piece to us to perform.

As is the way so often with Community Theatre, the challenges of a large cast and life getting in the way meant there were moments during rehearsals of high tension and drama – not on the stage but 'back of house'. But the finished product was bright, energetic and fun for both audiences and performers.

In a cast whose ages ranged from 12 years to 94, there was a great spirit of support and encouragement, mentorship and learning. Speaking as an "oldie", it was great to learn from such talented younger folk. We are indeed blessed with amazing talent in our midst.

Aaron Butcher played the lead role of Cinderfella and was widely acclaimed for his portrayal and his fabulousness, not to mention his ability to dance in those heels! The frock created for the Ball by Aaron's mum, Janelle, was nothing short of spectacular – what an entrance Cinderfella had, with dramatic effect added by Chris Keuken, lighting designer. And a special thank you to Lesley Jenkin - she worked really hard on the Sisters' costumes among many other things.

## Afraid of the d'ARK?

ARK Theatre's foray into the d'ARK - come and take the scary ride of your life if you dare.

Come join us for a Halloween SHOW on 28 and 29 October.

Stay tuned for more details to come.





## One Act Play Festivals (OAPF)

*The Notice*, directed by Lisa McNiven, is ARK Theatre's entry into South Gippsland OAPF and Seymour OAPF.

*Deadline* written and directed by Candice Farrugia-Roberts is YouthARK Theatre's entry into South Gippsland OAPF.

*The Notice* opened at ARK Theatre LHCPAC presenting to local audiences as a curtain warmer before opening on the One Act Play Festival circuit throughout Victoria.

Our two Casts and Directors travelled to Foster last weekend (August 19 & 20) for the South Gippsland event and both Productions had success. There were several nominations and 2 wins:

### Wins:

- VDL Encouragement Award - Candice Farrugia-Roberts writing for comedy *Deadline*
- Most Outstanding Male Lead Actor - Riley Stow as "Tim" in *Deadline*

### Nominations:

- Most Outstanding Design Award (Set) - Lisa McNiven, *The Notice* for 1940's décor and costume
- Most Outstanding Male Lead Actor - Riley Stow, "Tim"; and Bohdi Lindsay, "Sam" – *Deadline*
- Most Outstanding Female Lead Actor - Angela Trakula, "Eve Barnes" - *The Notice*
- Most Outstanding Support Actor (Female) - Patricia McCracken, "Mavis Grant" - *The Notice*
- Most Outstanding Production - *The Notice*; and *Deadline*

**Well done to all concerned we are extremely proud of both Productions.**

ARK Theatre are presenting *The Notice* directed by Lisa McNiven at Seymour OAPF on Saturday 9th September. ARK Theatre encourages social engagement throughout the year, so if you are foot-loose and fancy free why not come to Seymour for the day and enjoy local food, wine and engaging theatre in a fun-filled environment?!

Chookas to the Cast and Director!!

## Well-being Tips

*by Evey*



Just a reminder to refill your tanks or make sure your cup is full before you go using your precious energy. Theatre members all give a service to the community, be it in whatever capacity, giving out can use up a lot of physical and mental energy.

Try to let go of small things, don't let them rent a space in your head, and be brave and confront the more important things in a respectful and diplomatic manner.

Cheers everyone, good job with *CinderFELLA* - especially to my sisters DRUZILLA and GARGANTUA who did a sterling job.



## YouthARK Theatre News

### Next Production:

YouthARK  
Theatre

# MISSING

ADI FARROW

7:30pm 22/09 | 2:30pm 23/09 | 7:30pm 23/09  
Lilydale Heights Performing Arts Centre  
[www.trybooking.com/RESI](http://www.trybooking.com/RESI)

A modern Australian family doesn't truly understand how dysfunctional they are until the day their daughter, Adi, goes missing without warning. The family try to capture a glimpse at what might have happened to her. But the thing about Adi is, she always was awfully good at pretending. It is through the reliving of past events, prompted by an officer's questioning, that they come to terms with how little they knew of one another.

#### LOCATION

Lilydale Heights College  
Performing Arts Centre  
17 Nelson Road, Melbourne,  
Victoria 3140

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Ashleigh Henry - 0400 228 728

#### TICKETS

[www.trybooking.com/RESI](http://www.trybooking.com/RESI)

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Theatre

PROUDLY PRESENTS THE  
DEBUT PERFORMANCE OF:

# GYPSY MAGIC

23rd & 24th JUNE 2017  
\$12 YOUTHARK MEMBERS - \$10 CHILDREN - \$15 ADULTS  
LILYDALE HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

### Quick Review

Big congrats to Bohdi Lindsay and YouthARK who supported his fundraising venture. The audience were left amazed, befuddled and thoroughly entertained by the slight of hand, Antonio.



## ARK-ers out and about:

- Ann Quinn performed in the 1812's August season of *Last of the Summer Wine*
- CinderFELLA Divas (missing Cinderfella and two of the Ugly Sisters) & the 'Christmas in July' Fairy Godfather performed at the SPJE Parish Dinner in July.

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#### ARK THEATRE COMMITTEE 2017-18

PRESIDENT: ..... JULIE CUNNINGHAM  
 VICE-PRESIDENT: ..... ROBERT TROTT  
 SECRETARY: ..... JIMMY DUNNE  
 TREASURER: ..... CHRIS KEUKEN  
 GENERAL COMMITTEE: ..... TOM BLACKBURN, ROSEY CULLINAN, EVELYN DEVITT, LUCY MORRIS,  
 ANN O'CONNOR  
 YouthARK Representative: ..... ASHLEIGH HENRY

#### ARK THEATRE MISSION STATEMENT:

ARK Theatre is dedicated to providing a performing arts forum encompassing contemporary and traditional theatre production:

- to engage with performers and audiences, of all ages, interests and capabilities;
- to provide mentoring in both the performance and technical content of theatre; and
- to enjoy and respect the contribution of performing arts to the social fabric of our community.

#### ARK THEATRE VISION STATEMENT:

We aim to consistently produce high quality productions that both entertain and stimulate patrons, participants, and ARK members. We aim to offer opportunities for time restricted thespians, by maintaining minimal rehearsals when possible, and organising condensed performance seasons. We aim to engage in various theatre genres of varying length, providing various opportunities of creativity and ongoing participation of its patrons, members and visitors. We aim to provide ongoing opportunities to grow skills in all areas of theatre production, and encourage members to stay active within the scope provided by ARK Theatre. ARK Theatre is not restricted to any one performance venue, and will provide physical and human resources to perform throughout Victoria, when and where it is feasible. ARK Theatre aims to provide and encompass a healthy social activity forum, allowing family and friends to engage with ARK members alongside and also outside of the 'performance spectrum'.

#### ARK THEATRE VALUES:

<b>Inclusiveness</b>	<b>Rewarding</b>	<b>Encouragement</b>	<b>Creativity</b>
<b>Respect</b>	<b>Equality</b>	<b>Social Engagement</b>	<b>Fun and Enjoyment</b>
	<b>Mentoring</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	

#### WOMINJEKA...WELCOME

ARK Theatre acknowledges the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of the land where we perform.