



## The Score

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Christmas greetings to all our supporters,

2014 has been a very interesting year for music in Geelong and we have been an important part of that. Thank you to all who came to our concerts, whether as subscribers or single ticket buyers. Thanks too, to our donors and sponsors and to the City of Greater Geelong, all of whose financial assistance has made it possible for us to bring wonderful musicians to Geelong and also to support local musicians through our sponsorship of the Australian Youth Classical Music Competition. We are thankful, too, to Sacred Heart College for making McAuley Hall available to us.

We are delighted to enclose the GCMS Series Brochure, detailing the concerts we will present in 2015. Two concerts will again be given by the *Melbourne Chamber Orchestra*, including a very special concert on 12<sup>th</sup> June, at which William Hennessy will be soloist in the Beethoven Violin Concerto. A close-up musical experience not to be missed.

The year commences with the *Flinders Quartet* – Victoria's premier string quartet. We are delighted that they are now able to play for us. The quartet will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Jean Sibelius, and have been invited to Finland later in the year to perform a number of his works there.

Pianist, *Daniel de Borah*, is sought after as a soloist and chamber musician both in Australia and overseas. He was a featured artist at this year's Australian Festival of Chamber Music and those of us who heard him were thrilled that his sensitive touch and seemingly effortless technique would be part of our series next year.

The year will conclude with violin and piano duo, *Duo Chamber Melange*. Ivana Tomaskova and Tamara Smolyar are members of the Faculty of Music at Monash University and have performed together for about fifteen years. They have chosen a beautiful program and their final item will provide a great finish to our season.

Sacred Heart College is again presenting a recital by Canadian pianist Avan Yu, who was the winner of the most recent Sydney International Piano Competition. You will see details of his concert on 8<sup>th</sup> May and you are invited to purchase tickets through GCMS.

The booking sheet is attached to the brochure and we hope you will subscribe or purchase tickets to several concerts. Ticket prices remain the same as last year and subscriptions provide a significant saving.

We also hope that you will share the good news with your friends and young musicians. We need to fill the hall for the Beethoven concert in June. It is an expensive exercise to bring the expanded orchestra to Geelong for this very special program, but we think you will be excited, as we are, about celebrating William Hennessy's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, by joining him for his performance of this iconic concerto.

We look forward to welcoming you for another year of beautiful chamber music in 2015.

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