



Players' newsletter

April 2005

Upcoming concert

2.30pm Sunday 29 May, Malvern Town Hall

corner Glenferrie Rd and High St, Malvern

Conductor Ben Northey

Soloist Zoë Knighton, cello

Repertoire:

David Chisholm *The Illusion of the End*

Elgar *Cello Concerto*

Sibelius *Symphony no 1*

We are thrilled to be working with conductor Ben Northey again. In February, Ben had his debut concert with the Adelaide Symphony at their outdoor performance. It was a great success, and the ASO has invited him back for a Masters Series concert in 2006. He says that he is very much looking forward to this program with Stonnington and seeing everyone again.

Zoë Knighton plays regularly with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, the Academy of Melbourne, Australia Pro Arte and Libra ensemble. This year, she is undertaking a Beethoven Project with Elyane Laussade in which they will perform all the works for cello and piano by Beethoven.

We also welcome back Lerida Dellbridge, who will be leading the orchestra. This will be the second time she has teamed up with Ben Northey and played with Stonnington – last time we saw them together was in August 2003.

Rehearsal schedule

Tuesday 3 May	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 10 May	PRAHRAN Town Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 12 May	PRAHRAN Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 17 May	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 24 May	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 26 May	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm

Please note the rehearsals at Prahran Town Hall, located on the corner of Chapel and Greville Sts, Prahran. Please also note the two Thursday rehearsals: 12 and 26 May.

IMPORTANT: if you wish to play in the May concert, you MUST contact your convenor by Tuesday 19 April.

Concert 2.30, Sunday 29 May, Malvern Town Hall.

Dress

All black

Practice before the first rehearsal

If you wish to practice your part prior to the first rehearsal, please speak to your section convenor:

Violins (A-K)	Dorothy Connor
Violins (L-Z)	Irene Jordan
Viola	David Choate
Cello	Michael Condon
Bass	Bronwyn Welch
Flute	Aydin Abdullah
Clarinet	David Laity
Oboe	Penny Dawe
Bassoon	Libby McGrath
Horn	Alex Grieve
Percussion	Christine Flood

Librarian Alan Miceli

Orchestra Mgr Irene Jordan

Business Mgr Charlotte Cassidy

Concert review

Symphony Under the Stars, Saturday 26 February 2005
Malvern Gardens, High St, Malvern

Conductor: Joannes Roose

Soloist: John Schmidli, trumpet

Symphony Under the Stars was a truly wonderful night and a great success for the orchestra. A winning combination of great playing, great weather and a record number of people in the audience gave the night real buzz and excitement.

The City of Stonnington were very enthusiastic – the Mayor in particular said that the orchestra were wonderful and she was thrilled to be part of such a fantastic evening.

Thank you to all who helped with the raffle and chocolate sales – we ended up raising \$2,573 toward our costs for the event. Thanks also to our prize donors.

We received some lovely feedback from Joannes, who wrote:

“Just a brief note to say how much I enjoyed working with the orchestra, and particularly the concert, which went extremely well. I congratulate you and your team on a wonderful effort in organising and presenting the concert. Everything appeared to run very smoothly, and the level of professionalism at all levels was exemplary. The orchestra played with great vitality and character, as well as accuracy and stamina, all of which were tested by a very demanding program. I salute you all. Please pass on my thoughts to all concerned.”

And Peter Burch, our MC wrote:

“A quick note of warmest thanks to you, Jenny and everyone involved in last Saturday night's concert. It was SUCH a beautiful night, great to see such a big turn-out in that lovely park and an absolute privilege and pleasure for me to be able to MC the evening.”

Thank you to our supporters on 26 February 2005

Barbara Livett – who donated even more roses from her garden to sell for fundraising

Susan Bradley and Mary Clements – who helped with the program notes

Thank you to all our volunteers – Lindsay, Sally, Heather, Margaret, Diana, David, Jenny, Sashini, and Marion, for contributing so well and enthusiastically.

Parking at the Malvern Town Hall

We've received a letter from the City of Stonnington saying:

"The rear compound to the Malvern Town Hall will no longer be available for users to park their vehicles. The compound will only be used as a loading bay.

Alternative parking will be available opposite the B hall and behind the Malvern Police Station".

So this means – we can continue to park in the main car-park behind the police station, but we can't park in the smaller area behind the hall that is accessed from High St.

