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Friends of the Choir Concert

Our annual Friends of the Choir Concert on April 17th was, as usual, very well attended. The near full house audience was treated to a wide variety of music from the choir and a number of guest artists.

The Metropolitan Boys Choir made a much anticipated first appearance, and received a standing ovation from both the audience and the men's choir. They also received foundation member certificates from President Colin Barry.

Our new accompanist, Alan Braley, as well as accompanying both the choir and several guest artists, showed his great skills at the keyboard with two solos. One of these was a brilliant rendition of Billy Joel's Root Beer Rag.

Deputy MD Stella Penozzo's beautiful soprano voice entranced the audience with several solos as well as in a duet arrangement of Sunrise Sunset with MD Evan Patton

William Raftery, the 15 year old runner up in last year's MMC Scholarship Competition, wowed us all with his jazz guitar playing.

The audience reaction, and comments made by the Friends to a number of choir members afterwards, over the sumptuous afternoon tea, made it clear that this is an event that should remain in our calendar indefinitely.

VERY IMPORTANT

Friends of the Choir List Update

As those of you who came to our Friends of the Choir Concert already know, we are in the process of updating our Friends of the Choir List.

We realise that some of our original members who joined nearly 20 years ago are sadly no longer with us, and others no longer wish to receive MetNotes. This results in a waste of paper, printing costs and postage, not to mention the leg work involved in our choir members hand delivering many of them.

Update forms were given to everyone who attended the Friends' Concert, with a request to fill them in **regardless or not of whether they are already members**. Thank you to those who filled them in on the day. It appears that almost 150 were taken home, and hopefully a large number of these will be returned by post.

We are giving **everyone** on the Friends list a chance to **renew their membership** by sending back the form enclosed with this MetNotes.

If you were one of those who filled a form in at the Friends concert, or sent one back afterwards, you do not need to do it again. **However, if you don't fill in either of the forms, please be aware that you might stop receiving MetNotes after this edition.**

Proms 2011

Our Proms Concerts this year will be held at the Adelaide Town Hall on Saturday 27th August (at 7.30 pm) and Sunday 28th August (at 2.00 pm). Several meetings have already taken place between our MD Evan Patton, this year's Proms organizer Stephen Coombe, and the MD of the Australian Army Band Adelaide, Captain Dean Griffiths. Arrangements are in full swing, and it promises once again to be a memorable afternoon or evening's entertainment.

A booking form is enclosed with this edition of MetNotes. Please note that **no bookings will be processed until Thursday May 26th**. If you send a booking in before that date you will not 'jump the queue', because all orders received before that date will be treated as having arrived on May 26th. Any bookings arriving after that date will be processed strictly in the order of arrival.

Australian Central Credit Union Lottery

The choir is again participating in the Australian Central Credit Union Lottery as part of our fund raising effort. There are many valuable prizes to be won, and it is very important for choir fundraising in that all the money received from the sale of tickets comes back to the choir. You can order tickets using the Event Booking Form enclosed with this MetNotes.

Film Afternoon

Our annual Film afternoon will be held on Sunday May 29th at the Capri Cinema, 141 Goodwood Road Goodwood. Doors will open at 2.00 pm, there will be an organ recital at 2.20 pm, followed by a short choir concert starting at 2.50 pm.

The film, which screens at 3.50 pm, is the English comedy "Made in Dagenham", which has had some excellent reviews.

Tickets are only \$12, and can be ordered on the enclosed Event Booking Form.

New Choir CD

Those of you who attended the Friends concert will have heard that we are planning to record a new CD later in the year. The CD is to be called "Let All Men Sing", and it will include a number of songs new to our repertoire.

It is hoped that the new CD will be ready for sale at the Proms concerts in August.

2012 Overseas Tour

The Metropolitan Male Choir has been honoured to be invited to participate in a special pre Olympic Games Concert in London next year. The choir's overseas visit committee, under the leadership of Bruce Whitehead, has been very busy putting together an itinerary.

The proposal is to travel to London via North America,

with concerts in Boston as well as in Canada's Maritime Provinces, before arriving in the UK.

We hope to make a quick visit to South Wales, regarded as the 'spiritual home' of Male Choirs, before the big concert at London's Alexandra Palace on July 7th.

Some Diary Dates for the remainder of 2011.

1 May 2.00 pm PSA Craigmore Christian Centre.*

15 May Moonta Mines UCA Heritage Service

29 May 2 pm Film Afternoon, Capri Cinema, Goodwood Road.

26 June PSA St Martin's Anglican Church Campbelltown.*

27 and 28 August. Proms. Adelaide Town Hall

5 to 14 September "Out of the Square" Concerts at various venues.

23 October. Joint concert with Festival Satesmen.

20 November PSA Lutheran Church Salisbury.*

3 December Christmas Celebration Elder Hall

Concerts indicated with an * are not organised by the MMC. Please check times and dates with the organisers.

