Student soars to limelight

MILL Park Secondary College student Marissa Garner has been selected for the principal vocal cast for this year's Shine On 2010: Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

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.

Lalor Park Primary School also has 33 students participating in the 1100 voice choir.

The event 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 schools.

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 Neill 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.

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

Details: education.vic.gov.au/spectacular