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New Musical Director Appointed

The Metropolitan Male Choir is delighted to announce that Mr Evan Patton has been selected to be our new Musical Director when Don Noblet retires later this year. Don will officially step down as MD at the end of the New Zealand Tour on 29 October. Evan has already been appointed as our Deputy MD, but at our AGM on 22 July he will be officially confirmed as MD as of 29 October.

The choir is very fortunate to have obtained his services, and we look forward with great excitement to working with him in the future. More details of his qualifications and experience can be found on the back page.

Community Lottery 2009

Once again we are selling Australian Central Community Lottery Tickets as one of our fundraisers this year. All the money from the sale of the tickets will come to the choir. There are 130 fabulous prizes to be won, valued at \$260,000. They include a car, a caravan, and a \$20,000 overseas holiday. You can either buy single tickets at \$2 each, or whole books of 10 tickets for \$20 to sell to friends.

Milton Lewis is our Lottery organiser. His address is 559 Military Road Largs North 5016, and his telephone number 8248 4706. He will need to receive the money for the tickets before sending them out. For single tickets please enclose a Self Addressed Envelope, but if ordering whole books, we will pay the postage

Friends of the Choir Concert

If you have not yet booked tickets for our annual Friends of the Choir Concert on 19 April, please send your orders in using the booking form at the bottom of the page.

Cut out the booking form and send it, with payment, and a self addressed envelope, 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"**

If you wish to order lottery tickets as well as tickets for the Friends Concert, send both orders to Allan Huddleston

Film Afternoon Date Change

In the last edition of MetNotes we published the date of this year's Film Afternoon as 24 May. Due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to change this to Sunday 31 May.

We can also tell you now that the film will be a new release "Last Chance Larry" starring Dustin Hoffman and Emma Thompson. As usual, in addition to the film, you will be entertained by the Choir and the Capri Organ, all for \$10 per ticket. You will also be able to purchase afternoon tea at the Theatre. Please send your orders, with money and self addressed envelope to Allan Huddleston at his address above. The doors of The Capri will open at 2 pm, the organ recital start at 2.20 pm, and the choir sing at 2.50pm, followed immediately by the film.

EVENT	PRICE	NO. OF TICKETS	TOTAL COST
Australian Central Community Lottery Tickets	\$2 per ticket \$20 per book of 10		
Sunday 19 April at 2.00 pm Friends of the Choir Concert Salvation Army Hall, Arndale	\$6 per person		
Sunday 31 May 2.00 pm Film Afternoon at The Capri Cinema.	\$10 per ticket		

Purchaser's Name.....
Address.....

Our New Musical Director

As reported on the front page, the Metropolitan Male Choir considers itself very fortunate in securing the services of Evan Patton as Musical Director, to succeed Don Noblet, following the New Zealand Tour.

Evan is highly qualified both in the fields of education and music. He has had training in conducting from a number of eminent teachers, including Vincent La Selva at the New York Grand Opera Company, Hugo Weisgall at the Julliard School and Myer Fredman at the State Opera of SA.

Evan's conducting appointments between 1989 and 2005 include periods with The Chandos Corale, the Corinthian Singers, the Aeolian Singers, the Mount Barker High School Band and Vocal Ensemble and the Australian Girls Choir. He sees his role as conductor as being to train and empower choristers to give of their best musically and technically, while understanding that, for choristers, it is something they do out of a love of music.

Evan is also an accomplished musician and singer, having played violin and piano/keyboard with various orchestras and groups. He has had singing lessons with Arnold Matters and Norma Hunter, appeared in stage musicals and with a jazz vocal quartet, and has sung with the chorus of the State Opera of SA for the last 12 years.

Evan says he is committed to making the best music possible with the available resources and enjoys working with others to develop and implement processes to ensure that occurs. He prides himself on his ability to build team spirit and on his skills in considering varying points of view, while still providing efficient and strong leadership in a timely manner.

Friends of the Choir List Update

Quite a number of people took the trouble to contact us following our request in the last edition of MetNotes. Our Friends of the Choir list has now been updated and reduced somewhat in size.

If you decide sometime in the future that you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, or you would rather receive it by email, please contact the Newsletter Editor, Bob Triggs. His telephone number and email address can be found at the bottom left hand corner of the front page.

Gymanfa Ganu

Thank you to all the Friends of the Choir who supported this year's very successful Gymanfa Ganu on 28 February. We had a lot of positive feedback, both on the quality of the music, and the fact that we donated the proceeds of the concert to the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal.

The final figures are yet to be calculated, but it appears that the money derived from ticket sales, plus the collection taken on the day, will enable us to send a cheque for around \$4700 to the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal. I know we all feel for our friends across the border, with their terrible loss of lives and property, and are very pleased to be able to contribute in this way.

Christmas Celebration Concert Cancellation

After giving the matter considerable thought, the choir Management Committee has decided to accept the recommendation of the Music Committee to cancel the Christmas Celebration Concert this year.

We regret having to take this step, but with many of the choir not returning from the New Zealand tour until mid November, we feel that there will be insufficient time to prepare properly for our normal annual Elder Hall concert. We hope you will understand this decision.

Proms Concerts 2009

The arrangements for this year's Proms Concerts are progressing well in the capable hands of Haydn Madigan. They will be held in the usual venue, the Adelaide Town Hall, on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August. A booking form for the Proms will appear in the next MetNotes, which will be published in May.

Diary Dates for 2009

**19 April 2 pm Friends Concert
Salvation Army Arndale**

**30 April 12 noon Lunchtime
Concert Royal Adelaide Hospital
Foyer.**

3 May 2 pm Broadview UC PSA

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

**31 May 2 pm Film Afternoon
Capri Cinema Goodwood Road.**

**14 June PSA 2 pm Forest Place
Lifestyle Village Happy Valley**

**28 June 2 pm Fulham/Henley
Beach UCA PSA**

**12 July 2 pm St Martins
Anglican Campbelltown PSA**

**26 July 2 pm PSA Maitland
Eldercare**

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

**13 Sept. 2 pm The Ark
Lutheran Salisbury PSA**

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

**16 Dec. 6 pm Carols at the
Royal Adelaide Hospital**