

## **A note from the Director, Stephen Valeri**

This upcoming production of 'Hello, Dolly!' is set to be one of the most exciting productions to be seen on the Victorian stage in 2010. With the familiar and extremely 'hummable' Jerry Herman score, teamed with larger than life characters and plenty of opportunity for a good old fashioned dance break – this show provides both performers and audiences with everything that's required for the perfect night at the theatre!

The story and its music have gained world acclaim and popularity from both the original Tony Award winning 1964 Broadway production, as well as the classic 1969 film version, directed by Gene Kelly and starring Walter Matthau and the incomparable Barbra Streisand in the title role.

For ARC's 2010 production, a palette of colourful sets and costumes - paired with colourful character portrayals, will allow the life of 1900's America and its inhabitants to leap off the stage with a burst of excitement and vigor.

This production requires a large cast, including featured character roles, an extremely versatile (and very utilized!) dance 'troupe' of men and women, as well as a large ensemble to portray various characters.

Performers wishing to audition for featured character roles should familiarize themselves with the characters and the story of this piece, and should attempt to channel the characters they hope to be considered for in their initial auditions. Auditionees may be asked to read from a script in their initial audition to demonstrate character portrayal, at the discretion of the audition panel.

Keeping with ARC's aim and intention to foster young talent and provide a supportive and nurturing environment, this production calls for a youthful, energetic and vibrant cast to bring this piece to life. Performers of all eligible ages and abilities are encouraged to audition for this production. Our lively and vivacious cast will be made up of performers who are willing to work hard and show constant dedication to the production and the company, as well as performers who are prepared to be a part of something very special and have a whole lot of fun!