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2009 the year ahead

Here we are at the start of another year, and what an interesting year it promises to be. One of the highlights of the year will undoubtedly be the concert tour of New Zealand in October, but before that we will have a full programme of concerts and Pleasant Sunday Afternoons. A summary of our concerts appears on the second page.

We are beginning the year with two of our annual favourites, the Gymanfa Ganu in February and the Friends of the Choir Concert in April. At the bottom of this page is a tear off booking slip for both of these, and we invite you to make bookings as soon as possible.

Cut out the booking form and send it, with payment, to **Allan Huddleston at 55/33 Sylvan Way, Grange, SA 5022**. His telephone number, should you wish to reach him, is 8355 0160.

If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to "The Metropolitan Male Choir of SA Inc"

Friends of the Choir List Update

In recent months we have heard of a number of Friends who are no longer able to attend concerts, and wish to be removed from the MetNotes distribution list. In the interests of saving paper and postage, not to mention the physical efforts of our choir members who hand deliver MetNotes, we have decided that it is time to do a complete update of our Friends of the Choir list.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, or know of anyone who should be removed from the list, please let the Newsletter Editor, Bob Triggs know. Conversely if you know anyone who would like to receive our Newsletter, let Bob know. His telephone number and email address can be found at the bottom left hand side of this page.

Electronic Version of MetNotes

We have also had several requests recently for an electronic version of MetNotes, so we have decided to offer an email edition for those of you wishing to receive it that way. Just send an email request to Bob Triggs, and he will do the rest.

EVENT	PRICE	NO. OF TICKETS	TOTAL COST
Saturday 28 February at 7.30 pm Gymanfa Ganu at Flinders Street Baptist Church	\$10 per person		
Sunday 19 April at 2.00 pm Friends of the Choir Concert Salvation Army Hall, Arndale	\$10 per person		

Purchaser's Name
Address.....
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Telephone No.....

Post this form with payment and stamped self addressed envelope to:-
Mr Alan Huddleston 55/33 Sylvan Way, Grange SA 5022

New Musical Director

As mentioned in the last edition of MetNotes, Don Noblet informed the choir last year that he wishes to retire from his position as Musical Director after the New Zealand tour in October 2009. He became Musical Director of the choir in 1981, so by October of this year he will have been our MD for around 28 years, which is an outstanding achievement.

In September 2008, the choir advertised for a Musical Director to take over from Don, and we have recently been conducting interviews for the position. There were four outstanding applicants, which, at the time of writing, have been reduced to two. We hope to be able to announce Don's successor soon.

In the 80 years the choir has been in existence there have only been three Musical Directors, so a change in leadership is not something we are used to, nor indeed take lightly. It is an interesting fact that, of the current membership of 85 singers, only 6 were members of the choir when Don Noblet took over the baton.

The enormous contribution Don has made to the choir has been very much appreciated by all of us, and he will undoubtedly be missed. However, we all look forward with excitement to a new era ahead of us.

Accompanist News

Our accompanist **June Genders** is currently holidaying in England with her son David, his wife and their new baby. Meantime **Mavis Goodman**, the choir's first pianist, recently celebrated her 101st birthday. Mavis is the daughter of the choir's first conductor, Clarrie Roberts. Mavis also had a marvellous soprano voice and was a featured artist at choir concerts. The choir sent Mavis a card, and a copy of our new CD, for her birthday.

Mavis attended our 75th birthday celebrations in 2003, but was unable to attend our 80th celebrations last year. She is currently a resident at Hillside Lodge, Heathfield.

New Zealand Tour 2009

As was reported in MetNotes last year, the Metropolitan Male Choir will be undertaking a concert tour of New Zealand in the second half of 2009. Currently 43 choristers have indicated they will be taking part.

The choir will be participating in the tenth birthday celebrations of the National Male Choir of New Zealand in Nelson on October 24th. We will fly out of Adelaide for Auckland on October 11th, and fly home from Christchurch on October 29th. The itinerary will include the following concerts, as well as plenty of sightseeing.

14 October. Evening concert with Bay of Island Singers at Kerikeri.

16 October. Evening concert with Hamilton Civic Choir.

18 October. Afternoon concert with Taranaki Male Choir.

21 October. Evening concert with Wanganui Male Choir.

24 October. Evening concert with National Male Choir of New Zealand in Nelson.

28 October. Evening Concert with Christchurch Liedertafel

The New Choir CD

We have been very pleased with the sales of our new CD. Many of you who attended the Proms Concerts and the Christmas Celebration at Elder Hall last year have already purchased copies. The CD is called "You Raise Me Up", and, as well as the title track, includes What Would I Do Without My Music, Kings Of Swing and fourteen other songs not previously recorded by our choir.

The CD sells for \$20 and will be available for purchase at the Gymanfa Ganu and the Friends of the Choir Concert as well as any of our Pleasant Sunday Afternoons.

Diary Dates for 2009

**28 Feb 7.30 pm Gymanfa Ganu
Flinders St Baptist Church**

**19 April 2.00 pm Friends Concert
Salvation Army Arndale**

**17 May 1.30 pm Heritage Service
Moonta Mines UC**

**24 May Film Afternoon Capri
Cinema**

**14 June PSA Forest Place
Lifestyle Village Happy Valley**

**28 June PSA Fulham/Henley
Beach UCA**

**12 July PSA St Martins Anglican
Campbelltown**

26 July PSA Maitland Eldercare

**Sat 29 Aug. and Sun 30 Aug.
Annual Proms Concerts**

**13 Sept. PSA The Ark Lutheran
Salisbury**

**27 Sept. PSA The Parks Lifestyle
Village Pasadena**

**11 Oct to 29 October.
New Zealand Concert Tour**

**5 Dec. Christmas Celebration
Concert in Elder Hall Adelaide**

**16 Dec. Carols at the Royal
Adelaide Hospital**