



Players' Newsletter

September 2009

From the Committee of Management:

The most recent concert on August 16 was conducted by Barry Tuckwell, with young French horn player Jeffrey Ge. What a fantastic performance from everyone. Thank you to all those that played; we noticed many exhausted players after the concert! Not that this was obvious from the audience who thought it was a marvellous and inspiring concert.

In late June, a group of 19 Stonnington Symphony string players organised by Julia Cianci, put on a well-attended chamber concert at Abbotsford Convent. They invited Raymond Yong to direct, conduct and be the pianist for the concert. This is the second year that Julia has organised a strings chamber concert supported by Stonnington Symphony Inc and we encourage other Stonnington Symphony players to consider the opportunity to do something similar. For more information about taking up this offer please contact Wendy Lasica at the office.

Following the last two Town Hall concerts, a cash bar has been running in the Banquet Room. This has been a new initiative this year, and replaces the afternoon tea which used to be served at interval. We would like to encourage you to bring your friends to the bar after the concert, enjoy a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), and participate in a fundraising opportunity for the organisation. Although we receive generous support from our sponsors, fundraising is also imperative to continue presenting these concerts. We hope to see you all there after the concert in November.

AGM time is almost here, and we wanted to encourage as many members as possible to attend. It will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday October 13 in the Banquet Room, Malvern Town Hall. For those of you playing in the next concert, it has been conveniently timed and located just before the rehearsal. All paid up members are eligible to attend and vote.

We would like to take this opportunity again to thank our sponsors this year especially the City of Stonnington and the East Malvern branch of the

Bendigo Bank. Representatives from both organisations have been at both our Town Hall concerts this year – that support is something that is highly valued by Stonnington Symphony.

Last concert:

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

Conductor – John Hopkins
Violin– Ji Won Kim

Program:

Elgar – Froissart overture
Mendelssohn – Violin Concerto
Beethoven – Romance in F
Vaughan Williams – Symphony No 5

Ji Won Kim comes to Stonnington Symphony as the winner of the Australian Concerto & Vocal Competition and will be performing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto. **STOP PRESS: Ji Won is a finalist in 2009 ABC Classic FM Young Performer of the Year to be held on October 22, 2009 and has just won second place in the Dorcas McClean Travelling Scholarship**

Rehearsals for next concert are as follows:

Tuesday October 6, 7.30-10.30pm (strings only) **at Prahran RSL, 301 High St, Prahran, Melways 2M A12. All further rehearsals at Malvern Town Hall as usual).**

Tuesday October 13, 7.30-10.30pm
Tuesday October 20, 7.30-10.30pm
Tuesday October 27, 7.30-10.30pm
Thursday October 29, 7.30-10.30pm
Thursday November 5, 7.30-10.30pm
Sunday November 8, 10.30-12.30 (rehearsal)
2.30pm (concert)

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.

Symphony under the Stars 2010 will be on Saturday February 27 at 7pm. Michael Lichnovsky will conduct, with Stephen Cummings, iconic Melbourne singer/songwriter as the extra special guest. The concert format will follow a similar model to 2009, with the orchestra performing part of the repertoire, then playing with Stephen for a couple of his songs and finally Stephen performing solo. Ben Northey has again generously offered to orchestrate the music.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!

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

Wendy, the General Manager is on the lookout for volunteers to assist with some tasks.

- **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 and they need some occasional help.

2009-10 Memberships

Memberships for the financial year starting on July 1 2009 are due now. Memberships are a vital part of the organisation's income and we encourage everyone to join.

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 09/10 financial year is \$30.00 per concert.

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

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

Section Convenors

Violins (A-K)	Dorothy Connor	9882 2941
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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
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2008-9 Orchestra Committees

Committee of Management

President	David Laity
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Program Planning Sub-Committee:

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

Visitors to Rehearsals:

For the next concert we are trialling some new security measures. We would prefer that rehearsals were not open to anyone except players in that concert. If you would like someone to attend, we need to know in advance, especially if it's the Sunday morning rehearsal prior to a concert. Please let Wendy know in advance if there will be guests.

We love having children come to hear Stonnington Symphony, and we encourage parents and carers to ensure children remain quiet and still during the concert.

Small ensembles for hire

We have been getting enquiries about hiring small ensembles for special events. 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.

Special Notices:

Joshua John Vivian, born 30/07/09, brother to Alannah and Samuel, son of Lisa Vivian, violinist! Congratulations Lisa.

Please update your email details by emailing the office at admin@stonningtonsymphony.org.au

Stonnington Symphony contact details

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Stonnington Symphony Inc

Membership renewal 2009 – 2010 / DONATION

June 2009

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 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

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BSB: 633-000, account No. 137030227

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