



## Supporter's 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. And I look forward to seeing you at the next concert featuring Barry Tuckwell – an exciting start to our Town Hall concerts in 2006.

With best wishes,  
Celia Welch, Business Manager

#### **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.

#### **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

#### **Barry Lam – secondment student**

Over the last few months, many of you will have met Barry who is on 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 for Stonnington Symphony and we hope he's enjoying and learning from working with us. Best wishes for the future Barry!

#### **Suggestions**

If you have a suggestion about the orchestra – a work you would like to hear, or a fundraising initiative you think would be great – please contact Celia in the office on 9510 5257, PO Box 476, Prahran 3181 or email [admin@stonningtonsymphony.org.au](mailto:admin@stonningtonsymphony.org.au)

Celia will pass on your suggestion to the Committee of Management or the Program Planning Sub-committee.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Please note that the AGM is coming up on Monday 7 August 2006. 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.

### **Website**

***Have a look at our new and improved website!***

[www.stonningtonsymphony.org.au](http://www.stonningtonsymphony.org.au)

Over the last two 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](mailto:admin@stonningtonsymphony.org.au)

### **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.

### **Membership renewal - how does it work?**

In order for you to receive this newsletter, and to have voting rights at our AGMs, you need to be a member. Memberships to the orchestra are a crucial part of its income – plus of course the best way for you to be part of the orchestra's community.

We are now starting our membership drive for 2006-2007. Just fill out the membership form at the bottom of this page and post it to the office (address details below).

*With the end of the financial year approaching, now is also a great time to think about making a donation to the orchestra. Please note that for your donation to be tax-deductible, it needs to be made out specifically to the 'Stonnington Symphony Development Fund'.*

*If you are making a donation electronically, and would like it to be tax-deductible, please specify this when you send in the form below.*

### **Supporter's contact details**

Please notify the office of any change of your contact details, either by phone 9510 5257 or via email

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## **Membership renewal 2006-2007 / DONATION**

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- I have enclosed \$50 (which includes GST) cheque for my membership (make payable to Stonnington Symphony), which will expire on 30 June 2007.
- I have enclosed a donation by cheque to the value of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
(make cheques payable to Stonnington Symphony Development Fund)
- I have electronically transferred \$50 (includes GST) my membership to BSB 083 522, account number 51545 3615 **and I have annotated my payment**
- 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**

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The Business Manager, Stonnington Symphony  
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