



## **Newsletter – Edition 13 (November 2010)**



### **WELCOME NOTE FROM GREGORY BROWN ... Our Managing Representative**

Dear Popera Pals

Well here we are, it's November and another year almost upon us. How did that happen? It is certainly difficult to ignore that Christmas is just around the corner as we finalise production and rehearsal for yuletide performances at some fantastic Christmas Carols and Concerts this year. You can read all about these and other upcoming performances and events in this Spring (November) edition of our periodic Newsletter. A special welcome to all our new Popera Pals who have joined us since our last Newsletter, we hope you enjoy!

Our Newsletters continue to supplement the email advices that you receive for each of our upcoming performances and events. Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to any colleagues, friends and family whom may be interested in the phenomenon that is Popera. Alternatively, drop us a line and we will gladly include them in our email distribution list.

2010 has been a great year for our artists and productions and in this edition's ***What We Have Been Up To***, we take a look at some of our recent performances and events, including the sensational *Popera Classics Collection's* wildly popular concert series with performances at Delfin Springfield Lakes *Music on Dusk*, the inaugural *Popera on the Broadwater* at the state-of-the-art Broadwater Parklands and Southport Yacht Club's spectacularly unique event *Popera at Dux*. D&G Entertainment Productions proudly presented the *2010 Mayor's Seniors Concerts* for the Gold Coast City Council and we produced the highly popular entertainment program for the capacity crowd that attended the *2010 Philippine Festival*. Australia's Popera Tenor *Daniel Mallari* was thrilled to be invited to perform as Australia's representative at the *Southern Cross-Over Concert* in Auckland, New Zealand featuring Australasia's new breed of rising classical crossover stars whilst at home he shared the excitement, passion and romance of Popera with audiences from Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast to Altona in Melbourne. I hope you enjoy checking some photos and reading more about these and other performances in this edition.

In our 'up close and personal' ***Profile*** segment we meet *The Lions Den*, one of the most exciting Acts born from Queensland consisting of three individually acclaimed and award-winning performers. You are not going to want to miss these guys!

And of course, we update you with our upcoming shows and events in our ***What We Are Going To Be Up To*** section. Remember, you can check our performance programme and regular updates of upcoming events at anytime – simply visit [www.dngentertainment.com](http://www.dngentertainment.com)

And finally, for those of you that I do not get the opportunity to speak with before Christmas, on behalf of my co-producer Daniel Mallari and all of our team may I sincerely thank you for your support and wish you and yours the very best for a Christmas season full of good cheer.

In the meanwhile, we hope to catch up at a performance real soon! Please make sure to say Hi!

Regards & Best Wishes  
Gregory

**D&G Entertainment – pioneers in Popera since 1998.**

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO ...



## POPERA CLASSICS COLLECTION



Broadwater Parklands presented the highly anticipated arrival of **Popera on the Broadwater** when the ultimate excitement, passion and romance of Popera made its debut appearance at the new \$42 million first stage **Southport Broadwater Parklands**. The Great Lawns of the Parklands became an open-air theatre for a spectacular outdoor concert as **Popera Classic Collection's Concert Series** presented an extraordinary cast of renowned singers, supported by dancers and violinist to perform popular melodies from the world of opera, musical theatre and modern Popera classics against the spectacular sunset of the Broadwater.

The inaugural *Popera on the Broadwater* concert attracted a huge crowd as they arrived early to secure a good spot with picnics and rugs in hand. They brought family and friends to enjoy some of the finest voices perform a stunning selection of Broadway Blockbusters, some of the world's most popular classical pieces and of course in a special show billed as **A Night at the Popera**, the evening would not have been complete without a selection of admired Popera Classics that are uniquely and synonymously our Popera brand.



Pre-Concert entertainment by *Swing Plus Jazz Band* kept the early arrivals tapping their feet whilst our Popera Pups were also well entertained throughout the evening with interactive kid's activities, roving characters, amusement rides and entertainment for all ages.

