Josh’s chance to shine

JOSH Gardiner from Leongatha Secondary College has been selected for the principal vocal cast for this year’s Shine On 2010: Victorian State Schools Spectacular after a state-wide search and rigorous audition process with hundreds of hopefuls.

More than 2600 students from rural and metro government schools throughout Victoria will perform in the song and dance extravaganza for three shows at Hisense Arena on September 18 and 19.

The Spectacular will feature a 100-piece orchestra, 1100-voice choir, 1100 dancers, 33 vocalists, 20 back-up singers, 60 cheerleaders, 15 circus performers, 10 puppeteers and 130 specialty dancers from 110 government schools across Victoria.

Shine On 2010 is a story about friendship and triumph in the face of adversity told through a narrative of dance and music including Jason Mraz’s I’m Yours, The Verve’s Bitter-Sweet Symphony, Beethoven, and other much-loved rock classics.

This year’s director is comedian and former Circus Oz performer/director Neil Gladwin, best known for his ‘Lawnmower Man’ segment in the opening ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympics and as one half of the comic duo, Los Trio Ringbarkus. All the creative team and crew are respected industry professionals so students get a ‘once in a lifetime’ quality experience.

Shine On 2010: Victorian State Schools Spectacular is an initiative of the Department of Education and Early Childhood and is open to all Victorian government schools and students.

Tickets for three shows at Hisense Arena on September 18 and 19 will be available at Ticketek on 132 849 at $27.50 (adult), $22.50 (concession) and $14 (18 and under).