



Supporters' Newsletter

February 2009

From the Committee of Management:

Happy New Year and welcome back to another year of symphony concerts and great music-making.

We still carry the warm inner glow after the success of the 25th Anniversary Gala Concert and party last November. As Benjamin Northey's final concert with Stonnington Symphony as artistic director, it was a very appropriate finale to an influential period in the organisation's growth. We wish Ben the very best as he conducts myriads of concerts both here and overseas. However we hope that he will consider further engagements with Stonnington Symphony as a guest conductor. Having said that, he will not be completely missing from our very next concert; he may not be there in person, but he has done the orchestral arrangements for Deborah Conway's songs that Stonnington Symphony will perform with her.

A big thank you to 3MBS FM for broadcasting the 25th Anniversary concert the week after it was performed. We were proud and delighted by the quality and standard of playing and it's to everyone's credit that this concert was so warmly received.

2009 marks the beginning of Barry Tuckwell's artistic directorship and planning is well under way. Barry will be conducting one of the Town Hall Concerts this year as well.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the people and organisations that support Stonnington Symphony including the City of Stonnington, Armadale Cellars, Marshall White Real Estate, 3MBS, Swinburne University and the Toorak Traders Association.

A very special thank you to two people who have helped us to create the new Season Brochure for 2009: photographer Phil Roubin who came to a rehearsal last year and Andrew Ritchie who used his photos as the basis for designing the 2009 Brochure.

Our concert schedule again starts with a **free** concert:

Symphony Under The Stars, Malvern Gardens, High Street, Malvern Saturday February 28, 2009 at 7pm.

Conductor – Raymond Yong
Host – Francis Greenslade
Special guest – Deborah Conway

We have invited **Raymond Yong** to conduct an entertaining and outdoor-themed program. The orchestra worked with Raymond last year as a rehearsal conductor – and they were impressed. We are excited that he agreed to lead this first concert for 2009. Well known comic **Francis Greenslade** will mc the concert and we are delighted to have legendary singer/songwriter **Deborah Conway** as our extra special guest. This is an event that we present with the City of Stonnington and we encourage all of you to come and enjoy the event. Bring a picnic, your friends and family and spread yourself amongst the music and the stars.

Malvern Town Hall Series Concerts 2009

This year all three Malvern Town Hall concerts will be Sunday afternoons. The dates are May 31, August 16 and November 8.

Our first concert in the Malvern Town Hall Series will feature Annabelle Badcock, playing the beautiful Mozart Oboe Concerto, on Sunday 31st May 2009, conducted by Jeffrey Crellin. Also on the program is Holst's The Planets.

On Sunday August 16th at 2.30pm, Barry Tuckwell will conduct Jeffrey Ge, a 16 year old horn prodigy performing Strauss' First Horn Concerto. And the final concert for the year welcomes back conductor John Hopkins conducting the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, with soloist Ji Won Kim, a finalist in 2008 ABC Classic FM Young Performer of the Year.

Full Details of programs can be found in the accompanying Season Brochure and on our website.

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, or preparing the season brochure for mailing.
- **Day of the Concert assistance** - Box office, ushering and the provision of after-concert refreshments are all provided by our volunteers
- **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 with these.

Having said all of that we are **looking for helpers** for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Oakleigh South on **Saturday March 28**. 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.

And to all the volunteers who offered to collect the donations at the Carols By Candlelight last December, only to have it rained out on the night – a big thank you.

2008-9 Memberships

Thank you to those players who have paid their yearly membership fees for 2008-9.

If you still wish to join as a member (valid until June 30, 2009) 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**

Payment can be made by sending a cheque to the office. You can also transfer your fees

electronically. Membership form is attached or 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:

2008-9 Orchestra Committees

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Stop Press: We are thrilled to announce that Bendigo Bank, East Malvern Branch has become our first new sponsor for 2009.

Stonnington Symphony Inc

Membership renewal 2008 – 2009 / DONATION

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- I have enclosed **\$60** (including GST) for my concession membership (make payable to Stonnington Symphony), which will expire on 30 June 2009. I am a healthcare card holder / pensioner / full time student (circle appropriate category).
- I have enclosed **\$50** (including GST) for my non-playing membership (make payable to Stonnington Symphony), which will expire on 30 June 2009.
- 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 would like to electronically transfer my payment . Please contact the office for details, as they are about to change.

Please forward completed form and payment to
The General Manager
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PO Box 476
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