**DON'T MISS** - **Popera Classics Collection's** return to Broadwater Parklands on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010** for **A Popera Christmas on the Broadwater** – a very special Popera Christmas concert with a Christmas twist! See the *What We Are Going To Be Up To* section in this edition for further details. Mark your diaries and see you there!



*Popera Classics Collection's* - Concert Series perform *Popera on the Broadwater - A Night at the Popera* – Apr 2010



**Popera Classics Collection's Trio Series** celebrated the rhythms and colours of Latin America when they performed **A Night at the Copacabana** for the APNA (Australian Practice Nurses Association) 2010 Conference Copacabana themed Gala Dinner at the RACV Royal Pines Resort.

The Collection's *A Night at the Copacabana*, supported by our stunning Showgirl dancers had the audience on their feet in no time as they presented the music of the Copacabana night club in a sophisticated show that covers favourites from Barry Manilow to sultry Puerto Rican tunes and Latin Classics from the likes of Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez.

*Popera Classics Collection's - Trio Series perform A Night at the Copacabana- May 2010; (pictured above) Daniel Mallari, Lucy McIntosh & Chad Trent with Showgirl Dancers)*



The wildly popular **Popera Classics Collection's Concert Series** of outdoor concerts made a highly anticipated return to **Springfield Lakes** with a very special show billed as **A Night at the Popera for Music on Dusk** as part of the Delfin Winter Warm Ups program.

The Promenade Walk's big crowd enjoyed hot winter treats and local wines as they enjoyed a spectacular journey of music on a perfect winter's eve which culminated in a spectacular fireworks display.

This latest production, staged against the stunning backdrop of The Promenade's new Regatta Lake promised something for everyone and did not let the eager crowd down. Young and old, they enjoyed selections from some of Broadway's family favourites such as *The Lion King* and *Mamma Mia*, a spectacular tribute to the longest running musical in history *The Phantom of the Opera*, a moving homage to the late great Luciano Pavarotti and Popera favourites including *The Prayer*, *Senza Catene (Unchained Melody)*, *You Raise Me Up* and *Amigos para Siempre*.



**Music on Dusk** is fast becoming an institution at Springfield Lakes as the word spreads through this thriving and growing community and with the Popera concerts appealing to all age groups from toddlers and teens up.

**Keep an eye out for the 2011 Summer presentation of *Music on Dusk***

*Popera Classics Collection's - Concert Series perform A Night at the Popera - Jul 2010; (pictured above) Brett Kane, Lachlan Baker, Bernadette Fisher, Lucy McIntosh, Nicole Pragasam & Daniel Mallari*





**Dux - Southport Yacht Club's** island retreat on South Stradbroke Island celebrated its 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday on an absolutely perfect Broadwater day with a special event - **Popera at Dux** in one of the most spectacularly unique events we have had the pleasure of performing at.

*Dux* is an island haven for the exclusive use of Southport Yacht Club members and guests and is only accessible by water.

This year for the first time, the Club supplied a ferry to transport guests to the venue. And apart from that, one of the largest fleets of boats seen in the anchorage brought many more people to the party. On the nearby beach the occasional wallaby roamed nonchalantly while throngs of people trekked from the water's edge to the marvelous setting beyond. They came by yacht, powerboat, tinnie, and surfboard – or anyway they could to enjoy a birthday celebration like never before.



The Club's *iN SYnC* magazine summed the day up perfectly; "It was a day not to be forgotten with amazing outdoor entertainment in the perfect environment. The setting and the entire scene was beyond compare – hundreds of happy people, children included, in a picnic atmosphere where you could do nothing else but have fun. It was a superb day: one that will go down in the history books of the Southport Yacht Club as being among the very best".



"While the party-goers relaxed on the lawn, sipped their drinks and enjoyed exceptional camaraderie, **Popera Classics Collection** brought the scene alive with their superbly professional and entertaining style. At the end their impact on the crowd was so great that almost everyone present – even people we thought would never be seen dancing – were up and dancing for the finale."

