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Proms Concerts 2009

Thank you all once again for the fantastic support you gave to our recent Proms Concerts. Both performances were virtually sold out and, as usual, the enthusiasm of the audiences inspired the choir to perform to a very high standard.

One of the highlights on the Saturday was the presentation by the Lt Governor, Mr Hieu Van Le, to Don Noblet. It was Don's last Proms as Musical Director, after 28 years of outstanding service to the MMC in this position.

Our thanks to Haydn Madigan, the chief organiser of the concerts. Without his dedication and hard work the Proms would not have been the success they were. Thanks also to the Australian Army Band Adelaide, under the baton of Captain Dean Griffiths, and the Southern Districts Pipes and Drums, under the leadership of Chris Forbes.

Yet again, our guest soloists excelled. Soprano Kaylene Graham did a wonderful job, and who will forget her boogie trio "SASS-E". The MMC's fourteen year old Scholarship winner, Mathew Nguyen, enthralled the audience with his piano playing, as did organist Mark Symons AM.

Our New Choir CD

Our new CD, entitled "Songs of Faith" has now been completed, and was available for sale for the first time at the Proms. More than 40 copies of the recording were sold by our ladies at the Proms. As well as the Metropolitan Male Choir, this CD features the K&N Spring Gully Brass, soloists Stella Panozzo and Kaylene Graham, and organist Mark Symons.

The CD contains 19 songs of faith, including such favourites as Deep River, The Holy City, Crimond and Cwm Rhondda.

It has been decided that, as a special service for Friends of the Choir who are not able to get to our concerts, the CD can be ordered by post, at a price of \$22 including postage and packaging.

Cut out the order form at the bottom of this page and send it, with payment, to **Milton Lewis, 559 Military Road, Largs North 5016. His telephone number is 8248 4706. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to "The Metropolitan Male Choir of SA Inc"** Please note that Milton will be in New Zealand with the choir from October 11 to October 29.

CD TITLE	PRICE	NO. OF CDs	TOTAL COST
Songs of Faith	\$22 including postage and packaging		

Purchaser's Name
Postal Address
.....**Postcode**.....

MMC Musical Director Changes

As reported in the March edition of MetNotes, **Evan Patton** was selected as our Deputy Musical Director, to take over as MD after **Don Noblet** retires. His appointment was officially confirmed at our AGM in July.

Don Noblet's last concert as MD will be in Christchurch New Zealand on 27 October. Evan Patton will become Musical Director of the MMC as of 1 November.

We are delighted that Stella Panozzo, who many of you will remember as a soprano soloist performing with our choir, has accepted the position of Deputy MD from 1 November.

'Changing of the Guard'

We are currently going through a period of change in the MMC. Not only are there changes coming up in our musical leadership, as reported above, but there are also changes elsewhere in the running of our organisation. Our **President** for the past two years, **Bruce Whitehead**, has come to the end of his period of office. He did a wonderful job in leading us, and his replacement, First Tenor **Colin Barry** has now taken over. Colin has been with the choir since 1995, and we wish him well for the next two years. Our Secretary **Peter Russell** has taken over the position of **Vice President**.

Allan Huddleston, who set up the Friends of the Choir some 17 years ago, and who has been its

coordinator ever since, has now retired from the position. Thank you Allan for all your hard work over the years. The Friends organisation has been very important in the development of the choir's supporter base. **Milton Lewis** from the Second Tenor section has taken over this important position. His contact details can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Vale Mavis Goodman

The Metropolitan Male Choir was very saddened to learn of the death of its first accompanist, Mavis Goodman, aged 101, in August. Mavis was the daughter of the choir's first Musical Director Clarrie Roberts. The MMC President, Colin Barry, our current accompanist, June Genders, and two other choir members attended the funeral.

Overseas Tours

Departure day for our New Zealand concert tour is rapidly approaching, and the 42 members of the choir making the trip are getting very excited. We are keen to share our music with our friends across the Tasman.

Meantime, an invitation has been accepted by the MMC to sing at a special pre-Olympic Games Concert at Alexandra Palace London in July 2012. We feel very honoured to have been included, and are currently canvassing interest with our members. We are confident that we will have a good response, and are already planning a possible itinerary, travelling to London via Canada and the eastern states of the USA.

Internet Changes

Pieter Lammersma, our choir's Webmaster, has announced changes to the Web address, as well as the choir's email address. The new web address is www.mmcsa.org, and the email address admin@mmcsa.org

Public Relations Officer Bob Triggs' new email address is triggs@lifestylesa.net.au Don't forget if you would like to join the 65 Friends now receiving MetNotes by email, let Bob know.

Proms Photos

Thank's Andrew! Our Proms photographer, Andrew Dickman, took some wonderful photos, which can be viewed on line at: <http://tinyurl.com/12z4zs>, Andrew's Smugmug page.

Diary Dates for 2009

11 October to 29 October.

New Zealand Concert Tour

12 Dec. Scholarship Selection
Rosefield UC

16 Dec. 6 pm Carols at the
Royal Adelaide Hospital

Some Diary Dates for 2010

28 Feb. Gymanfa Ganu
2 pm Elder Hall Adelaide

18 April. Friends of the Choir
Concert SA Arndale.

28 Aug. 7.30 pm Proms
29 Aug. 2.00 pm Proms
Adelaide Town Hall

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