



2011 JUBILEE
CONCERT SEASON



CELEBRATE WITH US! SEE YOU 3-4 SEPTEMBER

The Sinfonia and Youth Orchestra celebrate their fiftieth anniversary the first weekend of September. And we want you to join the celebration! Established in 1961 the Youth Orchestra and then its younger 'older brother', the Sinfonia have formed a core part of Palmerston North's cultural life while providing people opportunities to play in ensembles and make music together. A few former members have gone on to make careers in orchestral music – one of whom, NZSO cellist Robert Ibell, returns to solo with the Sinfonia as part of the Jubilee concert on Sunday 4 September.

But most of us just enjoy playing our instruments to create and explore music together in a way that is impossible individually. Collectively we are more than the sum of our talent! And we invite all former members to crawl under their beds, climb into the attic or wrestle in the back of the wardrobe to find and

dust off their instruments and join us for a play-along of Saint-Saens' Organ Symphony and Schubert's 6th Symphony on Saturday 3 September. For those of you with self-doubt read or Google Jasper Rees' best-selling book, *I Found My Horn* about a 40-year old man who rediscovers his French horn – and himself. *The Guardian* summarised it: "music affords exaltation: a heady release from the personal trauma of the mid-life crisis"! The Play-along promises to be fun and the sheer numbers and diversity of players in the room should cover any number of duff notes and wrong entries!

And of course, after the Play-along, bowings can be checked, reeds discussed, and friendships renewed at the Jubilee

**Manawatu Youth Orchestra
Manawatu Sinfonia
Jubilee Concert**



**Conducted by
John Schwabe
featuring
cellist Robert Ibell**

Programme includes premiere of
"Anniversary Overture"
by Tabea Squire

Sunday 4 September 2pm
The Regent on Broadway, Palmerston North

Tickets: Available from Ticket Direct



Adults \$21.50
Child \$11.50 (16 and under)
Family \$42.00 (2A and 2C)
Senior \$16.50 (65+ with ID)
Student \$16.50 (with ID)
Plus credit card and service fee

dinner afterwards.

Fifty years is a Very Long Time for members of the present youth orchestra, and a lifetime for many Sinfonia members. It has certainly been a life-**time's work for our** musical director, John Schwabe, who conducts the Sinfonia and Youth Orchestra in his grand Finale before retiring.

For the record, we are launching a book specially commissioned from Hawke's Bay author Dorothy Pilkington, *Playing On: A history of the Manawatu Youth Orchestra 1987-2011*. While focusing on the last 25 years, it also contains a comprehensive list of players, programmes played and photos of members. Dorothy also gives a short history of

classical music in the Manawatu, back to the Palmerston North Philharmonic Society formed in 1885. Fifty years is a substantial part of a 126 year heritage we should be proud of and celebrate in style.



Jubilee events

Saturday 3rd September. Events at the Convention Centre

Registration is from 11am.

1:00 pm Photo-call - (in decades)

2:00 pm Playalong

3.30 pm Afternoon Tea/Cutting Cake/
Book Launch

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Dinner

Sunday 4th September at Regent on Broadway

2:00 pm Jubilee Concert

Positions vacant

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Manawatu Youth Orchestra

The MYO seeks a qualified, energetic and skilled communicator as Musical Director and Conductor of the Youth Orchestra, starting January 2012. See our website for job description and application details.

Applications close on 31 August 2011

MUSICAL DIRECTOR and

GUEST CONDUCTORS Sinfonia

Expressions of interest are also sought for the separate positions of Musical Director and Guest Conductors of the Manawatu Sinfonia (the **Society's adult orchestra**) which may become available during 2012.

MANAWATU SINFONIA PULLS OUT THE STOPS FOR WORLD PREMIERE

Palmerston North is to hear the world first performance of the Anniversary Overture specially commissioned by the Manawatu Sinfonia for its 50th Jubilee concert in September.

'Anniversary Overture' composed by young Wellington composer, Tabea Squire, uses a large orchestra, complete with tuba, harp, and percussion to celebrate the occasion.

Squire explains she is influenced by eastern European composers, Janacek and Khachaturian, and **"anything gypsy, Scottish or in an uneven time signature"**.

"The final section also draws on what happens when you pull out most of the stops on our local church organ," says Squire.

The Sinfonia wanted to commission a composition as a lasting record of its Jubilee financially supported by the Endeavour Community Trust and Molly Atkinson Arts Trust.

The Jubilee Committee decided that as we have a youth orchestra, we should support young musicians of today, rather than look to established composers. Commissioning a sizeable work from a young composer was a gamble. But the **committee was impressed by Squire's record. Aged 22, Squire is already a** successful composer and musician. She was the NZSO National Youth Orchestra composer in residence for 2009 and the NZSO will record another **of her compositions immediately after the Overture's premiere .**



She also plays violin in the National Youth Orchestra and completes her Music honours degree at Victoria University this year. She loves playing violin, but one **thing is clear, "I will always compose, because I can't stop myself from composing",** says Squire.

Photo: Tabea Squire

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new players!
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Next concert:
Sinfonia Violin Concert
Sunday 20 November 2011
Speirs Centre.

Featuring returning guest conductor and violin soloist NZ School of Music Strings Head

Martin Riseley playing:

Beethoven— Coriolan Overture; Mozart— Concerto 3 in G; Beethoven—Romance No 1 in G; Schubert—Symphony 3.

In last year's concert of the Beethoven Violin Concerto with Riseley, the Sinfonia was described as 'a new band had come to town.'

The band and Riseley return!



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.

See:

www.manawatuorchestra.org.nz/members.htm
or contact the Secretary.