

The Hugh Sinclair

BREAK A LEG

Variety Concert



7.30pm Sat March 16 2013, Kangaroo Valley Hall

1 introduction by **Martin Wesley-Smith**

2 **Parched** sings *Freddie the Fish/Bazza the Bass & Shut the Gate*

3 movie: *Steam Engine*

4 **Peter Morgan, Peter Stanton & Patsy Radic** (piano) perform *The Gendarmes' Duet*

5 movie: *The Plumber*

6 **Brad Harvey**, comedian

7 **Martin Wesley-Smith** sings *The Green-Eyed Dragon*

8 **Jeremy & Patsy** sing *If I Fell, Fall At Your Feet & Sunny Afternoon*

9 movie: *Dirty Dan the Pump-Out Man*

interval with supper

1 play: **Lance Brown & Pat Powell** perform *Eulogy*

2 **Andy Gordon** sings

3 bush poetry: **Allan Stone**

4 **Gina Myers-Brown** sings *Tom's Diner*

5 **Lance Brown** sings *For Once in My Life* and *That's Life*

6 **Sean Kramer**, comedian

7 **The Kangleles** sing and play

direction: Martin Wesley-Smith

comperes: Lance Brown, Sean Kramer

audio: Andy Gordon, Jeremy Butterworth

lighting: Michael Moore

stage hands: Anton Fischer, Peter Wesley-Smith

logo, poster: Diana Jaffray

front of house: Trish Livesey, Chris Pryor

supper: Chris Nobel, Diana Jaffray

printed program: Belinda Webster

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Derek Lucas, Pat Powell, Peter Wesley-Smith and others

notes on performers

Lance Brown has been entertaining Kangaroo Valley in one way or another for the past seventeen years. He has worked his way up from man in the back row of the chorus to leading man, from crooner in cabaret to the hero in pantomime. Above all, he just loves to entertain.

Andy Gordon has been a stalwart contributor to the Sydney independent music scene for the past 20 odd years, all the while choosing to remain just under the radar. He has released two solo albums, played on a number of other artist's albums and done countless live gigs up and down the east coast of Australia.

Brad Harvey is a local comedian.

Jeremy & Patsy, as in Jeremy Butterworth & Patsy Radic, are two long-term valley friends who have appreciated and enjoyed each other's musical projects over the years and had always wanted to try a duet together. Years later they have actually now done so - this will be their debut public performance. Hope you like the result.

Inspired by Glenda Whitehorne, a group of local ukelele owners got together and became **The Kangaleles**. They meet fortnightly at the Friendly Inn to practise and have played at various community functions around the Shoalhaven over the past 12 months. They also include drums, double bass and harmonica. The group consists of Trish Brodie, Ian Chambers, Robert Cook, Jo Keane, Carl Leddy, Catherine Nieuwendijk, Alec Sourdin, Lynne & John Van Doorn, Lee Wang and Glenda & Michael Whitehorne.

Sean Kramer lives down the road ... he's Irish, you know.

The challenges of a *cappella* singing with The Thirsty Night Singers brought bass-baritone **Peter Morgan** a new appreciation of his enjoyment of singing. Performing with Peter Stanton and Patsy Radic (on piano) has presented him with an opportunity to revisit some of the fun he and the Thirsties enjoyed.

Gina Myers-Brown knew she was never going to have the athletic finesse of her big brothers, the comic timing of her father or business head of her mother. Her parents soon recognised her inclination for the performing arts and so started a life of singing, acting, directing and teaching.

Parched is a vocal group of once-were Thirsties (remnants from the now-defunct Thirsty Night Singers) who are having difficulty giving up the bright lights, the fans, the glamour, the groupies, the money ... It consists of Janette Carter, Peter Morgan, Patsy Radic, Peter Stanton, Jo Stirling & Martin Wesley-Smith.

Pat Powell left corporate life and settled in paradise in the mid 90s where he now runs Wombatalla Guesthouse. As well as being involved in the KV Christmas pantomime, Pat has performed the role of Professor Higgins in AMTC's 2010 production of *My Fair Lady*, and will soon appear as Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast* at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

In the late 80s/early 90s **Patsy Radic** performed in lead roles in comedy and musical theatre, pantomime and theatre restaurant shows in Wollongong. Locally she has performed in Chris Nobel's puppet shows as a 'larger than life' puppet and in Sean Kramer's pantomimes. Patsy was a founding member of the Thirsty Night Singers.

Peter Stanton is another of the once-were-Thirsties, persuaded to come out of retirement for this special, never-to-be-repeated (promise) event. And don't be fooled by his bold Gendarme threat to "run them in" - he couldn't even run a chook raffle.

Allan Stone, Folk Poet: a local retired dairy farmer with a passion for performance poetry. Likes to find a poem "hibernating" in a book and bring it to life by "Mouth to poem resuscitation".

Martin Wesley-Smith is a composer and audio-visual artist who taught for many years at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, establishing its Electronic Music Studio in 1974. Since moving to the Valley in 2000, he has put on many concerts and movie shows.



notes on some of tonight's works

As Hugh's partner Kerrie Leishman comes from Ballarat, I thought tonight would be an appropriate public premiere for the tiny film *Steam Engine*. Michael Moore shot the footage when he visited the gold mining area, and I had great fun putting this film together. [Belinda Webster]

The Plumber was made as an ad in a series created for the KV Public School trivia night "Trivia Tonight Tonight" in 2007. Gary Thomas came up with the concept and starred along with Patsy Radic. It was directed by Helen Gelberman and shot and edited by Sarah Butler.

The Green-Eyed Dragon is a classic old parlour song with words by Greatrex Newman and music by Wolseley Charles.

The movie **Dirty Dan the Pump-Out Man** was originally a silent movie shot in Kangaroo Valley in 2003. At a showing at the Second Annual Kangaroo Valley Buster Keaton Silent Movie Show in Upper River Hall in 2004, Robert Constable played piano and Belinda Webster recorded the result, complete with audience reaction. An edited (cut-down) version of this - the first of a series of three *Dirty Dan* movies - is what we'll be seeing this evening. It stars Helen George, John George and Paul Turnock.

Eulogy, written by Peter Wesley-Smith, was an entry in the Short & Sweet playwriting competition. It didn't win, but then there are usually over three thousand entries and some of the judges are possibly incompetent or venal, so it might be a miniature masterpiece ... Tonight is its world première.