



**Artists for Orphans**  
We don't help everyone, but we help a lot of different

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## *Artists for Orphans Inc. (A.F.O.)*

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### **TWO NEW AMBASSADORS FOR A.F.O.**



#### **ROSE WILSON**

Most 'locals' will recognise the fascinating Rose, not only because of her accolades in the artistic field but also because of her gregarious and generous participation in our community.

Rose has achieved art prizes, commissions and extensive shows over the past 13 years covering Darwin, Newcastle, Sydney and Melbourne. Her recent achievement was being selected as a finalist in the 2012 Archibald Prize. This is her third year of entering the Archibald; her first entry was hung in the 2010 Salon des Refusés. She was also a finalist in the 2010 Doug Moran Portrait Prize. In 2012 Rose was an Archibald Prize finalist with her portrait of Dan Flynn. In 2013 Rose was a Black Swan Portrait Prize finalist.

Rose has supported Artists for Orphans Inc since our inception and we are incredibly proud to have Rose be an Ambassador for Artists for Orphans Inc.

#### **MAUREEN ANDREW**

Will Theatre-goers recognise Maureen out of costume? Perhaps you will recall seeing the effervescent Maureen Andrew in Phantom of the Opera, Hugh Jackman's Boy from Oz, Calender Girls, as Miss Lynch in Grease, Billy Elliot the Musical (Elton John, Lee Hall) and Madame Thenardier in Les Miserables. Just to name a few.

Then there is her Television career; Singing career; Opera, Jazz and Rock. There is just not enough space here to do Maureen's extensive and successful career justice.

And like Rose, Maureen is a generous soul who is delighted to help Artists for Orphans Inc and all the kids we support in Vietnam and we are very proud to have Maureen as an Ambassador.



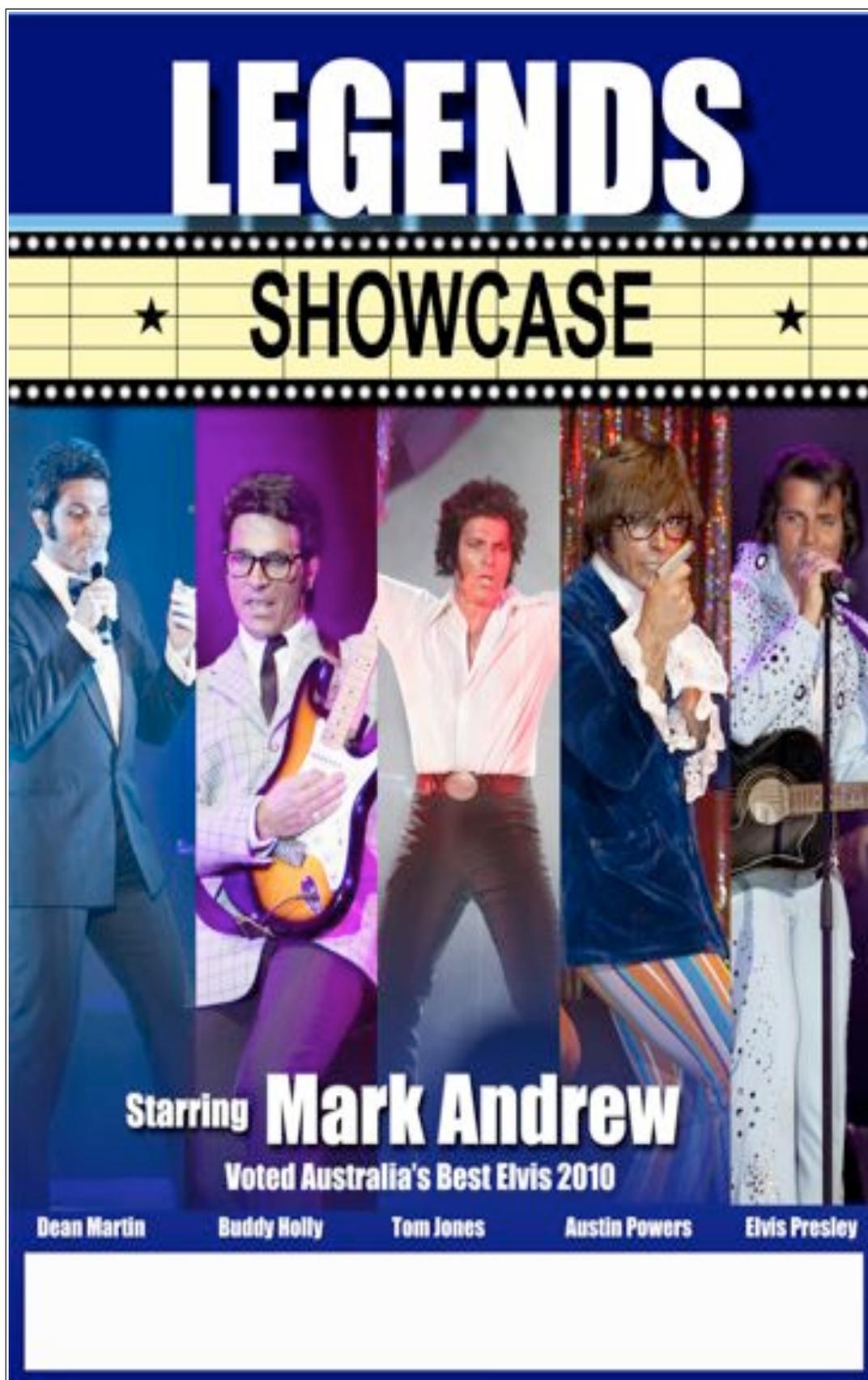
MAUREEN ANDREW

**Please make a Diary Note for; *Saturday, June 28, 2014***

**2014 Fundraiser for *Artists For Orphans Inc***

The entertainment for our fundraiser this year is simply outstanding. The very talented and very entertaining Mr Mark Andrew will tantalise you, tickle your funny bone and gyrate his way into your hearts!

