



Tune-In

Manawatu Youth Orchestra Inc

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BEETHOVEN ON THE PODIUM

Top Violinist plays Beethoven Concerto with Sinfonia

Palmerston North has an opportunity to hear an exceptional concert this Saturday when leading New Zealand violinist Martin Riseley plays and conducts the Beethoven violin concerto with the Manawatu Sinfonia. Riseley is best known as a violinist, a former Guest Concertmaster of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra who has performed with most leading New Zealand orchestras as well as several in Mexico, appearing on both national radio and television in both countries, and has also performed as soloist in Australia, Japan, and Great Britain.

But as he has already shown in rehearsal to be a very accomplished conductor who has impressed the Sinfonia with his musical insight and ability to obtain the very best from the musicians.

“This is going to be a stand-out concert”, said the Sinfonia’s Associate Leader, Allan Rae. “Great music, well played and with an

**Manawatu Sinfonia with Conductor
& Violin Soloist: Martin Riseley
Saturday 20 November 2010 7:30pm
Speirs Centre
Palmerston North Boys High School**



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exceptional soloist!”

The Beethoven is one of the most popular violin concertos in the repertoire. “It’s a great piece to share with audiences, and also wonderful for the orchestra to play - really a symphony with violin”, says Riseley.

Beethoven is also special for the violinist. He has already played the cycles of violin sonatas and piano trios several times and as Concertmaster of the Edmonton Symphony played all of the symphonies, overtures and other large works.

“Beethoven is a great composer because there are always things to learn and discover, as well as express in his works, with great intellectual depth. So, after years of playing his music I am still excited and challenged by it, particularly the Violin Concerto.”

Riseley is both conducting and playing the violin concertos, so which does he prefer? “Too different to say! I enjoy both!” he says.

“It’s perfectly feasible with the right repertoire, and encourages a kind of listening and musicianship that is both scary and empowering for an orchestra” he explains.

“Hopefully the experience will be more exhilarating than anything for all involved - and all performance should be risky. I’ve had very satisfying experiences as a soloist/conductor, and so far have never regretted doing it!”

The Sinfonia is also performing Schubert’s 2nd Symphony, which in rehearsal has been electrifying.

“Schubert is such a wonderful composer, and this work, is really good for a chamber orchestra to play. It is a work that helps us understand the Classical language more clearly” says Riseley.

The Sinfonia was fortunate to sign Martin up soon after he arrived back in New Zealand, but already his concert diary is filling up fast. His next project is to play all the virtuosic Paganini Caprices at the Adam Chamber Music Festival this February in Nelson. “Just me and a whole lot of notes - no orchestra anywhere! That is far more scary than playing and conducting!” he laughs.

2011 CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT CONCERT THIS SATURDAY —DON'T MISS NEXT YEAR'S CONCERTS!

Back by popular demand! Many people commented on how much they liked our 2009 Fundraising Calendar. More than a few of the instruments were framed and hung on walls. So we have produced a bigger, brighter **colour** version for 2011 that will have the pride of place in the kitchen, little room, office or wherever you hang your calendars. And this time we will be publishing even more

Palmerston North music concert dates. And famous composers' birthdays and term dates...

The A4 size colour calendar only costs \$15.00 and makes an ideal gift for relations and friends. And in time for sending to friends and relations overseas!

The 2011 calendar will be available this Saturday, so bring along an extra \$15.00, or from Marise McNeill, 93 Victoria Ave., marise.mcneill@clear.net.nz

And remember, thanks to the generous support of our sponsor, Kwok Joe, and advertisers, all the proceeds go towards the Sinfonia and Youth Orchestra .



CONGRATULATIONS TO MYO MEMBERS IN RECENT INSTRUMENTAL EXAMS

Trinity Guildhall November 2010 Session

Grade 8

Nadia Duxfield - violin

Andreas Vieregg - clarinet

Emily Dekker - flute (with merit)

Grade 7

Geoff Procter - violin (with distinction)

YiGe Cao - violin (with distinction)

Luke Cheng - violin (with merit)

Grade 5

Peter Kim - violin (with merit)

Anneminke Buwalda - violin (with merit)

Grade 4

YiGe Cao - clarinet (with merit)

Beethoven was born on

- 8 December
- 16 December
- 22 December

Who was born on 2 November?

Don't know? Buy the calendar and find out!

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IN 2011—WE TURN 50!

Saturday 3 September 2011. PN Convention Centre

Playalong (BYO Instrument!), Afternoon Tea, Speeches, Cake Cutting and Gala Dinner

Sunday 4 September 2011. Regent Theatre

MYO and Sinfonia Jubilee concert: 2:30 - 4:30pm.



To express interest in attending the jubilee celebrations and to ensure that the registration information is sent to you, Send an email to Dianne Dellow: dianne.d@ihug.co.nz

Remember to check the website for latest news, concert dates and rehearsal schedules.

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The Sinfonia welcomes new players!
Contact the Secretary for information

The Manawatu Youth Orchestra Inc turns 50 next year!

Planning for this exciting milestone has already begun. Any businesses or friends of the orchestras who wish to support financially this venture are asked to contact Dianne Dellow dianne.d@ihug.co.nz. We would very much welcome any sponsorship or part sponsorship of any event planned for the weekend.

2010 Concert Subscription Information.

A subscription ticket consists of 5 tickets which may be used at any of the first four concerts by any number of people (one individual ticket per person per concert).

Concert Subscribers: \$75

Concession Subscribers: (Full-time adult students, Seniors, Unwaged): \$60

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The MYO administers the E & E Laing Trust. It provides grants up to a maximum of \$100 per annum to players from the Manawatu Sinfonia or Manawatu Youth Orchestra to attend music courses outside Palmerston

North or to assist with advanced tuition which is unavailable locally.

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or contact the Secretary.