



Players' newsletter September 2007

From the General Manager:

As we move towards the final quarter of the year, and our concert on 18 November, there are also several important dates coming up in our calendar of events and we encourage you all to support them with your attendance and your encouragement of family and friends to attend also.

Vital to the orchestra's ability to afford to produce concerts next year are two fundraising drives.

The 2nd annual Stonnington Symphony and Armadale Cellars Wine and Cheese Night at the East Malvern RSL is on Friday evening 5 October. Last year's event was a great success; around 80 people enjoyed sampling a variety of wines and cheeses and purchased bottles for quaffing throughout the spring racing carnival and summer festive season. A percentage from all sales goes to the orchestra which is really wonderful.

Our new public appeal to raise funds to hire a piano for a concert in 2008 was launched at our recent August concert and we have already received several donations towards this. For purchasing a key, a chord, a scale or an octave, donors will see their name on our giant cut-out piano and at the May 2008 concert they will see the tangible outcome of their generous donations. Please see the enclosed flyer to find out how you can donate.

Finally, our AGM will take place on Monday 15 October, venue still tbc, and as always nominations for positions on the Committee of Management are invited.

And so may I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the outgoing Committee of Management for their dedication and hard work towards ensuring the ongoing success of the Stonnington Symphony. It has been a great pleasure working with you all and I look forward to continuing to work with you in whatever capacity you are in going forward.

With best wishes,
Celia Welch

NEWSFLASH!

Stonnington Symphony awarded funding through the Volunteer Small Equipment Grant scheme

In a recent letter from Peter Costello, federal member for the Stonnington area, Stonnington Symphony was advised that it has been granted \$2850 towards the cost of purchasing a multi function centre (printer/copier/fax)

REMINDER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Stonnington Symphony's AGM is your opportunity to become involved in the future direction of this great orchestra.

We encourage all players to become financial members so that there is a good core of musicians engaged in the governance of the orchestra – vital to the existence of the Stonnington Symphony Inc.

Nominations from members for positions on the Committee of Management (COM) are now open, and the current COM will be very happy to chat with you about what they do and how you can help.

If you can't attend but would like your views represented please don't hesitate to contact a current COM member via the office, and don't forget to submit your proxy voting form.

We all need to be actively involved in ensuring the future vitality of the Stonnington Symphony so that we can continue to provide quality performance opportunities for passionate orchestral musicians.

JOIN UP & HAVE YOUR SAY

2007-2008 Memberships NOW OPEN

Membership and concert subscription fees

Thank you to those players who have paid their yearly membership fees for 2007 – 2008.

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 07/08 financial year is:
\$30.00 Concert Fee per player per concert

You ALL need to help keep this great 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.

Concert review – Pictures of the sea, sounds of sunshine: Chris Martin conducts Elgar and Brahms

2.30pm Sunday 26 August 2007, Malvern Town Hall

This was a lovely performance by the Stonnington Symphony. The close relationship that has developed over the years with Conductor Christopher Martin ensured a great response from players to his repertoire choices and to working with him throughout the rehearsals. The highlight of the performance for many was Brahms' Symphony No.2, whilst Jacqueline Dark's performance of Elgar's Sea Pictures was delightful and the Cockaigne overture, also by Elgar, was a bright start

to the performance. It is always disappointing for performers not to play to a full house, however the close connection to family and friends in the audience ensures a great atmosphere in the Hall.

The smallish audience really enjoyed this concert, applauding each work, the guest artists and orchestra generously throughout. Longstanding Stonnington Symphony concertgoers attended to see Chris Martin conduct a program of some of his favourite works and to celebrate his long association with the orchestra. Following the concert there were many congratulatory remarks, and another 25 new supporters have joined our mailing list.

Stonnington Symphony was delighted to welcome many guests in the audience including David Barmby from the new Melbourne Recital Centre, past and current members of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, and Age reviewer Clive O'Connell.