**Also appearing: *Buddy Holly.....Tom Jones.....Dean Martin.....Austin Powers..... and.....Elvis Presley!!!!***



We are not disclosing the surprise location yet but just let me say, no event has ever been held here before! It's in Central Kyneton! Tickets will go on sale soon!!

This very special event will be catered for by our friends at the Albion Hotel, Kyneton

## THE INTERCONTINENTAL SANCTUARY COVE

(a little piece of Heaven on Earth)



*The InterContinental Sanctuary Cove Resort* reflects the grand and graceful architecture of a Queensland estate. Located a short distance away from the tourist mecca of the Gold Coast, the resort allows easy access to the Gold Coast theme parks which are only a 10 minute drive away. The luxury resort is tucked within the beautiful surrounds of Sanctuary Cove and boasts a marina, acclaimed golf courses, one acre lagoon beach pool and lush garden landscapes.

Just by supporting Artists for Orphans Inc and attending the 2014 Fundraiser, you could win two nights at THE INTERCONTINENTAL SANCTUARY COVE, QLD. Thank you to our friends at *InterContinental Hotel Sanctuary Cove* for supporting our kids in Vietnam.

*MillDuck StrawBale Bed & Breakfast,*

Harcourt, Vic



If a delightful country retreat is more your style, you could bid on two nights for two at MillDuck StrawBale B & B hidden away in the hills at Harcourt. Enjoy a spa while watching the flames with someone you love.

And there will be many, many more fabulous prizes up for grabs including door prizes and raffles.

In keeping with tradition, we will again hold an art auction, however this year there will be less art but the standard will be breath taking; Reg Mombassa, Helen Cottle, Mark Payne, Liz Archer, a Chagall lithograph, an American Indian piece which has an amazing story to tell and some beautiful Vietnam artwork, just to name a few.

But don't fret, prices and prizes will range so that everybody can afford to have some fun!

So book your Kyneton accommodation, organise your taxis, lay-by that new outfit and mark Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> off in your diaries. This is only a taste of what will be on offer.

And this is what it is all about!

Meet Nga; No ordinary girl



Occasionally we meet someone on our journey who makes an indelible impression on us. It does not happen often, but the first time Ros Bradbury and I met Nga in Hanoi, we both knew she was a young woman we would never forget, despite the fact that she was quiet, respectful and unassuming.

You may recall that Artists for Orphans Inc provided \$10,000 to sponsor young people who have to leave their orphanage/institution and young people who have fledged but need a hand to survive in the world outside.

Nga is one of the young people we are sponsoring to take part in the 'Teach Me to Fish Programme', designed and run by our partners in the USA, Kids Without Borders. Nga has a blood disorder which is responsible for the black patches all over her body. This has been linked to the insidious Agent Orange.

Nga was sent to live in the Thanh Xuan Peace Village, Hanoi when she was 9 years old and lived there until she completed her high school education in 2012.

Now this amazing young woman is studying Medicine. Our sponsorship of Nga, is helping her to continue studying at a medical school in Hanoi and she wants to take her skills back to her orphanage.

We are so proud of Nga and also proud that we can help her. This is just one of our stories and this is what keeps us going.

**Meet Chien (left)**



Chien is young man Artists for Orphans Inc is supporting via our sponsorship programme. Chien was born without both lower legs, also caused by Agent Orange. He has lived in Thanh Xuan Peace Village since he was seven years of age.

Chien is now 22 years old and studying technology. Two years ago he was selected to represent Vietnam in the Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities in Korea. He is a very bright young man and with our help, has a bright future in front of him. Not all the kids we sponsor are as gifted or have the opportunities these two young people have. Some are drowning in a sea of poverty, trying to feed their young families, and you will get to meet them in future newsletters.

Hearing what these kids have been through in their short lives, certainly helps me get my day to day “problems” in perspective, that’s for sure. And to see what we are achieving, makes us want to strive to help more kids.

### Citizen of the Year!



Last by no means least, what an incredible thrill and surprise it was for me receive an Australia Day Award and be named Macedon Ranges' 2014 Citizen of the Year.

It almost goes without saying that these awards, are only achieved with the hard work and support of many people. They are always the result of team work, and Artists for Orphans Inc has an amazing team of **super heroes!**

They are Artists for Orphans' Committee Members, Artists, Volunteers and Supporters. I was absolutely delighted to accept this award on behalf of “our team”. We want to welcome two new members to our team, Sally Sutherland and Marnie Tole who I know will be wonderful team members.

So *Thank You* everybody who contributes money, music, art and even moral support to our great cause! I have to give a special mention to my beautiful friends and supporters, Ros Bradbury and Marcie Jones.

## **GUEST SPEAKING**

Marcie Jones and I have been invited to be guest speakers at several clubs lately. We've spoken at a few Probus Clubs, Vietnam Veterans Groups and this week at The Focus Group, Gisborne. They were a lovely group of women who raise money for kids with cancer. This is something we enjoy doing and are available to speak at your club for a donation to Artists for Orphans Inc.

I hope you are as proud as we are at being able to help these kids. We ask for your continued support. If you would like to donate a prize, service or volunteer at our fundraiser, please contact Roni, 0424 938931.

*“All kids are a blessing, but not all kids are blessed!”*

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