



Singing praises

SIMONE Waddell wants singers in southern Sydney to have the benefit of good voice coaches.

Miss Waddell of Lugarno has dug deep into her list of connections to come up with an impressive number of singers for the You Have A Voice workshop at the end of August.

The lineup comprises dynamic entertainer Maria Venuti, jazz legend Kerrie Biddell, NIDA graduate starring on *Home and Away* Josh Quong Tart, musical theatre expert Leigh McRae, and studio engineer and producer Michael Carpenter.

"I'm doing it because it is a great thing to do, a wonderful opportunity," Miss Waddell said.

"I am a voice teacher myself, and I know that these types of workshops can be incredibly beneficial."

Aimed at singers from beginner level to professional, the vocal workshop will include technique, stagecraft, performing, group singing, warming up and correct breathing technique, vibrato, preparation and knowing your song, song choice and key, microphone technique, working on television, conveying the message in a song, all about recording, dealing with stagefright, working with other musicians, vocal health, connecting with your audience, what not to wear, and loving your sound.

The workshop will be held at 9am to 5.30pm on Saturday, August 30, at Shirelive Auditorium (7 Stapleton Avenue Sutherland). Cost is \$90 for adults, \$70 concession. Details: simonew@bigpond.net.au.

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and friends and the hills surrounding her home can still bring on tears.

Her sister and co-performer, however, has a special soft spot for the bicycle she owned as a child.

One of the group's segments involves building symbolic barriers against war and the trauma of the past.

"In Australia everything was new and confusing, and you get a bit lost in a way," she said.

"After a while you get used to the Australian way of life - such as talking on the phone all the time!"

The group will perform twice near Hurstville post office. There will be programs on sale explaining exactly what is happening and where.

Performances: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 22, 23, 24, from 6pm to 7.30pm.



Get that note right: Simone Waddell (front) and student Carolyn Beazley, who has been singing for four months.

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