

# A great tragedy

SHAKESPEARE'S classic play *Romeo and Juliet* will return to its roots in a production by the Opus Performing Arts Community at the Hopgood Theatre this month.

Director **Russell Slater** says he wants to take the 400-year-old play, originally called *The Most Excellent and Lamentable Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, "back to what it originally was". "It was actually written very much as a tragedy rather than a romance," he says. "What we're really looking at is, what is the situation that has been created in the village that has lead these two kids to go down a destructive path?"

The production will showcase local acting talent such as sisters **Phoebe** and **Isabella Shaw** (pictured right), who play Mercutio and Juliet respectively.

"There are some fantastic young people in the local area and they have worked hard to bring Shakespeare to the stage and make it accessible for people who have never experienced it before," Russell says.

*The Lamentable Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet* is at the Hopgood Theatre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre, on March 5, 6, 11 and 12 at 7.30pm, and Saturday, March 13, at 1.30pm and 7.30pm.

☐ Tickets available on 8186 3481 or online at opus.net.au. Adults \$20 and concession \$15.



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## Home-grown talent

SOME of the best home-grown musical talent will unite for a gig this Friday to raise money for the Sammy D Foundation.

Bollocks DeeJays, Phonatics, Professor X, Apollo DJ Crew and Sanchez will be among the acts for Reminisce, being held at the HQ complex on West Tce.

Proceeds will go towards the new Sammy D Connect program, initiated at the Happy Valley Football Club to train five or six senior players as mentors and to provide sporting equipment for those who can't afford it. The program is in honour of **Sam Davis**, who was killed in a fight at a party in 2008, and **Daniel Wilde**, who died in a car crash last year.

Sam's mum, **Nat Cook**, says the night will be a great way of celebrating both boys.

"It's going to be a fantastic night for a great cause, and all the money is going to help kids at risk in the community," Nat says.

Reminisce, HQ Complex, West Tce, Adelaide, on Friday, March 5, from 8pm. Tickets: \$20, door prizes and drink specials all night.

☐ To book, email nat@sammydfoundation.com

## Apprentice's honour

FORMER Marcellin Technical College student **Doug Brook** was crowned the 2009 school-based apprentice of the year at the Group Training Australia awards last month.

Doug, 18, who is now working as an apprentice electrical fitter with United Water, says he was caught by surprise at the ceremony, at Government House on February 17.

"I didn't expect to win it, so I didn't write a speech," the Aldinga Beach resident says.

"I'd actually been to another award ceremony as a finalist and I didn't win anything, so I wasn't prepared at this one."

Doug is set to finish his apprenticeship in 2012 and hopes to study an engineering course in programmable logic controllers in the future.



→ Doug Brook

## Green debut

is "the youngest by a mile". "He played very good game though," he says.

Samuel has been bowling for a year and joined Aldinga Bay just six weeks ago.

"They are all really nice there and I learnt a lot," Samuel says.

Mr Haskell says the club wants to encourage other juniors to take up the sport.

"If they want to come along we have an accredited coach **Mike Greenfield**, who is happy to give his time to help new bowlers."

☐ Contact Neil Haskell on 0427 092 695



→ Samuel Copley

## Motorbike safety

THE Fleurieu Road Safety Group is holding a two-day motorbike safety show at Port Elliot this month.

On Friday, March 19, there is entertainment, food stalls and rides; and on Saturday, March 20, "Ride 2 Arrive" safety session.