During the interval of **Popera at Dux**, the traditional tug-o-war competition between Yachties and Power Boaties took place and was once again won by the sailors. Everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' to Dux and following the traditional cutting of the cake by Commodore Rob Mundle, everyone was treated to Birthday Cake and Champagne.

Many thanks to Past Commodore and Popera Pal Chris Oxenford for ensuring a successful day for all.



**Look out for upcoming exciting Popera events for Southport Yacht Club.**

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*Popera Classics Collection's* - Concert Series perform *Popera at Dux* – Aug 2010; (pictured above)  
Ofelia Guizzon, Brett Kane, Bernadette Fisher & Daniel Mallari



**Popera Classics Collection** continues to have the pleasure and privilege of performing at some very special personal celebrations and sharing many wonderful memories with some magnificent people.

Personal celebrations, whether they be; a significant Birthday, or other monumental occasions such as a Wedding or Anniversary are always so gratifying to be a part of and allow a special and unique connection for our Popera Classics team.

*Popera Classics Collection's* Solo, Duet, Trio and Concert Series offer a flexible and tailored entertainment solution for most events and budgets.

Special congratulations in this edition to David Stoodley (*pictured right*) who celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Melbourne with our **Popera Classics Collection's Trio Series** in a brilliant 007 themed party. (*Pictured above - Carmel Parente, Daniel Mallari & Bernadette Fisher*)

If the WOW factor is paramount to the success of your next event, contact our team at D&G Entertainment to discuss how we can customise a performance for your special event.







## D&G ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS

Since 1998, D&G Entertainment has been representing some of Australia's finest talent and producing customised world-class performances. As a production company, D&G Entertainment is synonymous with creating; fresh, exciting, interactive and contemporary productions for events including; corporate, conference and incentive markets, hotels and resorts, outdoor concerts and major events.

### Here's a peek at a couple of D&G Entertainment's recent productions:



#### 2010 Philippine Festival (Albert Waterways Centre)

The Filipino Australian Community Gold Coast Inc engaged **D&G Entertainment** to produce and co-ordinate the feature entertainment at this year's milestone 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philippine Festival with an objective to showcase and celebrate the Filipinos contribution to Australia.

A highlight of this year's Festival, which was headlined by *The Filipinos' Pride in Australia - Daniel Mallari* (pictured below), was a feature concert by six of the finest Filipino vocalists known as **P-Noise** (pictured bottom right) and the sensational male harmony trio **The Lions Den** (pictured below left). The feature concert combined a diverse selection of popular English and Filipino songs, integrated with cultural dances and culminated in a fitting celebration. In a festival highlight, Daniel Mallari joined forces with stunning soprano Bernadette Fisher (pictured below right) to perform a very special **Popera Classics Collection** showcase.



The massive capacity crowd, (entry had to be closed for some time) who also enjoyed; Filipino cuisine and delicacies, children activities and Business Promotion stalls, claimed this significant event as the most successful in the festival's history.



## 2010 Mayor's Seniors Week Concerts

(The Arts Centre Gold Coast)



For the second consecutive year, **D&G Entertainment** had the honour of producing the variety concert for the Gold Coast City Council's **2010 Mayor's Seniors Week Concert**.

The Mayors Concert is considered to be the highlight of Seniors Week and tickets to the concerts are snapped up within days of release. This year the sell-out crowds were treated to a Variety Spectacular reminiscent of the successful and popular Tivoli circuit of the 1950s.



Featuring a broad spectrum of Acts, the vocalists at the 2010 concerts were supported by the energetic and vivacious **Tivoli Showgirl Dancers** (above centre) complete with stunning costumes whilst the sensational tenor duo **The Two Tenors** (above left) combined the intensity of modern classical music and standards with culture and comedy. Comedian **Peter Grose** amused the audience with his home grown satire and male trio **The Lions Den** (above right) brought the audiences to their feet with their amazing harmonies as they paid tribute to the renowned Doo-Wop male vocal groups of the 1950s. (Be sure not to miss these guys! See upcoming performances in this edition for details). The concert culminated with **Popera Classics Collection's Trio Series** (below left) performing a moving homage to the late great Luciano Pavarotti in a spectacular and fitting finale to the 2010 Mayor's Seniors week Concert.





