



## Players' newsletter

### January 2006

#### From the Business Manager:

Welcome to Stonnington Symphony's 2006 season. This year promises to be an exciting one, featuring challenging repertoire and wonderful conductors and soloists. This newsletter contains all the important information you need to know about repertoire and rehearsals.

In addition to the 4 concerts in the 2006 season, the orchestra will be involved in the inaugural Children's concert being presented by the City of Stonnington in April. With renowned Melbourne comic actor Francis Greenslade as MC, this concert is sure to be as much fun for the players as for the audience.

I look forward to working with you all throughout the year at rehearsals and concerts.

With best wishes,  
Celia Welch, Business Manager

#### IMPORTANT CONTACTS: Section Convenors

<b>Violins (A-K)</b>	Dorothy Connor
<b>Violins (L-Z)</b>	Irene Jordan
<b>Viola</b>	David Choate Kate Walker
<b>Cello</b>	Michael Condon
<b>Bass</b>	Bronwyn Welch
<b>Flute</b>	Aydin Abdullah
<b>Clarinet</b>	David Laity
<b>Oboe</b>	Stephen Moschner
<b>Bassoon</b>	Libby McGrath
<b>Horn</b>	Kevin Edwardes
<b>Brass</b>	Matthew Ayres
<b>Percussion</b>	Christine Flood

**Librarian** Alan Miceli

**IMPORTANT:** *if you wish to play in any of these concerts, you MUST contact your convenor no later than 2 weeks before the first rehearsal.*

#### **Practice before the first rehearsal**

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

#### 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](mailto:jkirsner@bigpond.com).

#### Concert review

**2.30pm Sunday 13 November, Malvern Town Hall**

Conductor Vladimir Vais and Violinist Evgeny Sorkin joined the orchestra for an inspiring concert. Sorkin performed the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor op.64 with beautiful touch, receiving a standing ovation and reprising the last movement as an encore. Symphonie fantastique op.14 by Berlioz is an epic work which the orchestra performed with great commitment. Each of the movements had wonderful moments, all building to the emotional finale. This performance was a superb achievement by all.

We received some lovely feedback on the exceptional quality of the concert. Here is an excerpt from one email: "And the music was just perfect. Evgeny was brilliant. Vladimir inspired everyone, including us, with his enthusiasm. Then finally the Symphonie fantastique. We were swept away with the orchestra's playing. You truly have a wonderful group of musicians. Thankyou for the opportunity to have a really rewarding afternoon."

Thank you to our volunteers who ushered, sold tickets and programs, ensuring that the concert ran so well.

#### Thank you to our supporters on 13 November 2005

**Susan Bradley & Mary Clements** – program notes  
**John Wise & Peter Farmer** – for percussion equipment.  
**3MBS** – for recording the concert.  
**Marshall White Real Estate Agents** – for providing 4 feteboards advertising the concert  
**SBS Russian Radio & ABC Radio National** – for providing publicity support

#### **Thank you also to three people who are invaluable:**

Brian Mee, our bookkeeper  
Irene Jordan, our orchestra manager  
Alan Miceli, our music librarian

#### Volunteers

Volunteers are the life-blood of the Stonnington Symphony and we thank those who donate their time and expertise on a regular basis. If you are able to offer assistance at any time, please contact a committee member or Celia in the office on 9510 5257.

If you are not playing in the concert and are available on the day, please consider assisting 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.

#### 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
Kevin Edwardes	Vice President
Diana Greenslade	Treasurer
Margaret Jenkinson	Secretary
Julia Cianci	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, or Julia Cianci.

# 2006 season

## **SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS**

7pm, Saturday 25 Feb 2006 Malvern Gardens

Joannes Roose, Conductor

### **Repertoire**

Rimsky-Korsakov *Russian Easter Festival Overture*

Mozart *Divertimento K136*

Weber *Concertino for Clarinet*

**Soloist: David Laity**

Prokofieff *Leutenant Kije: Suite op.60*

Vaughan Williams *The Wasps overture*

Vivaldi *Concerto for 2 Trumpets RV537, C ma*

**Soloists: Robert Harry and Matthew Ayres**

Grainger *Irish Tune from County Derry*

Tchaikovsky *1812 Overture*

### **Rehearsal schedule**

Tuesday 31 January Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 7 February Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday** 9 February Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 14 February Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday** 16 February Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 21 February Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

**Saturday** 25 February **Malvern Gardens** 12noon

## **CHILDREN'S CONCERT**

Sunday 9 April 2006, Malvern Town Hall

2 performances, times TBC

Willem Van der Vis, Conductor

Francis Greenslade, MC

The two performances of a 40 minute concert introducing primary school aged children to orchestral music is a new project produced by the City of Stonnington. The repertoire is still being developed but broadly, the music chosen will be known to children and have popular appeal. We hope that you will support this new event by participating as players.

### **Rehearsal Schedule - TBC**

Tuesday 4 April Malvern Town Hall, 7.30pm**TBC**

**Wednesday** 5 April Malvern Town Hall, 7.30pm**TBC**

## **GALA EVENING PERFORMANCE**

8pm, Saturday 3 June 2006 Malvern Town Hall

Barry Tuckwell, Conductor

Soloist - tbc

Repertoire - tbc

### **Rehearsal schedule**

Tuesday 9 May **Prahran** Town Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday** 11May **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**

## **BEETHOVEN & BEYOND**

2.30pm Sunday 27 August 2006, Malvern Town Hall

Jeffrey Crellin, Conductor

Philip Miechel, Clarinet & Rolf Kuhlman, Bassoon

R. Strauss Don Juan

R. Strauss Duett-Concertino for Clarinet & Bassoon

Beethoven Symphony No.5

### **Rehearsal schedule**

Tuesday 25 July Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 1 August Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 8 August Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 15 August Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 22 August Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday** 24 August Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 27 August Malvern Town Hall 11am

## **THE DRAMA OF THE ROMANTICS**

2.30pm, Sunday 12 Nov 2006 Malvern Town Hall

Mark Shiell, Conductor

Geoff Collinson, Lin Jiang, Roman Ponamariov, &

Barry Tuckwell, French Horn

Beethoven Egmont Overture, op.84

Schumann Konzertstück in F major for four horns and orchestra, op.86

Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5 in E minor, op.64

### **Rehearsal schedule**

Tuesday 17 October Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 24 October Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday** 26 October Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 31 October Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday** 2 November Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday** 9 November Malvern Town Hall 7.30pm

Sunday 12 November Malvern Town Hall 11am

### **Membership and concert subscription fees**

Thank you to all of those players who have already paid their yearly membership fees for 2005-2006.

If you still wish to be a member but have not yet completed payment, 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.

# Membership renewal 2005-2006 / DONATION

January 2006

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 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 Saturday 25 February 2006**

- I wish to play in the concert on Saturday 25 February 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 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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