



Supporters newsletter January 2005

News from the business manager

My first three months with Stonnington Symphony have flown. It seems that only yesterday I was being introduced to the players and committees for the first time – and now it's the new year! It's been a particularly exciting introduction to the orchestra – the final concert of 2004 was a spectacular success and it was fantastic to work with the Gandel Group as sponsors. We hope to continue our relationship with them next year.

We have also been busy planning 2005 – we have a schedule of concerts, but still some repertoire and conductors to book to fill the gaps. The planning for Symphony Under the Stars commenced a few weeks ago – and I expect you all to cross your fingers and hope for good weather on Saturday 26 February!

I look forward to seeing you in 2005.

Charlotte Cassidy
Business Manager

Upcoming concert

7pm Saturday 26 February 2005

Symphony Under the Stars

Malvern Gardens, High Street, Malvern

Conductor Joannes Roose

Soloist John Schmidli, trumpet

Repertoire:

Copland *Fanfare for the Common Man*

Shostakovich *Festival Overture*

2 x trumpet concerti tba (most likely short baroque works)

Borodin *Polovtsian Dances* from *Prince Igor*

Mussorgsky *Great Gate of Kiev* from *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Smetana *Bartered Bride* overture

Tchaikovsky *Capriccio Italien*

Berlioz *Hungarian March* from *The Damnation of Faust*

Once again, Stonnington Symphony will be playing in the great outdoors for a free concert right in the heart of Malvern. Produced by the City of Stonnington, this will be another great opportunity for the orchestra to play to a big audience (last year the audience was estimated at 2,000) in a relaxed family atmosphere.

This concert is a really important event for the City of Stonnington, as it demonstrates just how committed the council is to serving and promoting local arts and culture. For audiences, it is a chance for families to experience community music at it's very best – but most importantly, it's a chance for Stonnington Symphony to impress!

We are looking forward to working again with conductor Joannes Roose, and we know his inimitable rehearsal style will, as usual, bring out the best in the orchestra. Being joined by trumpeter John Schmidli is a rare treat indeed, and we also welcome Gretchen Anderson as concertmaster.

Concert review

Gandel Young Conductor Award 2004

Sunday 14 November 2004, 2.30pm Malvern Town Hall

Award Conductor: Burhan Güner - Liszt *Les Preludes*

Conductor: Jeffrey Crellin – Mahler *Symphony no. 5*.

Stonnington Symphony was delighted to receive generous sponsorship from the Gandel Foundation to help with the establishment of a brand new conducting prize for a young, upcoming, Melbourne-based conductor. Burhan Güner was chosen to receive the prize by Jeffrey Crellin and Professor John Hopkins, which gave him the opportunity to rehearse and perform a work with the Stonnington Symphony. Burhan did a sterling job, and used the performance as part of his final conducting examination for the University of Melbourne.

Taking the orchestra through the monumental 5th Symphony of Gustav Mahler was the wonderful Jeffrey Crellin. Such a huge work isn't for the faint hearted – and Stonnington Symphony did spectacularly well. The opening was fearlessly mastered by trumpeter Rob Harry, which really fired up the rest of the orchestra to follow. The audience loved it, and subsequent feedback was fantastic:

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Melina Sehr: 'I am just so impressed by how talented this orchestra is. Today's performance was wonderful'

Neville Beer, the Gandel Group of Companies:
'Fantastic, I really enjoyed it'

Thank you to our supporters on 14 Nov 2004

3MBS – for recording the performance and helping with some pre-concert publicity

Marshall White - for six large advertising billboards

Barbara Livett – who donated an amazing amount of her own rose garden to sell for fundraising

Susan Bradley – who donated a box of lemons to sell, and who helped with the programme notes

Mary Clements –with programme notes

Rebecca Bannister – selling the most tickets!

Thank you to all our volunteers – Lindsay, Trish, Margaret, Michael, Mark, Phillip, Gareth and Jane - who helped make the day possible.

Orchestra committees

The committee of management has been working hard over the last few months to help guide the orchestra into 2005. If you have a *management issue or suggestion* you would like raised at the next meeting, you email us at admin@stonningtonsymphony.org.au.

Our current committee of management is:
Julie Panetta, President; Jenny Kirsner, Vice-president; Diana Greenslade, Treasurer; Marion Simmonds, Secretary; Kevin Edwardes; Alex Grieve; David Laity; Katrine Keuneman, and David Rampant.

Our current programme-planning subcommittee is:
Jenny Johnson, Convenor; Rob Harry; David Laity;
Dorothy Connor, and Alex Grieve.

We also have three very important people who really keep things ticking over: Brian Mee, our bookkeeper; Irene Jordan, our orchestra manager, and Alan Miceli, music librarian.

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.

Also consider offering assistance with front of house. You can sell tickets; sell programmes; be an usher; or serve tea and coffee. Please remember that our group of concert volunteers needs to be organised well.

Plans for 2005

The programme planning sub-committee is in the process of finalising repertoire and conductors for the rest of 2005. Here are the concert dates:

Sunday 29 May 2005 2.30pm Malvern Town Hall
Sunday 28 August 2005 2.30pm Malvern Town Hall
Sunday 13 Nov 2005 2.30pm Malvern Town Hall

Website

You can now access Stonnington Symphony online. We have a temporary website up and running – just something very simple at this stage and which we will be developing in 2005. Have a look at www.stonningtonsymphony.org.au and let us know what you think.

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

Supporter's 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.

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- Receive newsletters and other information
- Vote at general meetings
- Contribute to the insurance premium we need to pay on players' 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

23 December 2004

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- 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**

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