



Supporter's newsletter

February 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.

In addition to the 4 concerts in the 2006 season, the orchestra will be involved in the inaugural "Pops for Tots" 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.

Volunteers are the life-blood of the Stonnington Symphony and we thank those who donate their time and expertise on a regular basis. As Supporters of the Stonnington Symphony, you are a valued and valuable part of our orchestra whose work behind the scenes and on concert days, memberships and donations, ensure that the Stonnington Symphony continues to operate in the current challenging financial climate. If you ever have suggestions or wish to participate actively in a particular project, please don't hesitate to contact me in the office on 9510 5257.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year at our concerts.

With best wishes,
Celia Welch, Business Manager

COMING SOON...

Stonnington Symphony 2006 Season brochure

This brochure gives you all the information you need to know about our concerts – conductors, soloists and works being performed; it will be posted in late February.

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.

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

Forthcoming concert...

SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS

7pm, Saturday 25 Feb 2006 Malvern Gardens

A FREE twilight concert – Bring your picnic & enjoy!

Joannes Roose, Conductor
Peter Burch, MC

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*

Once again, Stonnington Symphony will be performing a delightful concert of orchestral favourites in the great outdoors. Produced by the City of Stonnington, this will be another great opportunity for the orchestra to play to a big audience (in 2005 the audience was estimated at 2,500) 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 promoting local arts and culture. For audiences, it is a chance for families to experience community music at its 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 MC Peter Burch, and we also welcome Mary Johnston as Concertmaster. This year the featured soloists are from within the orchestra – Principal Clarinet, David Laity, and Co-Principal Trumpets Robert Harry and Matthew Ayres – and we hope you all come along to support them in what are sure to be brilliant performances.

For this concert we require a large group of volunteers to perform a variety of roles, and it is the personal contact the volunteers are able to extend to the audience members that really ensures the success of the day. Please contact the office on 9510 5257 to express your interest. Please remember that our concert volunteers need to be organised well in advance.

Orchestra committees

If you have a *management issue or suggestion* that you would like raised at the next meeting, contact the committee either by phone 9510 5257 or via admin@stonningtonsymphony.org.au :

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, again either by phone 9510 5257 or via the email above.

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 2006. Have a look at www.stonningtonsymphony.org.au and let us know what you think.

Concert review

2.30pm Sunday 13 November, Malvern Town Hall

Conductor Vladimir Vais and Violinist Evgeny Sorokin joined the orchestra for an inspiring concert. Sorokin 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

How does my membership 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.

If you have been receiving newsletters from 1 July 2004, but haven't yet paid your membership fee, now is a great opportunity to get up-to-date. Just fill out the membership form at the bottom of this page.

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 2005-2006 / DONATION

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name:	
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- I have enclosed \$50 (which includes GST) cheque for my membership, which will expire on 30 June 2006.
- I have enclosed a donation by cheque 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**

Please forward completed form and payment to
The Business Manager, Stonnington Symphony
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Thank you!

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