Big break for Keagan Vaskess

Noojee student Keagan Vaskess has been selected in the principal vocal cast for the "Shine On 2010: Victorian State Schools Spectacular". The Warragul Regional College year 12 student will join more than 2600 students from Victorian government schools on stage in the song and dance extravaganza at Hisense Arena in September.

Keagan was named as one of 33 principal vocalists following a state-wide search and rigorous audition process.

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.

Also taking part in the spectacular are seven Warragul North Primary School students, one Warragul Primary School and two other Warragul Regional College students.

Keagan has been involved in the "Joining the Chorus" productions in recent years and in 2009 was a member of the ensemble, feature dancer and took on the role of "Mrs Stratton" in "Barnum" held at The Comedy Theatre in Melbourne.

Keagan aims to pursue a career in the performing arts and is hopeful of gaining a position at the Victorian College of the Arts or Western Australia Academy of Performing Arts after finishing year 12. She currently has singing lessons in Melbourne and takes part in local dance classes.

"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 Nell 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.

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

For further information, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular