



The Score

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Hello again to all our members and supporters,

We are sending this newsletter by email to those who have given us an email address as we now have over 500 addresses on our mailing list and the cost of printing and mailing is becoming significant. If you would like a printed copy, please phone the secretary on 5243 6931.

Our 2011 concert series began on a high note with the beautifully shaped and performed piano recital of Anna Goldsworthy, who also shared with us some of the gems of her teacher Mrs Sivan, as related in her memoir *Piano Lessons*. It was a truly memorable evening, concluding, as it did, with the spell-binding Chopin Nocturne in D flat major.

We have been delighted by the many people who subscribed to the series this year, more than twice the number that subscribed in 2010. Thank you all for this support. It gives us confidence for the year ahead.

Grigoryan Brothers

Our next concert will be on 6 May, when the Grigoryan Brothers will perform. The concert is presented in conjunction with Musica Viva: our first joint presentation, but we expect to collaborate with them again. At this stage, we do not expect that there will be any tickets available at the door so, if you or your friends are hoping to attend, we suggest you contact the secretary or GPAC promptly. The front half of the auditorium will be reserved for subscribers.

Annual General Meeting

The other society event in May is the Annual General Meeting of members. Members will receive the Notice of Meeting with this newsletter. We urge you to come, even if you are not (yet) a member. The meeting will be held in the very comfortable Cafe at the front of St Bernard's Church in Fryers Rd., Belmont at 7.30pm on Monday 16 May. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the meeting and parking is easy.

An application for membership of the society, or for renewal of membership is included in this newsletter.

We are looking for new faces on the committee.

Our Treasurer for the past two and a half years, Lynda Cooper, is not able to continue. We are very grateful to Lynda who volunteered to set up and keep our financial records and budgets when the society was first established in

2008. Finding a new Treasurer is urgent as the society cannot function without one so, if you have any book-keeping experience, and are familiar with Excel, please consider nominating for the position. This is a very important role but the work is not onerous, as Lynda has set up the program so that most of the calculations are done automatically. You might like to speak to Peter 5221 1234 or Helen 5243 6931 to learn more before committing!

Ros Horne also wishes to resign to take on other responsibilities, so we are looking for new committee members. The committee is a friendly group and we get a lot of satisfaction from presenting these concerts. It is an exciting time in the society, with the number of both members and subscribers growing. We had almost 270 attend the Anna Goldsworthy recital and are expecting a full house of 350 for the Grigoryan Brothers. Many hands make lighter work on concert night, too.

Australia Business Arts Foundation

We have again been accepted by Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) as eligible to receive grants from the Australia Cultural Fund. At present, making a donation through the Fund is the only way that donors can receive tax deductibility for their donations to the society. We have lodged an application for the society to be included on the Register of Cultural Organisations and receive Deductible Gift Recipient status but, even if we are accepted, the process will take about six months. We are very grateful to all of you who made a donation last year. Your donations enable us to invite some internationally famous musicians, such as the Grigoryan Brothers and to continue to have two concerts by the 18-member Melbourne Chamber Orchestra. If you would like to make a donation through AbaF, please download the form from the website gcms.org.au or phone the secretary on 5243 6931. You may then post the form to the society (PO Box 988 Geelong 3220) or forward it direct to AbaF.

Coming musical events in Geelong

Other groups in Geelong are also presenting some wonderful musical events in the near future. On the Wednesday before Easter, Music at the Basilica will present the Mozart Requiem at St Mary of the Angels, at 8.00pm, sung by the choir of the Scots Presbyterian Church, Collins St, Melbourne with orchestra. Tickets from GPAC or at the door. Then on Sunday 1 May, Trio Anima Mundi present the first concert in their series at 3.00pm in St Paul's Anglican Church, Latrobe Terrace. More details from their website www.trioanimamundi.com.

We look forward to meeting you at our next concert on 6th May.

GCMS Committee members.

**GEELONG CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY INC.
APPLICATION FOR OR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP**

Please return to the Secretary, GCMS, PO Box 988, Geelong 3220 with cheque or money order for \$20 single, \$40 couple or family. Membership will continue to May 2012.

I/We wish to become/remain a member(s)/ of the Geelong Chamber Music Society Inc. for the year 2011-12.

Name(s): Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr.....

Address:

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I **am/am not** able to help present the concerts. If you are able to help, please indicate preferred activity and whether at the concerts, at other times or as a committee member.

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