## DANIEL MALLARI



[www.danielmallari.com](http://www.danielmallari.com)



Acclaimed Gold Coast Popera Tenor **Daniel Mallari** represented Australia in Auckland, New Zealand when supreme Australasian talent were brought together to perform the new classical crossover sound sweeping the globe in a concert billed as **Southern Cross-Over** at Auckland's Bruce Mason Centre.

*Southern Cross-Over* featured Australasia's new breed of rising classical crossover stars and Daniel was thrilled to be invited to perform as Australia's representative alongside internationally acclaimed Will Martin (the youngest tenor ever to top the UK Classical charts), Rebecca Wright (NZ Idol finalist fresh from her lead role in the touring production of *Starlight Express*), and young New Zealand female sensation EVE.

Classical crossover music is extremely popular in New Zealand and the audiences soaked up Daniel's performance and style.

Daniel Mallari (*pictured above*) at the *Southern Cross-Over* Concert – Auckland, NZ – Feb 2010

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**Daniel Mallari** continued to put Pop into Opera with his guest performances at **Treasure Day** fixtures around Queensland - from Caloundra RSL in the north to Kedron Wavell Services Club in Brisbane and Jupiters Casino and Twin Towns Services Club in the south.

Daniel also made his debut appearance at **Back to the Tivoli** at Twin Towns Services Club. The show, which is produced and hosted by international performer and lead singer of the *Delltones*, Wayne Cornell and Jenifer Green has been performing since 1996 and is without a doubt, one of Twin towns most successful shows.



Daniel is a multi award winning performer and club-scene favourite. Dubbed as the 'little chap with the big voice', Daniel amazes audiences with his versatility to shift between styles from popular arias to musical theatre hits and standard classics.

These shows are a great opportunity to catch him up close and personal and accompanied by a live band. Keep an eye out for the next series of dates!  
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Daniel Mallari (*pictured*) – *Treasure Day Shows* – Jun 2010

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**Bond University's Open Day** sees thousands of people visit the state-of-the-art facility each year to find out how Bond University can bring their ambition to life, tour the fantastic facilities, meet the staff and students and enjoy a day of jam-packed entertainment and informative sessions.

Popera Tenor **Daniel Mallari** headlined this year's live entertainment at the Open Day with a feature performance of popular modern crossover tunes at the newly built ADCO Amphitheatre.

He was later joined by the sensational male harmony trio **The Lions Den** (read more in the featured profile section) for an impromptu performance of a tribute medley from the smash-hit musical *The Jersey Boys*.



Daniel Mallari performs *Bond University Open Day* – Aug 2010 (pictured above) Daniel Mallari and with The Lions Den (right)

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## **DANIEL MALLARI TO RELEASE HIS 3<sup>RD</sup> ALBUM**

Multi-Award winning Popera tenor, Daniel Mallari has once again collaborated with good friend, album producer and arranger Andrew Worboys for his latest production and third solo album. Recording is due to be completed in December, with **release in early 2011**.

**Watch out for further details of the album launch as they are announced!**

Daniel's debut CD ***my corner of the sky*** is a compilation of stirring ballads, musical theatre hits and soaring arias, whilst his follow-up album ***Chasing Dreams*** takes his listeners on a journey mainly into the classical cross-over world of Popera – both CDs are first release sell-outs!

This new release (title soon to be announced) includes a selection of unique and stunning arrangements written especially for Daniel who rediscovers well known hits such as; Hallelujah, Il Mio Cuore Va (My Heart Will Go On), Pie Jesu, Memory, Don't Cry For Me Argentina, Defying Gravity and 9 other stirring tracks with interpretations and adaptations of modern and classical pieces that are uniquely and synonymously Daniel Mallari – Australia's Popera Tenor!