Orchestra committees

We thank Julie Panetta for all her hard work as Committee of Management President, and wish her all the best with her new life in Brisbane. We also farewell David Rampant and wish him the best of luck with his new job.

If you have a *management issue or suggestion* you would like raised at the next meeting, you can talk to:

Jenny Kirsner	President
Katrine Keuneman	Vice President
Diana Greenslade	Treasurer
Marion Simmonds	Secretary
Kevin Edwardes	
Alex Grieve	
David Laity	

There is currently a free space on the committee of management – we need an enthusiastic person to be part of the team. For further information, contact Jenny Kirsner at jkirsner@bigpond.com.

If you have an *artistic matter or suggestion*, you can contact any one of the program-planning subcommittee: Jenny Johnson, program planning convenor; Rob Harry David Laity; Dorothy Connor or Alex Grieve.

Thank you also to three people who are invaluable: Brian Mee, our bookkeeper
Irene Jordan, our orchestra manager
Alan Miceli, music librarian

Memberships to the orchestra and concert subscription fees

Membership and concert fees are a critical part of the orchestra's income. We use the money from each player to pay for ongoing yearly costs, like insurance and music hire. If EVERYONE chips in their bit, then we don't have too much of a problem – but when some players don't pay, things become extremely difficult for the orchestra's functioning.

You ALL need to help keep this wonderful symphony orchestra going, and now it's easier than ever. You can transfer your fees electronically, pay at rehearsals or send a cheque. Any problems – see your convenor right away.

Please note that due to increased running costs, membership fees will be increasing after July 1 2005.

Volunteers

If you are able to offer any administrative support please contact the Stonnington Symphony office on 9510 5257. Periodically, and specifically around concert time, there is a tremendous amount to be done – any skills and time would be most gratefully received.

If you are not playing in the concert and are available on the day, please consider offering assistance with front of house. You can sell tickets; sell programs; be an usher; or serve tea and coffee. Please remember that our group of concert volunteers needs to be organised well in advance, not on the day.

If you can help with refreshments at rehearsals, please contact Irene on 9888 8080.

Plans for 2005

We are still finalising planning for the repertoire and conductors for the rest of 2005. Here is what we have so far:

Sunday 28 August 2005 2.30pm Malvern Town Hall

Conductor Christopher Martin
repertoire to be advised

Sunday 13 Nov 2005 2.30pm Malvern Town Hall

Awaiting funding approval from the Australia Council, Arts Victoria and the City of Stonnington to perform Benjamin Britten's opera, *Gloriana*, in concert.

Plans for 2006

We've recently lodged funding applications to the City of Stonnington to continue the orchestra through 2006. It's a huge and fiddly process, involving masses of budgetary information and a wad of supporting material. We should know the outcome in July 2005.

Website

Have you had a look at our website? Send us some feedback and let us know what you think.

www.stonningtonsymphony.org.au

We've changed our postal address

If you haven't amended your records, please do so now:
Stonnington Symphony
PO Box 476, Prahran VIC 3181

Players' contact details

Please notify the office of any change of your contact details, either by phone 9510 5257 or via email admin@stonningtonsymphony.org.au.

Membership renewal

Memberships expire on 30 June 2005.

Are you up to date? When you are a member you can

- Receive newsletters and other information
- Vote at general meetings
- Contribute to the insurance premium we need to pay on your behalf each year

Memberships are \$20.00, and are payable via cash, cheque or electronic transfer [please annotate your payment]. Just fill in the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to us.

Membership renewal 2004-2005 / DONATION

6 May 2005

name: _____

instrument: _____

phone: _____

address: _____

suburb: _____

postcode: _____

email: _____

- I have enclosed \$20 (which includes GST) for my membership, which will expire on 30 June 2005.
- I have enclosed a donation to the value of \$_____. (make cheques payable to Stonnington Symphony)
- I have electronically transferred my membership / donation (strike out where appropriate) to BSB 083 522, account number 51545 3615 **and I have annotated my payment**

Application to play in the concert on Sunday 29 May 2005

- I wish to play in the concert on Sunday 29 May 2005, including attending required rehearsals.
- I have included \$25 (which includes GST) subscription payment with this application
- I have electronically transferred my \$25 concert subs to BSB 083 522, account number 51545 3615 **and I have annotated my payment**

Please forward completed form and payment to
The Business Manager
Stonnington Symphony
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