



Players' newsletter April 2006

From the Business Manager:

It's been a busy start to the year, and despite the Symphony under the Stars concert being cancelled due to rain, there's been much music-making happening within the rehearsal hall. Our new project with the council, 'Pops for Tots' was a great success. Many players were involved and audiences filled the hall with enthusiastic involvement and applause.

It's also a time of some change to personnel within the orchestra's core of volunteers. As some may know, Jenny Kirsner has taken a leave of absence as our President to travel to Africa for 4 months; Julia Cianci has stepped up to be Acting President until the AGM and we thank her for this commitment. Brian Mee, our book keeper for the last 4 years, is moving on to enjoy retired life travelling and spending more time with his family. We thank Brian for his generous contribution of time and expertise both behind the scenes and playing in the orchestra, and we wish him well in their future endeavours. We look forward to Jen's return in August, and in the meantime offer every support to Julia as she takes on the busy role of Acting President.

Please read on for more information and interesting news.

I look forward to working with you for the next concert featuring Barry Tuckwell conducting – an exciting start to our Town Hall concerts in 2006.

With best wishes,
Celia Welch, Business Manager

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 (on leave)	
Julia Cianci	Acting President	
Kevin Edwardes	Vice President	
Diana Greenslade	Treasurer	
Margaret Jenkinson	Secretary	
Matt Gough	David Laity	Lindy Merry

If you have an *artistic matter or suggestion*, you can contact any one of the program-planning subcommittee: Jenny Johnson, Convenor; Rob Harry; Dorothy Connor; Michael Condon, Aydin Abdullah, or Julia Cianci.

Alternately, contact Celia in the office on 9510 5257 and she will pass the matter on to the appropriate person.

SCOTS WHA HAE GALA EVENING CONCERT 8pm, Saturday 3 June 2006 Malvern Town Hall

Barry Tuckwell, Conductor

Mendelssohn *Hebrides (or Fingal's Cave) Overture in B minor, op.26*

Bruch *Scottish Fantasy in Eb major, op.46*
Franck *Symphony in D minor*

BREAKING NEWS!

Cameron Hill was due to be our violin soloist for this concert, playing the Bruch Scottish Fantasy. However, Cameron has just been selected as the Victorian finalist in the ABC Young Performers Award for 2006. Sadly, this means he will be unable to perform with the Stonnington Symphony as the final takes place in Brisbane on the same weekend. We are sad to lose Cameron for our concert but we wish him all the very best for the final.

The Programme Planning Sub-Committee is currently arranging a replacement soloist.

Rehearsal schedule

Tuesday 9 May	Prahran Town Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 11 May	Prahran Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 16 May	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 23 May	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 30 May	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 1 June	Malvern Town Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 3 June	Malvern Town Hall	5pm

IMPORTANT CONTACTS: Section Convenors

Violins (A-K)	Dorothy Connor
Violins (L-Z)	Irene Jordan
Viola	Matt Gough
Cello	Julia Cianci
Bass	Bronwyn Welch
Flute	Aydin Abdullah
Clarinet	David Laity
Oboe	Stephen Moschner
Bassoon	Libby McGrath
Horn	Kevin Edwardes
Brass	Matthew Ayres
Percussion	Christine Flood

Librarian Alan Miceli

IMPORTANT: if you wish to play in the next concert, you MUST contact your convenor in the next week.

Practice before the first rehearsal

If you wish to practise your part prior to the first rehearsal, please speak to your section convenor.

Annual General Meeting

Please note that the AGM is approaching on Monday 7 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.

Concert review – Pops for Tots

1.30 & 3pm Sunday 9 April, Malvern Town Hall

More than 1000 people attended the 2 concerts, and enjoyed a fantastic concert, supported by activities such as colouring-in and face-painting.

The repertoire included orchestral favourites like the William Tell overture, Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Toreador's March from Carmen Suite no. 1. The show was created and led by the fantastic team of Francis Greenslade, MC, and Willem van der Vis, Conductor, who did a great job of presenting a more informal style of concert than Stonnington Symphony has previously.

