



Players' Newsletter

February 2010

From the Committee of Management

Happy New Year....

And welcome to an exciting year of concerts with Stonnington Symphony. We will be performing a distinctive combination of work with a range of guest artists, some of whom are returning and some are new to us.

They include:

Conductors

- Michael Lichnovsky and Vladimir Vais

Soloists

- Rosamund Illing, soprano, (May concert)
- Stephen Cummings, singer/songwriter, (SUS)
- Tony Gould, pianist/composer
- Graeme Lyall, saxophonist
- David Jones, percussionist
- Nick Haywood, double bass
for the inaugural Stonnington Symphony Jazz concert and
- David Thomas, clarinet, performing in the August concert.

The May concert, will be the closing concert for Stonnington Jazz. Stonnington Symphony is excited to be part of this fantastic local jazz festival. Our "crossover" concert has been developed with the generous advice of Dr Tony Gould and we are enormously excited to be performing two of his works. Tony will also be performing and is bringing a trio of his "friends", Graeme Lyall, David Jones and Nick Haywood to perform as well. The inclusion of these world-renowned jazz performers is a special opportunity for our players and audiences. The closing work in this concert will be Strauss' *Four Last Songs* with fabulous soprano Rosamund Illing, and Barry Tuckwell conducting. **This is a not-to-be missed event and reserving tickets** is highly recommended.

In August, returning to conduct is Vladimir Vais. The program will include Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4, as well as clarinetist, David Thomas' return to Stonnington Symphony as soloist in a new Australian

concerto by Nicholas Routley. This work was commissioned and premiered last year by Darwin Symphony Orchestra with David as soloist.

Barry Tuckwell conducts our November concert, which will get two performances - the first one at Malvern Town Hall and two days later at Castlemaine Town Hall. Please come twice or if you have friends in that area, please let them know.

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 all our concerts in 2009 - that support is something that is highly valued by Stonnington Symphony.

Symphony Under The Stars Saturday February 27, 2010 at 7.00pm Malvern Gardens, High St Malvern

Conductor: Michael Lichnovsky
Special Guest: Stephen Cummings

- Johannes Brahms - Hungarian Dance No.5
- Franz von Suppé - Light Cavalry overture
- Serge Prokofiev - Romeo and Juliet Suite No 2
- Aaron Copland - Hoe Down, dance episode no 4 from Rodeo
- Stephen Cummings performing a collection of his songs with Stonnington Symphony and solo
- Claude Debussy - Rhapsody for orchestra and saxophone
- Maurice Ravel - Alborada del gracioso

Rehearsal 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.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

In order to continue to program and develop the sorts of concerts Stonnington Symphony strives to perform, we need to ensure that we have the funds to do that.

The organisation's income comes from a variety of sources: City of Stonnington community cultural sponsorship, other sponsorships (like East Malvern branch of Bendigo Bank), box office sales, memberships and concert fees and fundraising.

Stonnington Symphony does incredible things with a relatively small operating budget. But we need to ensure that

the income side of this budget is at least maintained at current levels or hopefully increasing. Small amounts help – every membership and concert fee goes towards ensuring the quality concerts we all like to be part of.

Following are a couple of ways in which we have and continue to raise money in 2010.

Stonnington Symphony was honoured to have been invited by then Mayor Ullin to receive the proceeds of sales from this year's Carols by Candlelight event on December 19th. This amounted to over \$3,000 and is a huge boost towards our fundraising target for 2009- 2010. Heartfelt thank you's to members Christine Beziec, Mark Patrick (and his two sons), Helen Henzell and David Woods' next door neighbours for volunteering on the night.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH OR 6 FOR \$10

We will be running a Raffle during February which will be drawn at the Symphony Under the Stars concert. First prize is the loan of a BMW for a weekend (valued at \$1000), with other generous prizes provided by local businesses. We encourage everyone to purchase a ticket (or 6). We have 2,800 tickets to sell and we want to sell them all. It's not as many as you think. If every player sells 20 tickets, we would have already sold over half the tickets.

Please contact the office if you would like to buy some or to sell to your friends.

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 sell raffle tickets at *Symphony Under the Stars*. Please contact the office for further details, or if you are able to help.

2009-10 Memberships

Memberships are a key income stream for Stonnington Symphony. It is vital for the organisation to have a large body of paid up members. We encourage you to consider it, even if you have not done so in the past.

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.

Contact Wendy for details.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Section Convenors

Violins (A-K)	Dorothy Connor
Violins (L-Z)	Irene Jordan
Viola	Paula Hema
Cello	Michael Condon
Bass	Christine Beziec
Flute	Aydin Abdullah
Oboe	Penny Dawe
Clarinet	David Laity
Bassoon	Libby McGrath
Horn	Rob Harry
Brass	Matthew Ayres
Percussion	Christine Flood
Librarian	Alan Miceli

2009-2010 Orchestra Committees

Committee of Management

President	David Laity
Treasurer	David Woods
Secretary	Phillippa Clements
Ordinary Members	Simone Rickerby
	Julie Hock
	Deborah Fraser
	Dr Mark Patrick
	Sally Banks
	Paula Heyma

Program Planning Sub-Committee:

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

Visitors to Rehearsals:

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.

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

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