

# 5 MINUTE CALL

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"An actor's a guy who, if you ain't talking about him, ain't listening" Marlon Brando

**let's get**

**THE RAMAYANA**

**rolling!**

For all those who expressed interest in being in Theatre Onset and In Theatre's next production, The Ramayana, please come to the Mumbulla School Hall at 37 Bega St, Bega on Tuesday 10th of February from 4-7pm and sign up. For those who haven't already expressed interest and would like to know more, The Ramayana is an Indian epic which we will perform with great music, great dancing and great acting. In Theatre is Theatre Onset's youth arm and this play is for High School aged students - from all High Schools and home schoolers.

At our meeting we will read through some parts of the play, talk about others, play some games and generally get the ball rolling. It is kind of like an audition but more for me to meet you so I know what you can do. If you can't make it on the day, please get in touch by email

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Performance dates are in early May so before you come, make sure you are able to be there and preferably that you have some time during the April holidays! Rehearsals will be after school in Bega (probably Tuesdays and Thursdays) and some weekends. Apologies to those who have already spoken to me about being in The Ramayana - my email and computer have been out of action for over a month and I haven't been able to access my lists so I have not been able to send you a direct invitation! I hope you see this and you come on Tuesday.

Any questions or for more info, please get in touch,  
Mahamati, Theatre Onset.

**BOLLYWOOD IN BEGA!!!**

Slow, slow start to the year from the local companies but not so in Canberra. **Free Rain** has put it all out there with its production **Mary Poppins** (19/29 March) and they've even hooked up with one of the capital's big hotels to promote stay and see packages. In the main house in Canberra the centenary remembrances are well away with a performance of **Black Diggers** by Tom Wright (25/28 March) and **Canberra Rep** has brought out **The Importance Of Being Earnest** as its first offering for the year (20 Feb/7March). Traveling towards the coast **The Q** in Queanbeyan is offering **Tuesdays With Morrie** a new American play based on the book by Mitch Albom and written for the stage by Jeffrey Hatcher. **Nowra players** have the year planned. **The Book Of The Month** opens their schedule (7/21March) to be followed by **Leading Ladies, Noises Off** and **Away**. **The Bay Players** are yet to announce their next production as are **Footprint** and **Cooma Little Theatre**. **Spectrum** at Merimbula has March auditions listed for **Moonlight And Magnolias** by Ron Hutchinson: David O Selznick is in trouble. *Gone with the Wind* is not going well so, why wouldn't he hire a new writer who never read the book and give him a week to come up with a fresh script?

Need to see something really great but can't be bothered leaving home? The Globe Player is for you. Go to **The Globe Theatre** web site and have a look at the assortment of goodies on offer AND many of them are free. You heard it here first.

Theatre Onset's next meeting is at 121 East Street, Bega, on Wednesday, February 11. Come along and give us your 2 cents (2 cent coins no longer legal tender, so some input may be rounded down).

Input to this newsletter is always welcome, so please drop us a line as our beloved, newly reminted treasurer Alison has when the above invitation was offered on our Facebook site. "Magic Mike XXL trailer? It's art. There's men dancing ... and stuff ..."

Sigh. Fine. Here's the link:

<http://youtu.be/RwPR0q5es0A>

And while we're at it, who wants to watch the Star Wars VII teaser again? Me!

<http://youtu.be/OMOVFvcNfvE>

Winter is coming...but not yet! Although it has been a while since TO have put on a show, we hope to have a full agenda this year. After a few aborted attempts in 2014 to mount the Orson Wells radio play version of H.G. Wells' War of the Worlds, I'm trying again for April, the weekend after Easter. If your calendar doesn't go that far, get a new one, then pencil us on on the 10th, 11th and 12th of April. I'm looking for cast members and the best part about it is... you get to use the script on stage! Yay! No memorising and only three rehearsals, so it is an easy entree to acting if you are feeling the bug. If you are interested in taking part, please email me at [beckylupton@gmail.com](mailto:beckylupton@gmail.com). - Rebecca.