The Mayor of Stonnington, Councillor Anne O'Shea attended and spoke before each concert; other Councillors attended also, including Judy Hindle who expressed her enthusiasm for the project afterwards. Audience members loved the concert, an email forwarded to Stonnington Symphony included these comments: 'It is terrific that the Stonnington Orchestra (and of course the City Council) present such events... [we] were very impressed with the standard of the orchestra - congratulations to Willem and all members! Our vote is a resounding "great"!! - as many of these Pleasant Sunday Afternoons as the orchestra can manage would be excellent.'

Thanks to Peter Redden, Clarissa Crupi-Ibrahim and all at the City of Stonnington who have initiated the funding and council support for this project. Thanks also to all those Stonnington Symphony players and friends who helped make this new project such a success. It is likely to be on our calendar again in 2007.

Thank you to our supporters on 9 April 2006

City of Stonnington – for producing the concerts
Clarissa Crupi-Ibrahim – City of Stonnington Events Officer

Gabby Walters, & Barry Lam – stage management

Mary Clements – front of house

MSO, John Wise & Lucy Belfrage – for percussion equipment

Kevin Edwardes – for keyboard

Website

Have a look at our new and improved website!

www.stonningtonsymphony.org.au

Over the last few months, we have been working to make our website more useful for members and visitors alike. Thanks must go to **Bruce Lancashire and Kevin Edwardes** who have both been fantastic in sharing their time, knowledge and skill in this area.

Let us know what you think by emailing

admin@stonningtonsymphony.org.au

News

Congratulations!

to Lisa and Duane Vivian on the birth of their daughter
Alannah Kate Vivian on 24 November 2005

Bows for Strings

Bows for Strings is a violin workshop operating in Mount Waverley.

The workshop is well-grounded in professional repair work and sales of new and old instruments.

Luthiers Mathew Ingram and Glen Nichols work with me following conservatory principles which are at the heart of our workshop practice.

It is our delight to sponsor a fine orchestra that in turn supports the community. Music after all is about people.

Vive La Musique!

Nicolas Fyfield
Bows for Strings
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Barry Lam – secondment student

Over the last few months, many of you will have met Barry, a secondment from the University of Melbourne music course. Barry is a pianist, who is interested in arts administration. Barry has been assisting me with administrative tasks in the office, attending committee meetings as an observer, and assisting at rehearsals and concerts. We thank Barry for all his work with us and we hope he's enjoying and learning from it.

Best wishes for the future Barry!

Membership renewal & Early Bird Special

Memberships expire on 30 June 2006.

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

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

Please note that full paying members can access the special early bird rate of \$60, if you pay before Monday 7 August 2006.

\$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 06/07 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.

News

Congratulations

to Catriona & David Russell on the birth of their son
Thomas William McMillan Russell on 22 January 2006

Membership renewal 2006-2007 / DONATION

April 2006

name: _____

instrument: _____

phone: _____

address: _____

suburb: _____ postcode: _____

email: _____

- I have enclosed \$60 (which includes GST) for my **EARLY BIRD** membership (make payable to Stonnington Symphony), which will expire on 30 June 2007. My payment will reach Stonnington Symphony by **Monday 7 August 2006**.
- I have enclosed \$60 (which includes GST) for my concession membership (make payable to Stonnington Symphony), which will expire on 30 June 2007. I am a healthcare card holder / pensioner / full time student (circle appropriate category).
- I have enclosed a donation towards artistic costs to the value of \$_____. (make cheques payable to Stonnington Symphony Development Fund) – tax-deductible donation
- I have enclosed a donation towards operating costs to the value of \$_____. (make cheques payable to Stonnington Symphony) – non-tax-deductible
- I have electronically transferred \$_____ (includes GST) to BSB 083 522, account number 51545 3615 as a donation and I do / do not (strike out where appropriate) require a tax-deductible receipt - **I have annotated my payment**

Application to play in the concert on Saturday 3 June 2006

- I wish to play in the concert on Saturday 3 June 2006, including attending required rehearsals.
- I have included \$30 (which includes GST) concert fee payment with this application
- I have electronically transferred my \$30 concert fee 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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