Album producer Andrew Worboys has musically directed; Christine Anu, Todd McKenny, Queenie Van De Zandt, Jenny Morris, Trevor Ashley, Paul Capsis and Glaswegian Jimmy Somerville who first shot to international fame with his ground breaking band Bronski Beat. Andrew produced the music for the production of *They're Playing our Song* with Simon Bourke and Georgie Parker.

**For more information on Daniel Mallari and his CDs including audio previews and song lists, visit his website at [www.danielmallari.com](http://www.danielmallari.com)**

**And don't forget to regularly check our website at [www.dngentertainment.com](http://www.dngentertainment.com) or Daniel's at [www.danielmallari.com](http://www.danielmallari.com) for an updated listing of Daniel's performances.**

## FEATURED PROFILE OF THE MONTH

### THE LIONS DEN (Male Harmony Trio)



We are thrilled to introduce you to ***The Lions Den***, one of the most exciting Acts born from Queensland and consisting of three individually acclaimed and award-winning performers; Joel Gonzales, Daniel Mallari and Lloyd Saniel.

This trio of Leos specialises in spectacular harmonies and continues to amaze audiences with their vocal range, control and tone - reminiscent of the celebrated Doo-Wop male vocal groups formed in the 1950s when pop, gospel and rhythm and blues came together in a new style that later crossed over to the pop charts with unprecedented success.

***The Lions Den*** lifts audiences through positive, inspirational and high-spirited songs. Their dynamic and diverse repertoire features the timeless classics of renowned male group hit makers such as; The Platters, The Drifters, Bee Gees, The Beach Boys, Righteous Brothers and Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons - currently being featured in the smash hit musical *The Jersey Boys*.



***The Lions Den*** presents the immensely popular and timeless cross-over of doo-wop and pop music in a fresh, exciting and contemporary production celebrating legendary artists and music.

Their performances have the audience infectiously singing along and tapping their feet in no time.

***THE Lions Den*** made their debut appearance in August this year at the Mayor's Concerts at The Arts Centre Gold Coast. (see feature above) The audience response was overwhelming and surpassed all expectations, they simply stole the show! You don't want to miss these guys!

***The Lions Den*** will also feature in our brand new concert production for 2011 – *Platters to Popera and Pavarotti*. Watch out for upcoming shows!

You can catch a feature performance by ***The Lions Den*** at the **2010 Colgate-Palmolive Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2010** (See Upcoming Performances below)

And don't forget to regularly check our website at [www.dngentertainment.com](http://www.dngentertainment.com) for an updated listing of ***The Lions Den's*** performances.



## WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE UP TO ....

### UPCOMING PERFORMANCES – LATEST NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to regularly check our website [www.dngentertainment.com](http://www.dngentertainment.com) for a full listing including live updates of performances as soon as they are confirmed.

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**Saturday 4th December, 2010**

**Popera Classics Collection's Concert Series**  
**Popera on the Broadwater presents A Popera Christmas Concert**

**Broadwater Parklands (Marine Parade, Southport)**  
**The Great Lawn & Outdoor Stage - Free Community Concert**

**Concert 7:30pm Start (Pre-concert entertainment from 5:00pm)**

A very special Popera Christmas-themed concert! To kick-start Gold Coast Christmas celebrations, **Popera Classics Collection** returns to the state-of-the-art Broadwater Parklands Southport to present **A Popera Christmas**. This Christmas feast, unique to any other Christmas event, will be served up by *Popera Classics Collection's* finest voices and promises something for everyone. Celebrate the spirit of the season with yuletide favourites, a selection from Broadway reflecting the spirit of Christmas, some of the world's most popular classical pious pieces and of course a powerful mix of Popera Classics. **A Popera Christmas** also features **The Rainbow Teddies** for our Popera Pups! Bring a rug & picnic and arrive early for a good spot to enjoy this free community event with family and friends. Mark it in your diary and don't miss this unique Popera on the Broadwater concert - with a Christmas twist! Hope to see you there! This is a D&G Entertainment Production for Broadwater Parklands.

