

Friends of the ANU School of Music

Newsletter, 6th September 2008

President's Column

Our Committee meetings in July and August decided on more grants to students. We will assist the Dominant7 transport their percussion instruments to Wagga for a concert and workshop in November. And we are making a grant to Hilary Manning, a harp student, to enable her to hire a harp while she completes her 3rd year B. Mus on exchange at the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto. The Vice Chancellor is very supportive of such exchange arrangements and is also giving Hilary some financial assistance.

The end of July jazz concert was a great success with a capacity crowd. Both the James LeFevre Quintet and the Austin Benjamin Trio gave marvellous performances. At our August meeting we were very pleased to have a presentation from Austin, describing how the trio had used our grant to record, mix and produce their CD.

The Committee also resolved to commit \$5,000 to a new annual award commencing in 2009, open to recent graduates of the School, which we hope will be called the Transition to Professional Career Award. The rules have been drafted and are currently in the hands of the university's Prizes and Scholarships Office. We see this award as filling a gap between the present *ad hoc* awards for student projects and the Staff Travelling Fellowship

Planning is well underway for two more lovely concerts. The programs for the flute concert on 21 September and the concert at the Austrian Embassy in October are being developed by Virginia Taylor and David Pereira respectively.

The School's Open Day was on Saturday 30 August and the Friends manned a table as we have done over many years. This day of intense musical activity by staff and students alike, attracted many visitors and much interest.

Christine Goode
President

Concerts and diary dates

On **Sunday 21st September 2008** at **3.00pm** in the School's **RR3** (Tickets at the door Single \$25, Friends \$20, Students \$10). **The Fantastic Flutes** of the ANU, including mentors Virginia Taylor and Vernon Hill, will present a colourful and varied musical feast, ranging from serene and intimate soli to dazzling repertoire of the nineteenth century; from small ensembles to the grand colours of the entire flute family. This concert is an important fund raiser for the Friends and we hope you can be there.

Friday 17th October 2008 will see the Friends' final fund raising event for the year. His Excellency Ambassador for Austria, Dr Hannes Porias has kindly invited us to the **Residence at 7 Somers Crescent, Forrest**. (NOTE: This is NOT the Chancery, which is nearby in Talbot St. Make sure you come to the Somers Crescent entry.) The time is **6.30 for 7pm**. Dress **Lounge suit**. Light supper and refreshments will be served after the concert.

The program will be presented by **David Pereira** and **Friends**. The program is not yet finalised but is likely to have works by Mozart, Schubert, Milhaud, Schoenberg and possibly Bach solo. There is one student and three professionals – we can look forward to a marvellous evening of music.

As always with embassy venues, we must have prior booking and pre-payment. A form is included on this Newsletter for this purpose. Note that we will be giving a nominal list to the embassy beforehand. If you are not readily able to photo-copy the form and keep the detail to remind, note that Ed has placed the form so that you can cut it off and not lose the essential information.

That is not all. Take note, that at two concerts to be held at the Wesley Music Centre, the first on **Friday 26 September 2008** at **7.30pm** (concessions \$20), the second the following day at **3pm**, **David Pereira**, with associates Arnan Wiesel and Susanne Powell will be playing the complete works composed by Beethoven for cello and piano accompaniment. The first concert has the two Sonatas Opus 5 and three sets of variations, the second features Sonatas Opus 102/1 and 102/2 and 'Little variations' arranged by Isserlis

The **3rd Australian Harp Festival**, will be held at the School from **26th to 29th September**. As the brochure says, this will be an amazing weekend of Concerts, Workshops and Seminars; a heavenly opportunity for all harpists and music lovers. The following concerts will be given in Llewellyn Hall; **Friday 26th September** at **7.30pm** (Friends \$15), Mary MacMaster & Donald Hay (Scotland) and Jali Buba Kuyateh (The Gambia); **Saturday 27th September** at **6pm**

(Friends \$20), Judy Loman (Canada); **Sunday 28th September** at **4pm** (Friends \$15), Harps en masse! For details, full Festival or day passes ph. 6125 5700.

We invite you to support

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Booking and prepayment for places

Yes, I/we wish to reserve and pay for places at the Friends' concert to be held in the Residence of the Ambassador for Austria , 7 Somers Crescent FORREST on Friday 17th October 2008;

Title/given name/surname

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No. of Tickets required.....

Total cost (Single, full price \$35), Members of the Friends (\$30).....

Names of guests.....

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Cheques should be made payable to **Friends of the School of Music ANU. Inc.**, attached to completed form and posted to the **Friends SoM (Bookings), Attn; Mrs Virginia Berger, 12/9 Bowen Drive, Barton, ACT 2600.**

Booking queries (especially for late applications) can be directed to Virginia at e-mail **vpberger@bigpond.net.au** (preferred) or ph. 6273 0001