The backstage, afternoon tea and foyer areas ran very smoothly thanks to our fantastic team of volunteers which contributed to the overall success of the afternoon. Congratulations to all involved.

Thank you to our supporters on 26 August 2007

Dave Newington – stage management
Jen Kirsner, Alison Rowlands – fundraising table
Mary Clements, Bernadette Norris, Margaret Jenkinson & Jo Jenkinson – ticket sales
Pam and Sam Degenhardt – program sales
Garth Jenkinson – ushering
Julia Cianci, David Pringle – ushering & afternoon tea
John Wise – for percussion equipment hire
John Smyth and 3MBS – recording the concert
Say it with Flowers – donating soloist's bouquet

2006-07 Orchestra committees

Committee of Management

President	Jen Kirsner
Vice President	Julia Cianci
Treasurer	Diana Greenslade
Secretary	Margaret Jenkinson
Ordinary Members	Kenny Cheung David Laity Catriona Russell

Program Planning Sub-Committee:

Benjamin Northey, Artistic Director
Jenny Johnson, Convenor
Aydin Abdullah Paul Boasman
Dorothy Connor Rob Harry
Dannielle Wilkinson

To contact any of the above committee members, please get in touch with Celia in the office via phone on 9510 5257, fax 9525 2611, email admin@stonningtonsymphony.org.au or post PO Box 476, Prahran VIC 3181

Don't forget our website is updated with all of the latest information available
www.stonningtonsymphony.org.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Armadale Cellars & Stonnington
Symphony Wine & Cheese Night
and
**Stonnington Symphony Piano
fundraising drive**

See attachments for details

**Upcoming Performance & Rehearsal Schedule
All at Malvern Town Hall (MTH)**

Russian Masters: Australian Virtuosi

Sunday 18 November, 2.30pm
Conductor – Benjamin Northey
Solo Alto Saxophone – Amy Dickson

Peter McNamara – Dividing Ranges*

*Melbourne premiere

Glazounov – Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Strings
Rachmaninov – Symphony No. 2

Tues 16 October	7.30-10.30pm	MTH
Tues 23 October	7.30-10.30pm	MTH
Tues 30 October	7.30-10.30pm	MTH
Thurs 8 November	7.30-10.30pm	MTH
Tues 13 November	7.30-10.30pm	MTH
Thur 15 November	7.30-10.30pm	MTH
Sun 18 November	11am, 2.30pm perf	MTH

Please note: the rehearsal schedule will be posted on the website when it is available. It will be subject to change as the rehearsals progress.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS: Section Convenors

[Contact phone numbers are available to players by phoning or emailing the Office.]

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

Librarian Alan Miceli

IMPORTANT:

*If you wish to play in the next concert, 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.

Membership renewal 2007 – 2008 / DONATION

September 2007

name:

instrument:

occupation:

Age range: Under 18 18-35 36-50 51-65 Over 65
(important for our insurance requirements)

phone:

address:

suburb:

postcode:

email:

- I have enclosed **\$70**(including GST) for my membership (make payable to Stonnington Symphony), which will expire on 30 June 2008.
- I have enclosed **\$60** (including GST) for my concession membership (make payable to Stonnington Symphony), which will expire on 30 June 2008. 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) – tax-deductible donation
- I have enclosed a donation towards operating costs to the value of \$_____.
(make cheques payable to Stonnington Symphony) – non-tax-deductible donation
- I have electronically transferred \$_____ (includes GST) to **BSB 033072, account number 266570 – I have annotated my payment**

Application to play in the concert on Sunday 18 November 2007

*Please contact your convenor **before** sending payment. If you send in payment to the office, the General Manager cannot guarantee you a seat, particularly in the wind, brass or percussion sections. Thank you for your co-operation.*

- I wish to play in the concert on Sunday 18 November 2007, 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 to **BSB 033072, account number 266570 – I have annotated my payment**

Please forward completed form and payment to
The General Manager
Stonnington Symphony
PO Box 476
Prahran VIC 3181 Thank you!

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Stonnington Symphony

