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Proms Concerts 2009

The next major events on this year's calendar are the two Adelaide Town Hall Proms on August 29th and 30th. They are always very popular with our Friends of the Choir members, so we urge you to book your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Once again Haydn Madigan from our Second Tenor section is organising the concerts, and he tells us the arrangements are coming together very well. As usual we will be sharing the stage with the Australian Army Band Adelaide, under the baton of Captain Dean Griffiths. Once again the Southern Districts Pipes and Drums will be taking part, under the leadership of Chris Forbes.

Kayleen Graham will be returning as our soprano soloist, but this year she will also be bringing her group "Sassy Girls" along to entertain us.

The Metropolitan Male Choir's fourteen year old Scholarship winner, Mathew Nguyen, will be playing the piano for us, so we can expect a fantastic afternoon or evening's entertainment. This will be Don Noblet's last Proms Concert as our MD, so come along and show your appreciation of the enormous contribution he has made to our choir.

Cut out the booking form at the bottom of this page and send it, with payment, to **Allan Huddleston at 55/33 Sylvan Way, Grange, SA 5022. His telephone number is 8355 0160. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to "The Metropolitan Male Choir of SA Inc"**

You will notice one small change from last year. We have increased the price of the unrestricted Gallery seats from \$15 to \$20. The price of all other seats, remain the same as they have been for the past few years.

EVENT	PRICE	NO. OF TICKETS	TOTAL COST
Proms Concert Adelaide Town Hall 7.30 pm Saturday 29th August 2009	Dress circle \$30 Stalls \$20 Gallery \$20 Restricted View \$10	DC S G R	
Proms Concert Adelaide Town Hall 2.00 pm Sunday 30th August 2008	Dress circle \$30 Stalls \$20 Gallery \$20 Restricted View \$10	DC S G R	

Purchaser's Name
Address.....
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**Post this form with payment and stamped self addressed envelope to:-
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Film Afternoon

Just a late reminder of the Film Afternoon at The Capri Cinema, Goodwood Road on Sunday 31st May. The film is 'Last Chance Harvey', 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. The doors of The Capri will open at 2 pm, and the organ recital begins at 2.20 pm. The choir will sing at 2.50 pm, followed immediately by the film. If you have not ordered tickets, they will be available at the door, but come along early.

Another New Choir CD

Buoyed by the success of our last CD, "You Raise Me Up", which is still selling well at concerts, the MMC is now in the early stages of planning the next one. This will be a CD of favourite hymns, which we will record in conjunction with the KNN Spring Gully Brass. Watch out for further news in the next MetNotes.

'Friends' Concert 2009.

We hope you all enjoyed our Friends of the Choir Concert on April 19th. From the positive comments we received from many of you during the sumptuous afternoon tea, we believe you enjoyed it as much as we did presenting it. As President Bruce Whitehead said on the day, "We appreciate the support we receive from our many Friends during the year, and this is our opportunity of saying 'Thank You' "

Vale Arthur Evans

The Metropolitan Male Choir was very saddened to learn of the death of one of its second Tenors, Arthur Evans in early April, after a long illness. Arthur was a choir member for 16 years, having joined in 1993, and we all appreciated his fine Welsh Tenor voice.

The choir were honoured to be asked, by Arthur's wife Ruth, to sing at the graveside at Norton Summit Cemetery on April 16th. About 40 choir members were able to attend, and it was a very moving experience for us all

Doreen Noblet

A special presentation was made to Doreen Noblet at the Friends concert on April 19th. Doreen was instrumental in setting up the Metropolitan Male Choir Ladies Support Group, comprising the wives of our choir members, in the early 1990s. She led the group for 9 years, and in particular took the lead in fund raising and front of house activities.

Doreen has managed the sale of CDs and tapes for the past 20 years, but has decided it is time to hand over the reins to someone else. In appreciation of her years of service to the choir, President Bruce Whitehead presented Doreen with a crystal vase. The sale of choir CDs is now in the capable hands of Ronda George.

New Members

The Metropolitan Male Choir is always pleased to welcome new members. So far in 2009, we

have welcomed the following to our ranks – Peter Stevens, Trevor McGuirk, Fred Martin, Tom Day and Maurie McIlvena. We hope that they all have many enjoyable years singing with us.

eMetNotes

We recently gave Friends the opportunity to receive MetNotes by email. So far 37 members have taken up our offer. If you would like to receive your copy 'Hot off the Press', and save us the cost of postage, send Bob Triggs an email. His address is triggs@picknowl.com.au

Diary Dates for 2009.

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

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

**26 July PSA 2 pm Maitland
Eldercare**

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

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

**27 Sept. PSA 2 pm The Parks
Lifestyle Village Pasadena**

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

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