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President Ian's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

I'm not sure that I want to think about Christmas just yet! However our next concert will be our annual 'Christmas in Vienna' concert at the Austrian Club which is always popular so book early to avoid disappointment. Johanna Shakes is organising a special Christmas raffle for this concert with extra prizes. Profits from the raffles we hold at our concerts contribute to the annual awards we give to the young musicians from the Australian National Academy of Music who perform for us so brilliantly. By buying a ticket you are helping to foster the talent of these young, gifted artists of the future.

I'm sorry our last concert at Whitefriars College clashed with Fathers Day but it was the only Sunday our guests from Vienna, Thomas Weinhappel and Stephen Delaney, were in Melbourne. Those who chose to attend the concert were richly rewarded with wonderful performances from all the artists on the programme. We will avoid Fathers Day in 2009! My thanks to Whitefriars College for allowing us to use their very comfortable Performing Arts Auditorium which we hope to use again in 2009. Also to the members of the Kiwanis organization who so generously gave up their time to provide the afternoon tea.

Last Saturday at our Committee meeting plans for 2009 were being drawn up. We still need to finalise some details and hope to get dates etc. out to you before the end of the year. At this point of time keep Sunday 22nd February free for a delightful jaunt into the countryside to a special destination. More later!

Spring is such a wonderful time of the year and I am really enjoying the warmer weather. Hope you are too.

All the very best,

Ian Lowe

From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the third Newsletter for 2008. It was encouraging to see that notwithstanding it being 'Father's Day' approximately 140 people enjoyed "***Greetings from Vienna***" with Viennese baritone, Thomas Weinhappel and soprano, Lexi Hutton at the Whitefriars College Auditorium last month. We were also most fortunate to have two young performers from ANAM who each had recently won a Robert Stolz Award; Laurence Matheson on the piano and Chloe Law, violin play for us. We have included some photo's that were taken at the concert. The Kiwanis Club of Doncaster-Templestowe provided a delicious variety of biscuits, fruit cake and tea/coffee for afternoon tea. All proceeds from the sale of the afternoon tea go to local community projects so your help is greatly appreciated.

Our next concert "***Christmas in Vienna***" with **Marilla Holmes**, soprano, **Adam Wood**, tenor and our own President, **Ian Lowe** plus an exciting young instrumental Trio will be held on Sunday 30th November at the Austrian Club commencing 2:00pm. This concert is very popular so please book early to secure your tickets.

Your committee is currently working very hard planning the 2009 concert programme. We plan to publish issue four of this Newsletter prior to the end of 2008 and it will include full details of concerts for the coming year for you.

Until next time

Kindest regards,

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A Reminder from our Membership Secretary

All members who have not yet paid their annual subscription are reminded that they were due on 1st July 2008 and any unfinancial members will not be eligible to receive members discounts on concert tickets. Please forward any outstanding dues to RSVMS Membership Secretary, PO Box 685, Boronia Vic 3155.

ANAM – Robert Stolz, Viennese Music Society Awards for 2008.

ANAM recently announced the winners of the Robert Stolz awards to four ‘Young Academy’ instrumental students as shown below:

Laurence Matheson

From the age of three, Laurence took lessons in Guitar. When he had access to a piano at age five, he became excited at the complexity of piano music and by how much more he could produce. Laurence began taking piano lessons at the age of 5. He has attended Young ANAM for 4 years and learns piano from Rita Reichmann. In 2007 he won the under 12 section of the Yamaha Piano Competition. Laurence has enjoyed the opportunity of playing at the Robert Stoltz Viennese Society on a number of occasions. He learns music composition from Richard Gill. He also plays chess and is the current Australian under 12 champion and was the 2006 under 10 champion.

Chloe Law

Chloe Law is 11 years old and is a year six student at Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School. Although she learns the erhu, drums and percussion, Chloe’s principal instrument is the violin. She is the leader of the school junior orchestra and a member of the Melbourne Chinese Philharmonic Orchestra. Chloe is also a student of the Young Academy at the Australian National Academy of Music.

This year, Chloe was the winner of the Paul McDermott Violin Scholarship for 15 years and under. She also won first prize for the Stella Nemet Award of the Musical Society of Victoria.

Alongside music, Chloe enjoys netball as well as hockey. She is also a keen member of her school’s Junior Maths Olympiad team.

Willard Yinan Zhong

Willard plays the violin and is currently studying with Mark Mogeileveski. He joined the ANAM - Young Academy in 2004. He has made a big improvement since then and is currently playing the first movement of the Wieniawski Concerto No. 2 in D minor.

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This year, Willard as a 12 year old has been awarded a Full scholarship to Melbourne Grammar School. His favourite composer is Paganini because of his famous 24 caprices.

Mana Ohashi

Mana is a ten year old violinist. She is a very experienced performer and in the past two months has performed the Mendelssohn violin concerto as well as Vivaldi's famous 4 seasons in addition to many famous show-pieces for violin.

***'Greetings from Vienna'* Concert at Whitefriars College**

On Sunday 7th September (Father's Day) our Society held its third concert for 2008, this time at Whitefriars College, Healy Wilson Auditorium.

This is the first time we have staged a concert in this auditorium. Set in a delightful semi bushland setting, with rolling green hills and golden wattle blossom, the theatre has a cosy, intimate atmosphere. The programme featured the delightful soprano, Lexi Hutton and direct from Austria, the celebrated Viennese baritone, Thomas Weinhappel.

Because of the excellent acoustics, there was no need for amplification, thus freeing the artists from the confines of the microphone. This allowed the singers to move about the stage, to give expression to their work.

Particularly enjoyable was Lexi's rendition of 'The Laughing Song' from 'Die Fledermaus' also the aria, 'I am a Bird Catcher' from the 'Magic Flute', sung by Thomas. Both soloists were accompanied by Janet Perkins for Lexi and Stephen Delaney for Thomas.

Also on the program; in keeping with the Society's Policy, to encourage young musical talent: were violinist, Chloe Law and pianist, Laurence Matheson. Both these young performers demonstrated dexterity and good musical understanding. It was a pleasure to have them play for us.

In summary, the program was well balanced with serious and light hearted works, adding up to a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

We give many thanks to everyone concerned.

Reviewed by: ***Don Chisholm.***

Greetings from Vienna – Whitefriars College.



Lexi Hutton, Thomas Weinhappel and his accompanist, Stephen Delaney gave a wonderful performance for us all.



Intermission was an enjoyable time to chat and catch up with friends

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Concert Programme 2008

April 27th:

Austrian Club—

“Dreaming of Vienna”

July 13th:

*Whitehorse Centre - “Romance of Vienna”
Gala Concert with Frank Pam and the Melbourne
Musicians Orchestra and leading singers,
instrumentalists etc.*

September 7th

At Whitefriars College Auditorium, Donvale

“Greetings from Vienna” Concert.

With exciting young Viennese Baritone:

Thomas Weinhappel and

Lexi Hutton, Soprano,

*accompanied by Stephen Delaney on the piano
plus other exciting young instrumentalists.*

November 30th:

Austrian Club - “Christmas in Vienna” Concert with

Marilla Holmes, soprano

Adam Wood, tenor.

and other exciting performers.