



The Score

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Warm greetings to all our subscribers and supporters,

Winter is upon us and it is a good excuse to curl up with a good book or CD, as the leaves change colour and eventually fall to the ground. The autumn colours seem particularly beautiful this year, especially the many Manchurian Pears that have been planted in our leafy suburbs. Bonsey Rd, Highton also boasts a magnificent Japanese Maple that is worth a visit.

It might also be a good season to get out your Geelong Libraries card and take advantage of the wonderful service that has been arranged for Geelong music lovers.

The Naxos Music Library offers free streaming access to more than 52,677 CDs and 756,740 music tracks. It is free for all library members to access from the 'Online Collections' area of the GRLC website (www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au). People simply need to have their library membership card barcode and password handy. The library includes an extensive range of classic pop, rock music, jazz and other cultural music and will continue to grow each month.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

Since the last issue, the Society has held two general meetings. The first was a **Special General Meeting** to amend our Rules in a couple of respects. In particular, members approved an extension to the number of consecutive terms the President could serve from three to five. There were also a couple of minor amendments to clarify the circumstances in which notices could be given to members by email rather than post, and included in the Rules the members' right to inspect the books of the society. Thanks to all those who sent in a proxy form to record a vote.

Subsequently, we held the society's **Annual General Meeting**. The main business of the AGM is to receive the President's Report on the year's activities and also the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2011. Copies of both of these are available on the society's website, www.gcms.org.au. The Financial Statements show that 2011 was a watershed year for the society in that we achieved a surplus of \$19,700. The surplus for the previous two years had been \$105 and \$2,363 and these were only possible because of a contribution by Arts Victoria in the form of a Guarantee Against Loss for most of the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra concerts. Half of the 2011 profit came from the first two concerts: Anna Goldsworthy and the Grigoryan Brothers. The profit also takes into account the \$6,000 grant by the City of Greater Geelong, and the very generous donations by a number of supporters for which the committee is very grateful. The 2011 result has meant that your committee is able to plan ahead with confidence to bring some of the very best chamber musicians available to perform in Geelong. Thanks to all our members, subscribers and concert-goers for supporting the concerts as you have.

The meeting also 'elected' the committee for 2012-13. In fact, all the members of the 2011-12 committee were nominated for a further term and so were declared to form the new committee. This is very pleasing, since we welcomed a number of new committee members last year and have been working very well and happily together. We look forward to another good year, meeting new people and arranging wonderful artists for the 2013 series. We have already secured an exciting young pianist for a concert in May. Her/his identity will be revealed near the end of the year.

On the last page of this issue, you will find the application/renewal form for membership of the society (formally known as the incorporated association). The membership fee remains the same at \$20 and payment of the current year's membership fee is due by the end of June. Membership of the society is different from subscribing to the concerts. A society or club needs 'members', who elect a committee to manage the day-to-day affairs of the society (putting on the concerts), and are entitled to vote on matters that are brought to a general meeting of members. At present the society has 87 members.

GCMS Committee 2012-13

President:	Peter Horan	Vice-President:	Kevin McAvaney
Treasurer:	Don Williams	Secretary:	Helen Jordan
Committee Members:	Suzanne Alderson, Bev Dickie, David Eyres, Wendy Galloway, Jenny Horan.		

Our May Concert

Josephine Vains, cellist, wrote in an email before the concert - "Can't wait - preparing this program has been extremely enjoyable." That enthusiasm and love of Schubert's music showed through in the playing of all five musicians and resulted in a really spirited and memorable performance for the many in the audience for whom 'The Trout' is still the piece of chamber music they could not live without.

Melbourne Chamber Orchestra in June

As we have already reported, the Advanced String Players Workshops for 2012 have been cancelled, due to a lack of sufficient funding for that program. We are negotiating at present for two concerts by the orchestra in 2013 and for the Workshops to be re-instated at dates that make it possible for more students to participate.

Meanwhile, the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra will give our next concert, entitled 'Pure Strings' on Friday 22 June at 7.30 in McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College. The program includes two concertos for two violins by Bach and Vivaldi, featuring soloists Kate Sullivan, Rochelle Bryson, Francesca Hiew and Erica Kennedy and will conclude with Tchaikovsky's romantic *Souvenir de Florence*. Students who were hoping to participate in a workshop in 2012 are urged to come to hear these wonderful and dedicated string players and to talk with them at the conclusion of the concert.

Tickets are still available from GPAC: Phone 5225 1200 or www.gpac.org.au, and through the Secretary: Phone 5243 6931.

Prices are: Adult (incl. Senior) - \$45; Concession Card holder - \$40; Student - \$12. An additional discount is available from the secretary for bookings of 6 or more.

To order tickets through the Secretary, simply post a note of your order, with cheque for the total amount to GCMS, PO Box 988, Geelong 3220. We will return your tickets within a few days. Please remember to include your name and address in your order. Tickets will be available at the door but it helps us greatly if patrons obtain their tickets prior to the evening of the performance.

Donations to GCMS Inc – A registered Cultural Organisation

Even though we made a handy profit in 2011 and have placed funds on term deposit, the society is seeking donations from its supporters. Now that the society's concert series appears to be established, we hope that this reserve will grow sufficiently for the society to consider making some tangible and regular contribution to the music education or career of a promising young Victorian musician, or a group of student musicians. This is not something we are about to launch, but support of this kind is one of the stated Purposes of the society and we would hope to be in a position to advance the idea in the future. The Peninsula Music Society, based in Mornington, runs a very successful and extensive annual program, including a secondary and tertiary bursary competition, but they have been in existence for almost 50 years.. Their website is www.pmspmsmusic.asn.au.

Meanwhile, we have been very grateful for the support of the City of Greater Geelong, Arts Victoria and our donors and advertisers, and the recent good result meant that we were able to engage for 2012 musicians such as the Goldner Quartet and Piers Lane, who are able to command quite a high fee. We ask you to share our goals of bringing top quality musicians while still quietly building a reserve that might benefit young musicians in the not-too-distant future. If you would like to make a donation to the Geelong Chamber Music Society Inc Donations Fund, please complete the form attached and send it to PO Box 988, Geelong 3220. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.



GEELONG CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY INC
Application for Membership/Renewal of Membership 2012-13

Name(s)

of

wish to apply for/renew membership of the Incorporated Association for the year 2012-13.

Enclosed is cheque/money order for the **annual membership fee of \$20 per person**. Renewal of current membership is payable by 30 June 2012.

If you wish to have the newsletter and notices of meetings sent to you by email, please complete the following:

I/We wish to receive the society's newsletters and notices of meetings by email sent to the following address:

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I will inform the Secretary at admin@gcms.org.au if my email address changes.

Signed

Date

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GEELONG CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY INC

An organisation listed in the Australian Register of Cultural Organisations and having Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status for tax purposes.

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support the work and objectives of Geelong Chamber Music Society Inc.

Enclosed is the sum of payable to Geelong Chamber Music Society Inc Donations Account.

Please send the society's receipt to:

Name.....

Address

Your financial support for the society is very much appreciated.