



The Score

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Hello Music Lovers,

Another wonderful year of top-flight chamber music, brought to Geelong by the Geelong Chamber Music Society, has ended. We are so fortunate to be able to hear these ensembles in Geelong rather than having to travel to the Melbourne Recital Centre at a far greater cost. Every seat in McAuley Hall is Premium A Reserve, too. We hope you have enjoyed the ensembles we selected. In addition to presenting Victoria's flagship chamber orchestra, we aim to bring a variety of ensembles and instrumentalists and to spice each program with something unfamiliar, preferably Australian and contemporary, to educate our ears and open our minds to the ways in which composers of our own time are expressing their insights and emotions. A few photos taken at the final concert can be viewed on the website www.gcms.org.au.

In spite of some ups and downs in audience numbers, we have ended the year with a surplus, thanks in part to the Guarantee Against Loss provided by Arts Victoria. We are very grateful for this support. Without it, we would not be able to include the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra in the series. We are also grateful to Regional Arts Victoria as Geelong is not classified as 'regional', but the society is included in the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra regional Victorian tours, which are part of the *Arts Across Victoria* program managed by Regional Arts Victoria.

Thanks too, to our program advertisers and donors. Your moral support and financial contributions are vital to the society. We trust you have gained business and satisfaction from being associated with the concerts. Sacred Heart College has been generous, allowing us to use McAuley Hall and providing a technician and we are grateful to Officeworks, too, for printing the program inserts for us.

2011 is looking very exciting: the concerts in the series will be:

- 11 March: Anna Goldsworthy, piano
- 6 May Slava & Leonard Grigoryan, guitars
- 24 June Melbourne Chamber Orchestra
- 16 September Tinalley String Quartet
- 15 October Melbourne Chamber Orchestra

The first four are Friday evenings and the final concert date is a Saturday. You may like to put them in your 2011 diary now. More details of these superb musicians were published in the previous issue of *The Score* and program details will be available when our brochure is distributed. One of the soloists with the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra will be Rebecca Chan, a former first violinist and soloist with the orchestra and now in Sydney as a member of the Australian Chamber Orchestra.

Musica Viva

The Grigoryan Brothers concert in May will be presented in association with *Musica Viva*. We have recently talked with *Musica Viva* with a view to bringing more artists to Geelong, including some international ones, through its *Country Wide* program.

Subscriptions

We urge you to purchase a subscription ticket for the 2011 series. Subscriptions for five or four concerts are available. This will assure you of preferential seating for the Grigoryan Brothers concert. It will also greatly assist the committee with planning and budgeting!

Membership of the Society

The society now has over 60 members and we have been able to negotiate a number of special discounts for members at Geelong suppliers and services. On presentation of a membership card members will receive a 10% discount on purchases from The Geelong Art Gallery Shop, Paton Books (Nicholas St, Newtown), The National Wool Museum and Music Workshop (Fyans St)(20%). Oxygen Music (formerly Music Den) will provide members with its VIP card which entitles holders to discounts and special offers. Members are also invited to an end-of-year soiree at which one of Geelong's best young musicians will perform. This year, the invited guest will be Stephanie Gumienik, pianist, a finalist in the Geelong Advertiser regional scholarship competition in 2008. Stephanie has been studying Music at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music for the past two years. She is a former student of Sacred Heart College and studied piano with Helen O'Brien.

If you would like to join the society, please complete the enclosed form and send it, with the reduced membership fee of \$10.00 for the remainder of the society's year (ending in May), to the Secretary, GCMS, PO Box 988, Geelong 3220.

Committee

The committee would welcome anyone who would like to help present the concerts. The enterprise is very rewarding but 'many hands make light work'. If you have skills in obtaining sponsorship, marketing, book-keeping or have some time and enthusiasm to help present the concerts, please phone Peter 52211234 or Helen 5243 6931.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

You may like to consider some of these ideas for Christmas as gifts for yourself or a friend:

- Series subscription to the GCMS 2011 Series of concerts. Attractive vouchers are available from the secretary, phone 5243 6931, and prices remain the same as 2010 –
Five concert subscription: Adult \$170, Concession Card holders \$130, Student \$50.
Four concert subscription: Adult \$140. Concession \$110. Student \$40.
(Please note that Concession Card does not include Seniors Card)
- Vouchers for tickets to a single concert - \$45 for the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, Grigoryan Brothers and also for 'Open' tickets, and \$35 for Anna Goldsworthy and Tinalley Quartet. Contact the secretary, 5243 6931.
- Anna Goldsworthy's memoir "Piano Lessons" and her CD of the same name. The book has recently been re-printed and should be available in all good bookshops. At her recital in 2011, Anna will speak about her experiences as a pianist and the importance of particular pieces and composers to her. Paton Books were ordering copies of the book and the price is about \$28. The CD should be available at the ABC Shop in Westfield.
- Gifts from our members' supporters – Paton Books, the Geelong Art Gallery and the National Wool Museum, Music Den. All have a wonderful range of quality gifts for children and adults.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas from *Committee members of Geelong Chamber Music Society*. We look forward to meeting you again at the concerts in 2011.

Geelong Chamber Music Society Inc. Application for Membership

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Hereby apply for membership of the Society for the year 2010-11.

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***Cheque/Money Order for \$10 is enclosed.

Please indicate if you would like to

- join the committee;
- help on the night to present the concerts; or/and
- receive a form to enable you to make a tax-deductible donation to the society through Australia Business Arts Foundation.

Return to the Secretary, GCMS, PO Box 988, Geelong. 3220.