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The Choir's 80th Birthday

Arrangements are well in hand for celebrations of this important milestone in the Choir's life on 18 October 2008. These will include a Birthday Dinner and a joint concert with an interstate choir. More details soon!

Recent Events

On Sunday May 20th the choir sang at the Cornish Heritage Service at the Moonta Mines Uniting Church. As usual, the church was packed out for a service of hymns and songs by the choir. The congregation were especially thrilled to hear our rendition of Trelawny.

On June 23rd we presented a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon for the people of Rosefield Uniting Church, and on August 12th we entertained the residents of Forest Place Lifestyle Village at Happy Valley. This was the first time we had sung at this venue, and the enthusiastic audience gave us a standing ovation.

On August 25th and 26th, the choir held its annual Proms at the Adelaide Town Hall, in conjunction with the Australian Army Band, Adelaide and the Southern Districts Pipes and Drums. Our guest soloists - soprano Stella Panozzo and Scholarship winner Siahli Schmaal - helped make this a very successful event.

The popularity of this event seems to increase each year, and tickets were sold out well in advance to Choir Members and Friends of the Choir. We would like to apologise to those Friends who were unable to get their first choice seats, and especially to any who missed out entirely.

Choir Management Committee Changes

At the recent Choir AGM, Bruce Whitehead took over from John Brimson as the Choir's President for the next two years. Thank you John for all your work during your two years at the helm. Ron Tiddy also stood down after a number of years as Treasurer. Thank you too Ron for your magnificent efforts over the years. Dean Boundy has taken over the financial reins.

Alan Huddleston, our popular Friends of the Choir organiser, is temporarily out of action in hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery, but until then the Friends contacts are:-

**MILTON LEWIS, TEL 8248 4706
559, MILITARY RD, LARGS NORTH 5016**

**OR JOHN BRIMSON, TEL 8296 5021
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Booking Form (below)

Please complete and send with your cheque and stamped addressed envelope to Milton Lewis or John Brimson (see above for addresses)

EVENT	PRICE	NO. OF TICKETS	TOTAL
Sunday 21 October Capri Theatre Organ recital 2.20 pm Choir performance 2.50 pm Film "My Life So Far" 3.30 pm	\$10 EACH		
Saturday 8 December 7.30 pm Christmas Celebrations at Elder Hall	\$10 EACH		
Name:			
Address			
Phone No.			

FESTIVAL OF MALE CHOIRS 2008

The first South Australian Festival of Male Choirs was held in 2005. The choirs concerned have decided to hold another concert at the **Adelaide Convention Centre on Sunday March 30th 2008. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE.** The Convention Centre is on North Terrace Adelaide, adjacent to the Hyatt Hotel. Ample car parking is available.

To cater for the expected high demand for seats, a second performance will be held at the **Barossa Arts and Convention Centre, in Tanunda on Sunday April 6th.** This means a total of more than 2,800 seats will be available.

There are a number of advantages for northern suburbs and country area residents selecting the Tanunda venue. It provides a wonderful opportunity for a picnic lunch in the Valley, or a leisurely lunch at a restaurant, bakery or cafe before the performance.

There is plenty of free parking in the Oval adjacent to the Theatre. Tickets for this performance are likely to be more readily available than those for the Adelaide Convention Centre.

300 male voices from eight participating choirs, together with K&N Brass, will mean a very rich, exciting and rewarding experience. Details about the Festival are on the enclosed "Flyer".

Tickets for the Adelaide Convention Centre are only available through members of participating choirs. Bookings for Tanunda open at the Barossa Arts Centre on February 4th 2008. Phone 8561 4299

If you have any queries about the performances, please contact, **JOHN THOMSON** on 8294 9975.

PREFERENTIAL BOOKINGS for these concerts will be available to **Choir Members and Friends in November.** If you wish to take part in this offer, please register your interest with **MILTON LEWIS** by ringing him on 8248 4706

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND DEPUTY PIANIST

The Management Committee of the Choir has recently made two appointments to the Choir's Musical Team, as part of its succession planning initiative.

The Choir has obtained the services of **JOSHUA VALSTAR** as the new **Deputy Director of Music.** Josh is a professional musician and is a graduate of the Elder Conservatorium, the Flinders St School of Music and holds a certificate in Pastoral Liturgy from the Catholic Theological College.



Josh Valstar

Josh has extensive experience as the Director and Conductor of the Associated Musical Program at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Adelaide which included massed Choirs and Musical Groups and more latterly as the Director and Conductor of the Glenelg Diocese musical program.

He is involved with State Opera, the Adelaide Chamber Singers, the Adelaide Youth Orchestra and the Fringe.

In addition to his conducting skills he is a proficient pianist, organist and singer, and will bring a wealth of musical and management skills to the choir.

OLGA STRIZHAK has also been appointed as **Deputy Pianist and Relief Conductor** to supplement the ever growing workload of the Musical Team.

She holds a Bachelor Degree in Music Education and choir conducting from the Shostakovich High Music College, Russia, together with a Certificate in Singing and Vocal Training. Her qualifications are recognized by the Teachers' Registration Board of S.A.

Olga is also a professional musician with extensive conducting and teaching experience in Russia, England and Australia. Currently she is teaching music in schools and is involved with the local Ukranian Choir.

Olga is also a composer, writing her own songs, poetry and music, and again will bring a new and vibrant musical experience to the Choir.

DIARY DATES FOR 2007

Sat. 29 September -Monday 1 Oct.
Broken Hill visit (Concert Sat. 29 Sept.)

Sunday 21 October
Film Afternoon "My Life so Far" at
Capri Theatre- 2.00 pm

Wed. 24 October Probus Ecumenical
Service -St. Peters Cathedral at 11 am

Sunday 18 November
Sydney Opera House Choral Gala

Sunday 2 December
Celtic Festival at Port Adelaide

Saturday 8 December
Christmas Celebration at 7.30 pm at the
Elder Hall with the renowned
Kensington Norwood Band

Wed. 12 December at 6 p.m.
Christmas Carols at RAH

2008 CONCERTS

Apart from the **Festival of Male Choirs**, mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, our principal concerts for 2008 will include the **Gymanfu Ganu** at Flinders St Baptist Church on **Sat. 1 March**, a **Friends of the Choir Concert** at the Arndale Salvation Army Hall on **Sun 4 May**, and the **Proms Concerts** on **30 and 31 August.**

***Choir bookings are now being
accepted for 2009 If your
organisation has been thinking
of inviting us to perform, please
contact the General Secretary as
soon as possible to allow
effective planning.***