

# Young Arts Update September 2023

The ADFAS MP Young Arts Program supports local organisations that inspire young people and expand their horizons through involvement in the creative arts. We rely on donations from our members to provide this support and we are extremely grateful for your generosity. In 2023 we have supported the Southern Peninsula Music camp and the Dreamhouse Theatre Company.

## SOUTHERN PENINSULA MUSIC CAMP

ADFAS MP provided \$1500 towards a documentary about the Southern Peninsula Music Camp (SPMC). The camp is conducted by a group of enthusiastic music teachers and has been a continuous annual event since 1985, attended by school students from the southern part of the peninsula. For the last two years ADFAS MP provided funds to allow students to attend the camp, who would not otherwise have been able to do so because of financial constraints. When we offered support this year, the camp organisers asked if the funds could go towards a documentary that is being produced this year. Chris Swayne, the camp organiser, provided this description:

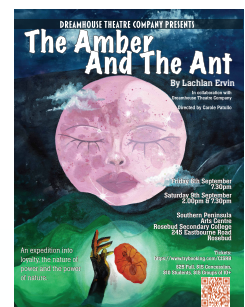


'The documentary will chronicle the beginnings/history of the camp which involves students from six Peninsula Primary Schools. It will also aim to preserve the work that's been done for over 35 years by a group of dedicated music teachers. We will premiere the documentary at the local cinema, load to YouTube and show a cut down version at the Peninsula Film Fest. The aim is to inform and inspire future students and families to attend the camp and promote music generally in our respective school communities.'

## DREAMHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY

ADFAS MP provided \$2500 to Dreamhouse Theatre Company: \$1800 towards their 2023 annual production, consisting of \$900 for a young projection artist, and \$900 for a young VCA acting graduate and Dreamhouse alumni, to assist with directing on the annual production and to help with running workshops with the ensemble; and an additional \$700 for a Youth Workshop Assistant/Mentee for the Dreamhouse primary-aged weekly workshops for one semester.

The production which resulted from this creative collaboration was entitled "The Amber and the Ant" and was performed on 8 and 9 September 2023.



The ADFAS MP Committee is proud - on behalf of you our members, and as a result of your generosity - to provide this support to a wide range of young people. These activities can be transformative, leading to a life-long love of the arts in our younger generation - and perhaps future careers in the arts. With your continuing support we will continue to fund programs for young people throughout 2024. Our heart-felt thanks to you all.