



Players' newsletter July 2005

Forthcoming concert

2.30pm Sunday 28 August, Malvern Town Hall
corner Glenferrie Rd and High St, Malvern

Conductor Christopher Martin
Soloist Benjamin Martin, piano

Repertoire:

Brahms *Academic Festival Overture*
JS Bach *Brandenburg Concerto no 5 for violin,
flute and piano*
Lalo *Overture to Le Roi d'Ys*
Stravinsky *Capriccio for piano and orchestra*

Chris Martin joins Stonnington Symphony again for a dynamic and varied program. Taking the orchestra on a journey from the Baroque right through to the 20th century, this concert promises to inspire our players and audience.

We are extremely fortunate to have the wonderful Ben Martin working with us for this performance. Ben has been working with the Australian Chamber Orchestra this year, as well as making some appearances in the Musica Viva series. It's fantastic that we have such a talented family duo working with the orchestra.

Welcome back to Gretchen Anderson, who will be leading the orchestra.

Rehearsal schedule

Tuesday 26 July	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 2 August	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 9 August	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 16 August	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 23 August	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 25 August	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 28 August	Malvern Town Hall	11am

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

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
	Kate Walker
Cello	Michael Condon
Bass	Bronwyn Welch
Flute	Aydin Abdullah
Clarinet	David Laity
Oboe	Stephen Moschner
Bassoon	Libby McGrath
Horn	Alex Grieve
Brass	Matthew Ayres
Percussion	Christine Flood

Librarian Alan Miceli
Orchestra Mgr Irene Jordan

Concert review

2.30pm Sunday 29 May 2005, Malvern Town Hall
Conductor: Benjamin Northey
Soloist: Zoë Knighton, cello

What an utterly fantastic performance! This was one of those lift-the-roof-off type of concerts. Benjamin Northey drew inspiration, energy and enthusiasm from the orchestra, and Zoë Knighton was positively incandescent.

Here's an extract from a letter one audience member sent to the Stonnington Leader (which was published, with a photo of Zoë on 7 June 2005):

"On Sunday May 29, it was a privilege to walk from my home to the Malvern Town Hall for another wonderful concert by Stonnington Symphony, this time with Zoë Knighton soloist in Elgar's autumnal *Cello Concerto*, and once again, conductor Benjamin Northey. Local composer David Chisholm was able to hear his own music in the presence of an appreciative audience. Bravo!"

Others spotted amongst the audience were Councillor Claude Ullin, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Manager Barb Glaser; MSO concertmaster Wilma Smith, Tasmanian cellist Christian Wojtowicz, and conductor Chris Martin.

Thank you to those volunteers who helped sell tickets, programs and ushering. It was certainly a special day for Stonnington Symphony.

Thank you to our supporters on 29 May 2005

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

Say it with Flowers – for providing a beautiful bouquet for Zoë.

3MBS – for providing publicity support and recording the concert.

Orchestra committees

If you have a *management issue or suggestion* that 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
Lisa Vivian
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, Convenor; Rob Harry; David Laity; Dorothy Connor; Michael Condon 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

Fundraising help wanted!

Are you the kind of person who has great ideas about raising money for the orchestra? The committee of management needs to hear from you! This year has proven to be a difficult one financially for Stonnington Symphony, and the orchestra needs to undertake as much fundraising as possible. Please let our president, Jenny Kirsner know of your ideas and when you can help. She's at jkirsner@bigpond.com.

And get ready for another chocolate fundraising drive this concert! We're hoping to sell more than we did last time, so make sure you collect your chocolate at rehearsal.

Memberships to the orchestra and concert subscription fees

Thank you very much to all of those players who have already paid their yearly membership fees for 2005-2006. Please note that full paying members can access the special early bird rate of \$60, if you pay on or before the Monday 8 August 2005.

If you pay your membership after Monday 8 August, the rates are:

\$70.00 per Full Playing Member
\$60.00 Concession Playing Member (Healthcare card holder, Government pensioner or full-time student)
\$50.00 per non-playing member

The Concert Fee for the 05/06 financial year is:
\$30.00 Concert Fee per player per concert

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.

Annual General Meeting

Please note that the AGM is coming up on Monday 8 August. The time, venue and agenda will be advised in due course. This is your opportunity to join the committee of management and have your say about Stonnington Symphony.

Volunteers

If you are able to offer any administrative support please contact the Stonnington Symphony office on 9510 5257. Periodically, and particularly 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.

Fantastic news from the City of Stonnington!

Stonnington Symphony has now been awarded triennial funding from the City of Stonnington. This means that a grant from the council is guaranteed for 2005, 2006 and 2007. This is a great achievement for the orchestra, particularly in such a difficult funding climate across the arts industry. The financial stability this generates means that longer term planning is easier, and another funding application does not have to be prepared until 2007. Congratulations, Stonnington Symphony.

2006 schedule

Dates for 2006 have been finalised with the City of Stonnington. Performances will be on:

Saturday 25 Feb 2006 Symphony Under the Stars,
 Malvern Gardens
Saturday 27 May 2006 **gala evening** performance at
 the Malvern Town Hall
Sunday 27 Aug 2006 afternoon performance at the
 Malvern Town Hall
Sunday 12 Nov 2006 afternoon performance at the
 Malvern Town Hall

Website

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

www.stonningtonsymphony.org.au

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.

Personnel changes in the office

Charlotte Cassidy has been offered the full time position of Business Manager at the Australian National Academy of Music, which she has accepted. This means that she is no longer able to manage the Stonnington Symphony office, and her last day will be on July 13. Stonnington Symphony is very sorry to see her leave but wishes her all the best in her new position and looks forward to new networking possibilities at the Academy!

Membership renewal 2005-2006 / DONATION

7 July 2005

name: _____

instrument: _____

phone: _____

address: _____

suburb: _____

postcode: _____

email: _____

- I have enclosed \$70 (which includes GST) for my full membership, which will expire on 30 June 2006.
- I have enclosed \$60 (which includes GST) for my **EARLY BIRD** membership, which will expire on 30 June 2006. My payment will reach Stonnington Symphony by **Monday 8 August 2005**.
- I have enclosed \$60 (which includes GST) for my concession membership, which will expire on 30 June 2006. I am a healthcare card holder; a pensioner or a full time student (circle which is appropriate to you).
- 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 28 August 2005, including attending required rehearsals.
- I have included \$30 (which includes GST) concert fee payment with this application
- I have electronically transferred my \$30 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
PO Box 476
Prahran VIC 3181 Thank you!

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