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**Sunday 5th December, 2010**

**Daniel Mallari**  
**George Harvey presents Guest Artist Daniel Mallari**

**Club Banora (Leisure Drive, Banora Point NSW)**

**Free Floorshow - Showtime 10:30am (Queensland Time)**

In his only performance at Club Banora this year, Daniel returns to the venue where he won the Twin Towns Banora Talent Quest in 1998 to perform as this week's special guest artist. **Daniel Mallari** performs classical cross-over music, popular melodies from the world of Popera, Arias and Music Theatre to Standard Classics all in one show. Arrive early as limited seats! No Cover Charge. Enquiries to the Club on Ph (07) 55362277.

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**Sunday 5th December, 2010**

**Popera Classics Collection's Concert Series**  
**Myer Christmas Carols at Varsity Lakes 2010**

**Central Park Oval (Lake Street, Varsity Lakes Qld)**

**6:00pm Start (Pre-concert entertainment from 5:00pm)**

The 2010 Myer Christmas Carols, hosted by Gregory Brown will see a feature performance by **Popera Classics Collection** together with a great line-up of performers including Hope Church Australia Choir and Ikin Dance to entertain the crowd. Don't miss the huge Fireworks Display and enjoy free rides and activities for the children including Santa. Presented by Myer, Varsity Lakes Community Ltd and Hope Church proudly supporting The Hear and Say Centre.

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**Sunday 19th December, 2010**

***The Lions Den  
Colgate-Palmolive Carols by Candlelight 2010***

**Colgate-Palmolive Park (Allied Drive, Arundel, Gold Coast)**

**7:00pm Start**

**The Lions Den** joins a great line-up of performers at the 13th *Colgate-Palmolive Carols by Candlelight* hosted by Channel Nine's Eva Milic & Paul Burt. Don't miss the closing fireworks spectacular and Santa! Bring a rug, candle and chair - sit back and enjoy the carols. Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Glowsticks, Sausage Sizzle, Sno Cones, Ice Cream and Coffee available. Parking in Allied Drive.

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**POPERA – HOW DO I IDENTIFY THE 'REAL' THING?**

We receive many calls and emails throughout the year asking if we are performing at various events and from disappointed music lovers that have attended events assuming that we were performing or that it was a D&G Entertainment production only to discover that it wasn't.

So, how can you be sure? The most identifiable trademark features of a **Popera Classics Collection** performance are the intensity and passion together with the; fresh, exciting, interactive and contemporary production and presentation. You will also experience interpretations and adaptations of modern and classical pieces that are uniquely and synonymously D&G Entertainment's Popera brand.

Look for the trusted brands of **D&G Entertainment** and **Popera Classics Collection** as your guarantee of the 'real' thing. To be sure, check our website at anytime for upcoming performances – [www.dngentertainment.com](http://www.dngentertainment.com), your assurance it's authentic Popera – when only the best will do!

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**WANT TO BRING THE WOW FACTOR TO YOUR EVENT?**

In an industry where the WOW factor is paramount we continually strive to deliver; the highest quality entertainment, fresh and unique options and adaptations, and the finest talent through a committed, professional and diligent approach.

If you would like further information (including Promotion Packs) on any of our Acts or productions please contact our office. Remember, we are always available to discuss how you can bring the WOW factor to your special event. Performances are tailor made to suit each event and budget.

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**ARE YOU CHANGING EMAIL ADDRESS?**

If you wish to continue to receive updates and advices, please remember to advise us of any change to your email address by dropping us a line at [mail@dngentertainment.com](mailto:mail@dngentertainment.com). We'll ensure that you are among the first to know where we are and what we're up to!



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