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2010 Proms concerts

Our annual Proms concerts, held on the last weekend in August, were once again an outstanding success. Close to 80 choir members joined the Australian Army Band Adelaide, under Captain Dean Griffiths' baton, on the Adelaide Town Hall stage. Together we presented a wide ranging programme of music which, hopefully, appealed to almost all musical tastes.

Traditional Proms items, such as Pomp and Circumstance and Jerusalem were included as was that old favourite, Rule Britannia, as part of a 'Britannia Medley', especially arranged for choir and band by our Musical Director, Evan Patton.

Soprano Joanne Walters delighted the audience with 'Un bel di' from Madame Butterfly and, in complete contrast, 'Wouldn't it be Laverley' from My Fair Lady. Metropolitan Male Choir scholarship winner, 13 year old Jordan Noble, showed his amazing talent on the saxophone.

Choir items included The Lord's Prayer, Bruckner's Ave Maria, Ain't Misbehavin', Li'l Liza Jane, Cole Porter's In the Still of the Night and the 'doo wop' song In the Still of the Nite with Mathew Stringer as soloist.

The second half of the programme began with the choir performing an unusual version of 'Singing in the Rain' with lightning as well as thunder and rain sound effects.

The Audience was given ample opportunity to use their voices in a G&S medley, as well as a medley of songs from Oliver, and 'I Still Call Australia Home'. In the tradition of our Proms concerts, a Scottish Medley was performed by the experienced Mt Barker Pipes and Drums. A surprise bonus was the talented young dancing group from the Scots Highland Dancing School.

Lynton Nicholas was a very smooth and relaxed MC, and we thank Haydn Madigan for his organisational work once again.

As usual, a large number of Friends of the Choir attended our Proms concerts this year. We thank you for your support, and hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we enjoyed putting the concerts on.

2010 Christmas Celebration Concert

The Christmas Celebration Concert is back, and we are holding it at Elder Hall on the evening of December 4th. Make sure of your tickets by sending in the booking form below to Milton Lewis with your payment.

EVENT	PRICE	NO. OF TICKETS	TOTAL COST
Saturday December 4 th 7.30 pm Christmas Celebration at Elder Hall	\$12 EACH		

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

**Post this form with payment and stamped self addressed envelope to:-
Milton Lewis, 559 Military Road, Largs North 5016. If you are paying by cheque
please make it payable to "The Metropolitan Male Choir of SA Inc"**

June Genders OAM

Sadly for us, June Genders has decided to retire at the end of the year, after 17 years as the choir's accompanist. She has been a talented and much-loved member of the choir, and, in addition to her excellent work at the piano, has sensitively and compassionately undertaken the role of Almoner for the past few years. Many of us have appreciated her telephone calls and visits in times of sickness and bereavement.

June was raised on her family's property at Ingle Farm, where she enjoyed a very happy childhood, growing up with three wonderful brothers and two cousins. Music was an important part of her early life. Her father played the tuba and her mother the piano, so it was no surprise when she started piano lessons herself at the age of nine, under the expert tuition of Jean Rake. Her music studies continued as far as the Uni SA School of Music.

June says that one of the most outstanding and memorable periods in her life was the five years she spent teaching in Papua New Guinea between 1965 and 1970. Back in Australia she continued her music career at Loreto College and Uni SA.

June's association with the Metropolitan Male Choir came about through her cousin Les Rowe, who was a member of the choir at the time. In 1993, Les told June that the choir was looking for an accompanist, and June was one of three applicants auditioned by Don Noblet. We all realise that Don made a very wise decision in picking June!

Apart from her music, June has had a long association with charity work, for which she received her

OAM in 2008. A tireless worker for the Women's and Children's Hospital of SA, she served as President of its Auxiliaries, and Chair of the Hospital Friends Group. June plans to continue her charity work next year with Anglicare, as well as the Women's and Children's Hospital.

June wishes to pay tribute to the two Musical Directors she has had the great pleasure of working with during her time with the Metropolitan Male Choir, Don Noblet and more recently Evan Patton. She speaks very highly of the talents of both men, as well as those of deputy conductors Bill Buxton, Geoff Sieben and Stella Panozzo. June has also been extremely grateful for the talents and support of the choir's Deputy Accompanist, Enid Shurdington. In particular, June mentions the way Enid took over the role of accompanist for the choir's overseas tour in 2000. June adds she has loved playing for Stella Panozzo's solos, as well as Choir Soloists and young guest-artists.

June enjoys homemaking and cooking, and says her five children, two stepchildren and sixteen grand children are a very integral part of her life. June is also very much involved in church music most Sundays. June's husband Robin, who she says is the centre of her life, is retiring at the end of the year, so they are looking forward to enjoying their retirement together. They are planning to fly to Rome next May, and taking a Mediterranean cruise, as well as exploring Athens.

The choir's Christmas Celebration concert at Elder Hall will be June's last as Metropolitan Male Choir's accompanist. It will be a sad occasion for the choir, but we thank June for sharing her wonderful

talents with us over the years, and we wish June and Robin a very happy retirement.

Emailing MetNotes

Just a reminder that, if you are among the growing number of people with an Internet connection, we would love to email your copy of MetNotes. Not only will you get your copy more quickly, but it will save the choir the postage! Let Bob Triggs know your email address.

Diary Dates for 2010/2011.

19 Sept. PSA 2 pm Seaton UCA

24 Oct. PSA 2 pm Lutheran Retirement Village, Hope Valley

27 Oct. 10 am UC Fellowship Day Adelaide West UC

7 Nov. PSA 2 pm St Andrews, Strathalbyn UC

4 Dec. 7.30 pm Christmas Celebration, Elder Hall.

15 Dec. 6 pm Carols at RAH

6 March 2 pm Gymanfa Ganu Elder Hall.

17 April 2 pm Friends of the Choir concert, Arndale Hall

1 May PSA 2 pm Craigmore Christian Centre

15 May Moonta Mines UCA Heritage Service.

26 June 2 pm PSA St Martins Anglican, Campbelltown.