



GEELONG CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY INC.

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Dear Music Lovers,

Our season of concerts began with a wonderful evening of music both pensive and exhilarating, performed by the unique and very professional **Raga Dolls Salon Orchestra** directed by violinist/composer David Osborne. David's new Violin Concerto will be given its premiere in the Iwaki Auditorium and will be broadcast at 3pm on Sunday May 30 on ABC Classic FM's Sunday Live program. The soloist is Rochelle Bryson whom you will remember from the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra and the Trio Anima Mundi.

While we were disappointed that only about 100 people attended, the music and the complimentary wine and supper were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, including those who were sceptical about this unfamiliar ensemble, but came anyway. Our thanks go to St Joseph's College whose Performing Arts Centre was an excellent venue for the concert and to their co-operative and supportive staff. Thanks, too, to the Geelong Advertiser for filling its *People* page with photos of our concert-goers on the following Friday.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Monday 19 April. We are delighted to welcome three new committee members. The new committee is: President, Peter Horan; Vice-President, Kevin McAvaney; Treasurer, Lynda Cooper; Secretary, Helen Jordan; Committee members, Helen O'Brien, Murray Symons, Bev Dickie, Ros Horne, Jenny Horan.

Helen O'Brien is well known in Geelong as a musician, teacher, pianist and harpsichordist and is vice-president of the Geelong Music Teachers Association. Murray (classical record and CD collector) and Kevin (chorister) have been supporters of the society since its inception and we are looking forward to hearing some new ideas from them all and to having them share the work of the committee.

The society's **membership subscription** will remain at \$20 per adult and \$40 for a couple or family. We do value our members greatly as a group of dedicated supporters on whom we can call for assistance and ideas from time to time. At present, there may not appear to be any particular benefits in membership but, if you are a member and would like to suggest a suitable reward for membership, the committee will be happy to discuss it. Subscriptions are now due for the 2010-11 year and we welcome new members. If you would like to renew your membership or become a new member, please complete the form on the back page, leave the address label attached and return it to the secretary, at PO Box 988, Geelong 3220, with cheque or money order for \$20 per adult or \$40 per couple or family.

Melbourne Chamber Orchestra Concert

Enclosed is a flyer for the next concert featuring the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra at McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College at 7.30pm on **Friday 14 May**. In this concert, Artistic Director, William Hennessy and member Katherine Lukey will each be the soloist in a violin concerto. Katherine will perform in J.S. Bach's Concerto in A flat minor and William in a concerto written especially for him by Douglas Weiland.

Thirty Geelong students are already working intensively with members of the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra in the **Advanced String Students Workshop**. The culmination of the workshop is their performance in one of the concert items alongside their mentors in the orchestra. We hope that their families and friends will be able to attend the concert to support them in this exacting and exciting appearance. **Tickets** for the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra concert are: Adult, \$45; Concession card holders (not Seniors card), \$35. Single tickets for students are \$12 and special prices for group bookings are available through the Secretary on 5243 6931.

2010 Series Subscriptions

Subscriptions are the life-blood of the society. Without a healthy number of subscribers, it is very difficult to budget and plan for the future. Thank you to all those who have already taken out subscriptions for the 2010 series. If you have not yet done so, we ask you to please subscribe to the series – **subscriptions for the remaining four concerts** are still available – Adult (including seniors): \$140, Concession card holders: \$110, and can be purchased at GPAC in person, on line at www.gpac.com.au or by phone 5225 1200 or through the secretary of the society on 5243 6931. The remaining four concerts are:

Friday 14 May, Melbourne Chamber Orchestra

Friday 30 July, Duo Pianists, Igor Machlak and Olga Kharitonova

Saturday 11 September, Australian National Academy of Music Woodwind Players

Friday 22 October, Melbourne Chamber Orchestra with Amir Farid, piano.

Single tickets are also available for any of the concerts from GPAC or the Secretary.

Tax-deductible Donations

A reminder that tax-deductible donations can be made through Australia Business Arts Foundation and directed to the society. If you are able to support the society in this way, please ask the president (52211234) or secretary (5243 6931) for a form or email admin@gcms.org.au. Forms will be also available at the concert on 14 May. Without the donations we received last year, we could not have ended the year as we did – with a profit of \$105! Part of this positive result was also due to our advertisers, the City of Greater Geelong grant and to Arts Victoria who provide a 'Guarantee Against Loss' for the touring concerts by the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra.

Can you help with Publicity?

If you are able to help distribute flyers for the 14 May concert by the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra to letterboxes in an area of Geelong or the surrounding towns, please let us know – 5243 6931. These marketing materials are produced by Regional Arts Victoria and are now available.

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I/We of

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wish to **renew** / **apply for** membership of the Geelong Chamber Music Society Inc
for 2010-11.

Enclosed is cheque/money order for \$20 (adult) / \$40 (couple of family)

I **am** / **am not** able to help to present the concerts.

If you are able to assist, please indicate a preferred activity.

If you would you like to receive a form to enable you to make a **tax-deductible** donation to the Australia Cultural Fund, operated by Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF),(website www.abaf.org.au) with a request that it be granted to the society, please tick here

If you are a **member of a music group**, e.g. choir, orchestra, school music department or society that would like to receive publicity about the concerts, please give us details.

Do you have a business that would like to discuss **advertising** in the concert programs or **sponsoring** a concert, or a concert series?

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