



## Players' Newsletter June 2009

### From the Committee of Management:

It's half way through the year, with two concerts over and two fantastic ones still to come. The wonderful outdoor concert in February at Malvern Gardens, conducted by Raymond Yong and with special guests Deborah Conway and Willy Zygiel was enjoyed by a huge crowd. The varied program meant there was something for everyone, but I think the highlight were the pieces performed with Deborah and Willy. A big thank to them both for taking a punt and working with us, and a huge thank you to Ben Northey who orchestrated the songs.

Last weekend's May 31<sup>st</sup> concert at the Malvern Town Hall was also a huge success. An ambitious program it both challenged the players and delighted the audiences. Thank you to Jeff Crellin for suggesting we do The Planets and for conducting the concert. It was a grand affair with an orchestra of 88, a double women's choir of 20 voices and the beautiful theatre organ rising from the depths of the Malvern Town Hall.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the people and organisations that support Stonnington Symphony: the City of Stonnington, Armadale Cellars, Marshall White Real Estate, 3MBS, Swinburne University, Toorak Traders Association, East Malvern Branch -Bendigo Bank and our newest sponsor Bib Stillwell BMW.

**Next concert:  
Sunday August 16, 2009 at 2.30pm  
Malvern Town Hall, High St Malvern.**

Conductor – Barry Tuckwell  
French Horn – Jeffrey Ge

Barry Tuckwell, our current Artistic Director, will conduct this concert, with 16 year old French horn prodigy, Jeffrey Ge performing Strauss' First Horn concerto. Bruckner's Fourth Symphony (Romantic symphony), will also be on the program. For those of you who were at the concert Barry conducted last year, you might remember what a special occasion it was, and for those playing, I'm sure that experience is still fresh.

**Last concert:  
Sunday November 8, 2009 at 2.30pm  
Malvern Town Hall, High St Malvern.**

Conductor – John Hopkins  
Violin– Ji Won Kim

Ji Won Kim comes to Stonnington Symphony as the winner of the Australian Concerto & Vocal Competition and will be performing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto. Ji Won was also a finalist in 2008 ABC Classic FM Young Performer of the Year and is currently competing in the 2009 competition.

### **Rehearsals for next concert are as follows:**

Tuesday July 21, 7.30-10.30pm (strings only)

**Thursday July 23, 7.30-10.30pm**

Tuesday July 28, 7.30-10.30pm

Tuesday August 4, 7.30-10.30pm

Tuesday August 11, 7.30-10.30pm

**Thursday August 13, 7.30-10.30pm**

Sunday August 16 (reh'l time tbc), concert 2.30pm

Schedules for all concerts are on the website. If you wish to play in the next concert, you **MUST** contact your convenor no later than 2 weeks before the first rehearsal. Please check online or contact your Convenor to confirm when you are required.

### **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!**

Are you able to provide an hour or two to help the orchestra?

Wendy, the General Manager is constantly on the lookout for volunteers to assist with some tasks. These break down into three categories:

- **Administration:** like getting this newsletter out,
- **Day of the Concert assistance** - Box office, ushering and provision of after-concert refreshments
- **Fundraising** which is crucial to the long-term viability of Stonnington Symphony. The Committee of Management works tirelessly to set up and coordinate events such as sausage sizzles, trivia nights and potentially in 2009, a "ball", and we need help.

Having said all of that we are **looking for helpers** for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Oakleigh South on **Saturday September 5**. We need to sell as many sausages as we can between 9am and 4pm, so if you have a few hours available to assist, please contact the office.

## 2009-10 Memberships

Memberships for the financial year starting on July 1 2009 are due now. An early bird membership is being offered again this year, if paid up by July 31.

The rates are:

- \$70.00 per Full Playing Member
- \$60.00 (Early bird 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 09/10 financial year is \$30.00 per player per concert.

Payment can be made at rehearsals or send a cheque to the office. You can also transfer your fees electronically. Membership forms can be downloaded from the website.

### Small ensembles for hire

We are also building our reputation for providing small ensembles to outside hirers. You may be interested in being part of an ensemble-for-hire, or you may know someone who is looking to hire one for a special event. This both provides gigs for some of our players and supports the organisation. Please contact the office for further details.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

### Section Convenors

Violins (A-K)	Dorothy Connor	9882 2941
Violins (L-Z)	Irene Jordan	9888 8080
Viola	Paula Heyma	9822 0373
Cello	Julia Cianci	0413 840 839
Bass	Christine Bezie	0403 315 415
Flute	Aydin Abdullah	9397 8065
Oboe	Penny Dawe	0404 865 645
Clarinet	David Laity	0409 448 794
Bassoon	Libby McGrath	0413 849 980
Horn	Rob Harry	0419 304 929
Brass	Matthew Ayres	0433 268 885
Percussion	Christine Flood	9885 7816

Librarian Alan Miceli 9893 3252

### 2008-9 Orchestra Committees

#### Committee of Management

President	David Laity
Vice President	David Woods
Treasurer	Simone Rickerby

Secretary	Phillippa Clements
Ordinary Members	Julie Hock
	Diana Reardon
	Deborah Fraser (co-opted June 09)

#### Program Planning Sub-Committee:

Barry Tuckwell, Artistic Director  
Jenny Johnson, Convenor  
Aydin Abdullah  
Dorothy Connor  
Rob Harry  
Dannielle Wilkinson

#### Getting to know the Committee of Management

The 2008-9 Committee of Management includes a number of new members. We asked them about themselves.

**David Woods** - Violin (and viola) player. Joined SSO second concert 2008 and thinks it's fantastic. Recently retired after teaching History at Melbourne Grammar School for 35 years. Enjoys tennis, mountain biking, and cross country skiing. Family all involved in music one way and another.

**Julie Hock:** "As a keen concert goer, and lover of most kinds of music, being on the COM gives me positive involvement even though I am the non playing member. I enjoy travel, exercising, reading and the highlight of my recent trip overseas was a concert held in the marble salon of the Mirabell Palace in Salzburg."

**Deborah Fraser** – "My musical background includes a decade or so as a member of the viola section of Orchestra Victoria, followed by another decade or so as Head of Strings at Grimwade House, Melbourne Grammar School. Since leaving that position a few years ago, my career has taken off on different tangents, away from music and teaching. Finding I missed playing, I joined Stonnington Symphony in 2008. This has been a fantastic, positive and rewarding experience and I am revelling in playing the viola in an orchestra once again. Other interests include growing veggies, learning Italian and currency trading!"

#### Stonnington Symphony contact details

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# Stonnington Symphony Inc

## Membership renewal 2009 – 2010 / DONATION

June 2009

name:

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instrument:

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occupation:

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

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address:

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- I have enclosed **\$70**(including GST) for my membership which will expire on 30 June 2010.
- I have enclosed **\$60**(including GST) for my early bird membership (must be paid before July 31) which will expire on 30 June 2010
- I have enclosed **\$60** (including GST) for my concession membership, which will expire on 30 June 2010. 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_ ) – tax-deductible donation
- I have enclosed a donation towards operating costs to the value of \$\_\_\_\_\_. – non-tax-deductible donation

**Cheques should be made out to Stonnington Symphony and electronic payments** can be made to Bendigo Bank account Stonnington Symphony Inc BSB: 633-000, account No. 137030227

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Stonnington Symphony  
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